

HOLY WEEK 2023 ALL are Welcome!

PALM SUNDAY

8:00AM - HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I 10:30AM - RITE II WITH MUSIC 7:00PM - ON YOUTUBE The liturgy of the Palms

MONDAY

5:00PM - HOLY EUCHARIST A quiet, spoken service with prayers from the Eastern Orthodox Service of the Bridegroom (Matthew 25:1-13)

TUESDAY

5:00PM - HOLY EUCHARIST A quiet, spoken service with prayers and anointing for healing

WEDNESDAY

12 NOON - HOLY EUCHARIST
Our usual Wednesday midday Eucharist
with intercessory prayer
7:00PM - SOLEMN EVENSONG
In the evening, a chanted service of evening prayer.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00PM - HOLY EUCHARIST BEGINS THE VIGIL OF THE WATCH
Holy Eucharist, sacramental washing, and the removal
of ornaments in the church in preparation for Good Friday.
The church will be open to those who wish to
follow Our Lord's request to watch with Him "one brief hour"
(Matthew 26:40)

GOOD FRIDAY

12 NOON - LITURGY AT ST NICHOLAS
The principal Good Friday Liturgy will be observed at noon,
with the solemn collects and
Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament.
7:00PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
The Interactive Stations of the Cross
are a way to meditate on
Christ's journey from Pilate to the Tomb.

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00PM - GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
We will gather for the Church's most solemn observancewaiting and watching for Our Lord's Resurrection.
We will light the new Paschal fire,
renew our baptismal promises and make a joyful noise.

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

8:00AM - HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I 10:30AM - RITE II WITH MUSIC Join us to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior!





Welcome! It is wonderful have you with us. Everybody you see here was a newcomer at one time, and we've all had questions—possibly like some that you may have today.

The faith community of St. Thomas's Parish believes that everyone has been invited to follow the Way of Jesus, who commands us to love God and to love our neighbors. Therefore, we are committed to embrace and respect people of every age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity; people who live with all mental and physical abilities, in all socio-economic conditions, in all household compositions, and with every citizenship status, including immigrant and refugee; people who hold diverse political and theological backgrounds, beliefs, and questions. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, as God's beloved, you are worthy and welcome here!

Today's Service

We are worshipping both in-person and via live-stream on YouTube. Full-text bulletins are distributed at all services and posted on our parish website. At the in-person service, "busy bags" for children and a dedicated sensory-friendly "soft space" can be found at the back of the sanctuary. We follow directions from our diocese for in-person pandemic precautions; masking is currently optional.

We commit ourselves to ensuring that our place of worship is a safe place where all can feel comfortable and know that they are accepted and loved. In the Episcopal church, everybody doesn't always do things in the same way. But **when you're worshiping God, you can't get it wrong!** If you would like help, ask anyone in the pews around you or speak with Fr. Howie.

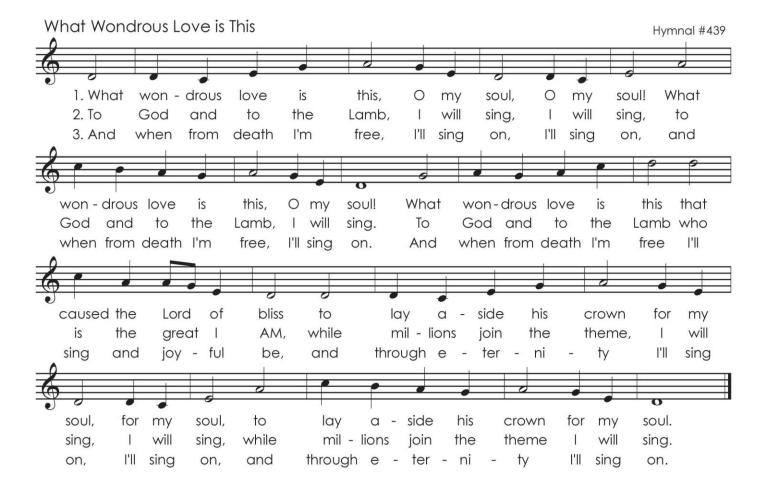
Learn More about St. Thomas's

At the end of this booklet, as well as on our website, you will find information about our weekly worship services and about opportunities to learn and grow in the faith through our Christian education programs for all ages. There also you can explore opportunities to join us in service to the Newark community through the Episcopal Campus Ministry and "Blue Hen Bounty" food pantry, through our work in support of the Newark Empowerment Center, through refugee resettlement and other programs of community service.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence is a blessing to us. Fill out a visitor card in your pew and leave it with a clergyperson or an usher if you would like to be contacted. We hope to see you again soon!

