

*Eat this bread,  
and  
drink this cup*



REMEMBER ME...

¶ *The minister will announce when it is time to stand and sing the hymn. Hymns are found in the blue hymnal in your pew rack titled “The Book of Common Praise 2017”*

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**THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**(STANDING)**

**HYMN #274**  
**“Come, risen Lord”**

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**THE ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

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*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And with thy spirit.**

*Minister:* Let us pray. (*all kneel*)

¶ *Minister:*  
**A** LMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ *Turning to the people, the minister continues:*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith,

**T**hou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

¶ *Congregation sings the Kyrie (right)*

752      unison      Kyrie eleison, threefold

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Minister:* Let us pray.

*The Collect for Maundy Thursday*

**A** LMIGHTY Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, did institute the Sacrament of his Body and Blood; Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of him, who in these holy mysteries giveth us a pledge of life eternal; the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*The Collect for Palm Sunday*

**A** LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE EPISTLE LESSON****(SITTING)**

Lector: The Epistle is written in the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> Epistle to the Corinthians beginning at the 23<sup>rd</sup> verse.

**I** HAVE received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.

Lector: Here endeth the Epistle lesson.

**THE GOSPEL LESSON****(STANDING)****HYMN #288** (*verses 1,2 & 3 only*)**"Now, my tongue, the myst'ry telling"**

*Minister:* The Holy Gospel is written in the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Gospel according to St. John beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

*Congregation SINGS:*



**N**OW before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; he riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean. So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

Minister:           The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation SINGS:

Praise           be           to           Thee,   O   Christ.

**HYMN #288 – Verse 4 only**

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<b>THE NICENE CREED</b>	<b>(STANDING)</b>
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**I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

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<b>WELCOME &amp; ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	<b>(SITTING)</b>
<b>SERMON HYMN</b>	<b>(STANDING)</b>

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**HYMN #275**  
**“Let thy blood, in mercy poured”**

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<b>THE SERMON</b>	<b>(SITTING)</b>
<b>THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE</b>	

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*A monetary offering will not be taken this evening.  
Once the table is prepared the Priest shall present the Oblations with the following words,*

*Priest:*       All things come of thee, O Lord;  
*People:*      **And of thine own have we given thee.**

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**PRAYER FOR THE WHOLE STATE OF CHRIST'S CHURCH**


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*Priest:* Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church. (*All kneel*)

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [*\*alms and* ] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [*a silent moment is observed during which you may offer up names*]. ✠ And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

¶ *Then shall the Priest say to those who come to receive the Holy Communion,*

**Y**E who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

**A**LMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ Then shall the Priest, or the Bishop if he be present, turn to the people, say,

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ The shall the Priest say,

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

**C**OME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St. Matthew 11:28*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John 3:16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. *1 St. John 2:1, 2*

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: (sung) **We lift them up unto the Lord**

Priest: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: (sung) **It is meet and right so to do.**

Priest:

**I**T is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

¶ Congregation sings the Sanctus/Benedictus

The image displays a musical score for the Sanctus/Benedictus, consisting of two systems of staves. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a basso continuo line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system includes the lyrics: "HO - LY, HO - LY, HO - LY, Lord God of hosts," and "Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee,". The second system includes the lyrics: "O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est."

HO - LY, HO - LY, HO - LY, Lord God of hosts,  
Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee,  
O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

¶ *The Priest then prays,*

**A**LL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again: For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me.✠ Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.✠

**W**HEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

**A**ND we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thine almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed ✠ Body and Blood.

**A**ND we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

*Priest:* And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**O UR 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.**

*Priest:*

**W**E do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

¶ *Congregation sings the Agnus Dei*

*In unison*

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God,  
have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

### **The Distribution of Communion**

*(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive)*

¶ *After the distribution the Congregation will sing the Communion Hymn*

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### **COMMUNION HYMN**

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**HYMN INSERT (see next page)**

**“Behold the Lamb”**



# Behold The Lamb

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Thoughtfully

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1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us: \_\_\_ and we re-
2. The bo - dy of our Sav-iour Je - sus Christ, torn for you; \_\_\_ eat and re-
3. The blood that clean-ses ev - ery stain of sin, shed for you; \_\_\_ drink and re-
4. And so with thank-ful-ness and faith we rise to re- spond \_\_\_ and to re-



1. mem - ber the pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for-
2. mem - ber the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the
3. mem - ber He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re-
4. mem - ber our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His



1. give - ness at the cross. So we share in this Bread of Life, and we
2. price to make us one. So we share in this Bread of Life, and we
3. ceive the life of God. So we share in this Bread of Life, and we
4. bo - dy here on earth. As we share in His suf - fer-ing, we pro-



1. drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of peace \_\_\_
2. drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of love \_\_\_
3. drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of grace \_\_\_
4. claim: Christ will come a - gain! And we'll join in the feast of heav'n \_\_\_



1. a - round the ta - ble of the King.
2. a - round the ta - ble of the King.
3. a - round the ta - ble of the King.
4. a - round the ta - ble of the King.