Prelude

Opening Hymn



THE WORD OF GOD

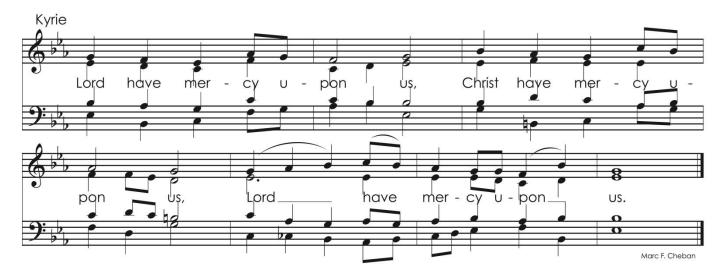
Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."



Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LESSONS

First Lesson

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Dilexi, quoniam



- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my suppli / cation, * because he has inclined his ear to me, whenever / I called upon him.
- 10 How shall I re-/ pay the Lord st

for all the good things he / has done for me?

- 11 I will lift up the cup of sal / vation * and call upon the / Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows / to the Lord * in the presence / of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the / Lord, * is the / death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your / servant; *

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;

you have freed / me from my bonds.

- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanks-/ giving * and call upon the / Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the / Lord * in the presence / of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the / Lord's house, * in the midst of / you, O Jer-usalem.

Epistle Lesson

I Corinthians 11:23-26

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

O Lamb of god who gave thyself for me; Now in my heart, I give myself to thee.

Forgive us Lord, and grant with prayer and praise, That we may come to love you all our days.

Teach us to know and keep your ways, O Lord; That we would hold thy wondrous Name adored.

The Gospel John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was aoina to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you

a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Foot Washing BCP 274

We experience the Gospel story of Jesus' washing his disciples' feet, acting out his own call and of those who would follow him, "not to be served, but to serve." If you desire to share in this act of servant ministry, please come forward to the front pew, remove your shoes and socks and take a seat. **Once your feet are washed, you will kneel and wash the feet of the next person**. When complete, put on your socks and shoes, and return to your pew silently in prayer.

While this is a powerful remembrance for some, others may not be as comfortable with this intimate and physical act. If you do not desire to participate in the sacramental act of foot washing, we welcome you to come to **the center chair** to be blessed in communion with those who do participate. We pray you may find the symbolism of this gesture equally powerful on this holy night.

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

Prayers of the People



For true charity and love among people of faith, that Christ may shine in them.

Lord, give us your Spirit

For true charity and love among nations, that Christ may bring justice through them.

Lord, give us your Spirit

For true charity and love in our community, that Christ may dwell with us in peace.

Lord, give us your Spirit

For true charity and love in our hearts, that Christ may guide our hands to heal the world.

Lord, give us your Spirit

For true charity and love among those we care for, that we may see Christ in them.

Lord, give us your Spirit

For true charity and love among those we love who suffer or struggle, that we may serve Christ by serving them.

Lord, give us your Spirit

For true charity and love in our memory of all the faithful departed, that they may be made perfect in Christ.

Lord, give us your Spirit

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. [Where true charity and love dwell, God Himself is there.]

Amen.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Offertory



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

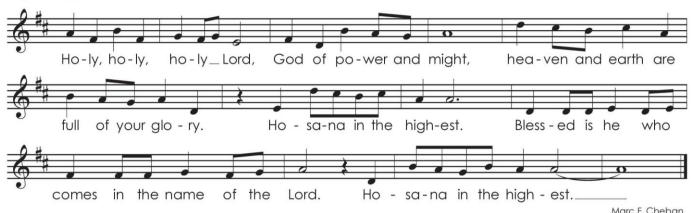
People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus



The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We Praise you,
We bless you,
We give thanks to you,
And we pray to you,
Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember Michael our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our Bishop, and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Blessed Nicholas, Blessed Thomas and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **AMEN**.