(King.)

*Priest:* Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thine everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

**Amen.**

*¶ The congregation then stands and sings the Gloria*

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Father Al-might-y.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re-ceive our pray'r.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up-on us.

For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou on-ly art the Lord;

thou only, O art most high Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, in the glory of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## THE BLESSING

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

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**THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

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**SITTING**

*Priest:* They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

*¶ The altar is now stripped in silence and the crosses are veiled in black.*

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**PSALM 22**

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**KNEELING**

*¶ When announced, the congregation will say in unison*

**M**Y God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me? \* and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

2 O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not; \* and in the night season also I take no rest.

3 And thou continuest holy, \* O thou Worship of Israel.

4 Our fathers hoped in thee; \* they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

5 They called upon thee, and were holpen; \* they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.

6 But as for me, I am a worm, and no man; \* a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.

7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn; \* they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,

8 He trusted in the LORD, that he would deliver him; \* let him deliver him, if he will have him.

9 But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb; \* thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

10 I have been left unto thee ever since I was born; \* thou art my God even from my mother's womb.

11 O go not from me; for trouble is hard at hand, \* and there is none to help me.

12 Many oxen are come about me; \* fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.

13 They gape upon me with their mouths, \* as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; \* my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums, \* and thou bringest me into the dust of death.

16 For many dogs are come about me, \* and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.

- 17 They pierced my hands and my feet: I may tell all my bones: \* they stand staring and looking upon me.
- 18 They part my garments among them, \* and cast lots upon my vesture.
- 19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD; \* thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.
- 20 Deliver my soul from the sword, \* my darling from the power of the dog.
- 21 Save me from the lion's mouth; \* thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.
- 22 I will declare thy Name unto my brethren; \* in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
- 23 O praise the LORD, ye that fear him: \* magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob; and fear him, all ye seed of Israel.
- 24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the poor; \* he hath not hid his face from him; but when he called unto him, he heard him.
- 25 My praise is of thee in the great congregation; \* my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.
- 26 The poor shall eat, and be satisfied; they that seek after the LORD shall praise him: \* your heart shall live for ever.
- 27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the LORD; \* and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.
- 28 For the kingdom is the LORD'S, \* and he is the Governor among the nations.
- 29 All such as be fat upon earth \* have eaten, and worshiped.
- 30 All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him; \* and no man hath quickened his own soul.
- 31 My seed shall serve him: \* they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.
- 32 They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness \* unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

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**KNEELING HYMN**

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**“Were you there”**

*See next page*

*The Sanctuary will remain open for a short time. You may use this time to pray or meditate on Scripture, if desired. Suggestions of prayers and passages are found on pages 14-16 of this booklet. Please keep the sanctuary quiet during this time in respect of others.*

## WERE YOU THERE

Negro Melody

*With deep reverence*

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you  
 3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh! .....  
 there when they laid him in the tomb?

Some-times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

## **Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane**

### **Some personal meditations & prayers for your Vigil**

#### **PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **READ LUKE 22:39-53**

- Jesus' disciples fell asleep three times even though Jesus told them to pray. In what ways do you struggle with 'spiritual drowsiness'? What things cause you to become so tired that they interfere or take away from your ability to deepen your relationship with the Lord?
- Jesus turned to the Father for comfort and strength and admitted His own weakness (*He sweat so intensely it was blood; He prayed 'Let this cup pass from me'*). In what ways do you need His strength and comfort, and what weaknesses can you lift up to the Father and ask for His help with?
- Jesus prayed, "Nevertheless, thy will be done". In what ways do you specifically need the Lord to help you understand, seek, and follow His will right now? Be specific.
- Jesus didn't retaliate when the officers came to arrest Him falsely. Jesus even healed the soldier's ear that Peter cut off (*Peter was such a rash guy that behaved immediately out of emotional reaction all the time!*). In what ways can you exercise such godly patience as Christ and be a witness to those against whom you are struggling?
- Jesus was abandoned by His disciples after the arrest (*see Matthew vs. 26:56*). Peter denies Christ three times. It must have pained Him to see those who loved Him leave Him so quickly in this moment. Yet, it is to these same men that He returns after His resurrection. He breathes on them the Holy Spirit and says "Peace be with you... Even as the Father hath sent me, so send I you". Take some time to let go of your guilt of failing to follow the Lord. Know that the Lord forgives you and that He loves you and can/will use you for His great purpose. Vow to commit and serve Him anew.