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God,

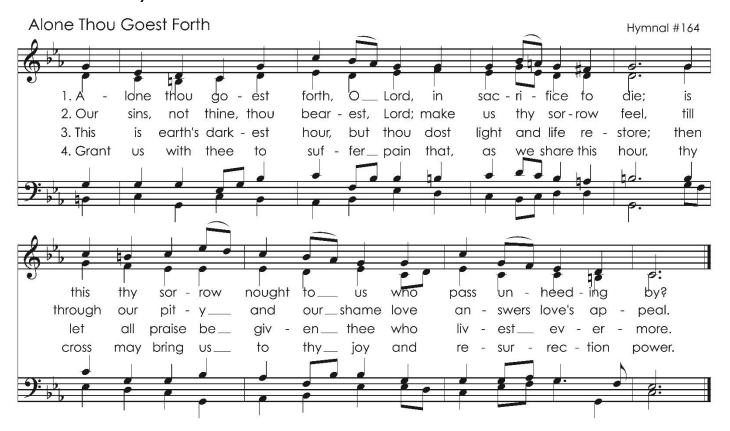
Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world;

Happy are they who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

O Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

The Communion

Communion Hymn



The Crucifixion – Samuel Barber Helen Spence, Soprano

At the cry of the first bird they began to crucify Thee, O Swan! Never shall lament cease because of that, It was like the parting of day from night.

Ah, sore was the suff'ring borne by the body of Mary's Son, But sorer still to Him was the grief Which for His sake came upon His Mother

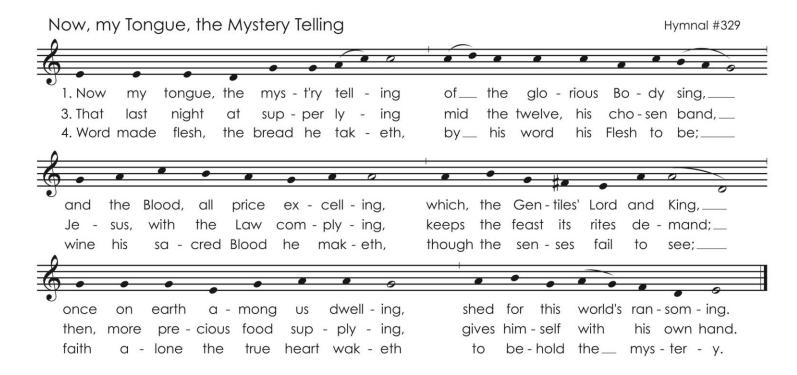
The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray

ΑII

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Placing of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar of Repose



Stripping of the Altar



- 1 My God, my God, why have / you for-sak-en me? * and are so far from my cry and from the words / of my dis-tress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you / do not an-swer; * by night as well, but I / find no rest.
- 3 Yet you / are the Ho-ly One, * enthroned upon the praises / of Is-ra-el.
- 4 Our forefathers / put their trust in you; * they trusted, and you de-/ liv-er'd them.
- 5 They cried out to you and / were de-li-ver'd; * they trusted in you and were not / put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a / worm and no man, * scorned by all and despised / by the people.
- 7 All who see me / laugh me to scorn; *
 they curl their lips and wag / their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the Lord; let / him de-liv-er him; * let him rescue him, if he de-/ lights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me / out of the womb, * and kept me safe upon my / mo-ther's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever / since I was born; * you were my God when I was still in my / mo-ther's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for / trou-ble is near, * and there is / none to help.
- 12 Many young / bulls en-cir-cle me; * like a ravening and a / roar-ing lion.
- 13 They open / wide their jaws at me, *
 like a ravening and a / roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water; all my / bones are out of joint; * my heart within my breast is / melt-ing wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the / roof of my mouth; * and you have laid me in the dust / of the grave.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers cir-/ cle a-round me; * they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count / all my bones.



- 17 They stare / and gloat o-ver me; *
 they divide my garments among them; they cast lots / for my clothing.
- 18 Be not / far away, O Lord; * you are my strength; hast-/ en to help me.
- 19 Save me / from the sword, * my life from the power / of the dog.
- 20 Save me / from the li-on's mouth, *
 my wretched body from the / horns of wild bulls.



- 21 I will declare your Name to my / brethen; *
 in the midst of the congregation / I will praise you.
- 22 Praise the Lord, you that / fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's / line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his / face from them; * but when they cry to / him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great as-/ sembly; *

 I will perform my vows in the presence of those / who wor-ship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall / praise him: * "May your heart / live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the / Lord, * and all the families of the nations / bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the / Lord; * he rules o-/ ver the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in / wor-ship; * all who go down to the dust / fall be-fore him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall / serve him; * they shall be known as the / Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people / yet un-born * the saving deeds that / he has done.

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

All leave in silence.

The Watch will continue until 9:00am tomorrow (Good Friday).





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