#### **SUGGESTED PRAYER REQUESTS YOU CAN OFFER TONIGHT**

Your own personal faithfulness  
Your family and the care of your family  
St. Matthias  
Fr. Jason & family  
Dcn. Victor & family  
Dss. Annette & family  
All our members  
Our witness & ministry  
Our financial provisions  
Fr. Sigfrido & the Latino Mission

The Reformed Episcopal Church  
Presiding Bishop Ray Sutton  
REC100 and Church planting  
The Church worldwide & faithfulness to God's Word  
For all those who do not know Jesus Christ  
For our nation and society's return to Christ  
For those who teach and lead our children  
For those weighed down with sorrow and grief

**(See next several pages for some printed prayers)**

### **For the Church's Mission**

Pour out, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Spirit upon thy Church, that to all its member may come new visions, new life, new fellowship with Christ, its living Head. Send us out, if thou wilt, and through us send out many another to work for the extension of thy Kingdom throughout the world. Open our hearts that we may receive thy power; open our eyes that we may see Christ with hands outstretched to bless. Do with us what thou wilt and as thou wilt. So shall the earth be filled with the knowledge of thyself as the waters cover the seas. And to thee be the glory and praise, now and for evermore. Amen.

### **For our Ministers**

Remember all those who do the Lord's work in the ministry and conduct of our souls – especially Bishop Sutton, Bishop Banek, Fr. Jason, Fr. Sigfrido, Deacon Victor, and Deaconess Annette. Give to them, O Father, great gifts and great holiness, that wisely and charitably, diligently and zealously, prudently and acceptably, they may be guides to the blind, comforters to the sad and weary; and that they may strengthen the weak and confirm the strong, boldly rebuke sin, patiently suffer for the truth, and be exemplary in their lives; that in all their actions and teachings, in their discipline and ministrations, they may advance the good of souls, and the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **For Parents**

Deliver us, good Lord, from the excessive demands of business and social life that limit family relationships; from the insensitivity and harshness of judgment that prevent understanding; from domineering ways and selfish imposition of our will; from softness and indulgence mistaken for love. Bless us with wise and understanding hearts that we may demand neither too much nor too little, and grant us such a measure of love that we may nurture our children to that fullness of manhood and womanhood which thou hast purposed for them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For Those Who Mourn**

Lord Jesus, we beseech thee, by the loneliness of thy suffering on the cross, be nigh unto all them that are desolate and in pain or sorrow today; and let thy presence transform their loneliness into comfort, consolation, and holy fellowship with thee, Lord Jesus. Amen.

### **For Personal Forgiveness**

O God, while I am yet a great way off, thou comest to meet me, and to take me to thy heart and bring me to thy house and to thy table.

O God, prepare me for reunion with thy love, for I have sinned against thee and am not worthy to be called thy son.

O God, forgive me for not giving thee thy rightful place in my life.

O God, forgive me for caring too much about myself and too little about my brethren.

O God, forgive me for any conduct by which I have done some ill to others or failed to do for them some good I could have done.

O God, forgive me for any prejudice or faulty reason by which I have departed from thy truth.

O God, forgive me for any choice of ease or pleasure, or plain neglect of duty, by which I have set aside thy will.

Forgive me, O Father, forgive me all my sins for Jesus' sake, and let me grow in sonship through his grace. Amen.

### **For My Personal Witness**

Most merciful Father, giver of every good gift, who hast called me to be a light to world; Forgive me, I pray, all my sins, and remove every trace of them, that they may not darken my mind and make me a blind leader of the blind. Sanctify me with thy truth, kindle my heart with the love of thy Name, and grant me to walk in the light of thy presence; that ever seeking thee alone I may attain unto thee, and that, taught of thee, my work and example may lead others to thee, the true Shepherd of our souls. Amen.

### **For My Daily Self-Surrender**

O God, in obedience to thy command, I surrender myself to thee this night, all that I am and all that I have, to be unconditionally thine for thy using. Take me from myself and use me as thou wilt, where thou wilt, when thou wilt, and with whom thou wilt, for Christ's sake. Amen.

### **To be an Instrument**

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And Where there is sadness, joy.  
O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love,  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

### **The Fight of Faith**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose grace thy servants are enabled to fight the good fight of faith, and ever to prove victorious, I humbly beseech thee to strengthen me by thy mighty power for the battle of life; that in thy strength I may fight my sins and temptations and overcome them. Amen.

### **Arrow Prayers**

- Make me to remember, O God, that every day is Thy gift, to be used according to Thy command.
- Lord, forgive what I have been, sanctify what I am; and order what I shall be.
- Lord, never suffer me to think that I can stand by myself, and not need thee.
- Lord, make thy will my will in all things.
- Lord, give me grace to do what I can, that thou mayest empower me to do what thou wilt.
- God, help me to be a master of myself that I may be a servant of others.
- God, help me not to despise what I do not understand.
- Thou that hast given so much to me, Give one thing more, a grateful heart.
- Teach me to care and not to care.

*Other various and occasional prayers may be found on pages 56-72 and 599-604 in the Book of Common Prayer.*