

Peace Lutheran Church
"Peace Through Christ"

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MAUNDY THURSDAY
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As We Gather "On the night in which He was betrayed..." These words mark Maundy Thursday as a special moment in the life of Jesus. These words are repeated during every celebration of the Lord's Supper. These words mark a moment in time that bridges Jesus' joyful celebration of the Passover to His sacrificial death on the cross. When we hear these words tonight we may know both joy and sorrow---joy in knowing that our sins are forgiven as we receive the body and blood of Jesus in bread and wine; sorrow in knowing what great suffering Jesus experienced so that we could have the forgiveness of sins.

Attention Visitors We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion this evening. This holy meal is intended for Christians who acknowledge their need of God's forgiveness in their lives. The Bible teaches that Christ's body and blood are received with the elements of bread and wine and that Christians need to examine themselves before receiving this holy meal. (1Cor. 10 & 11). This meal further expresses a unity of faith as we gather at one table to receive the assurance of God's forgiveness through the body and blood of our Lord in the sacrament. We welcome baptized Christians to commune with us, those who believe and confess this same faith and understanding of the sacrament and of the Christian life. Persons who desire to receive grape juice select from the darker glasses. If you have any further questions concerning the sacrament, please ask to speak to a Pastor.

OPENING HYMN “When You Woke That Thursday Morning”



1 When You woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior,
 3 What was there that You could give them That would
 4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, All one
 5 One day all the Church will cap - ture That bright



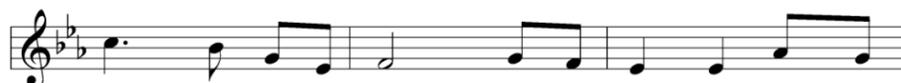
teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty
 nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -
 bod - y, You the head, When we meet, by You in -
 vi - sion glo - ri - ous, And Your saints will know the



scorn - ing, Know - ing how the day would end;
 live them, What last will and tes - ta - ment?
 vit - ed, You are with us, as You said.
 rap - ture That Your heart de - sired for us,



Lamb of God, fore - told for a - ges, Now at
 “Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me
 One with You and one an - oth - er In a
 When the longed - for peace and u - nion Of the



last the hour had come When but One could pay sin’s
 as the Lamb of God: Do this in re - mem - brance
 u - ni - ty sub - lime, See in us Your sis - ter,
 Great - est and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -



wa - ges: You as - sumed their dread - ful sum.
 of Me, Eat this bod - y, drink this blood.”
 broth - er, One in ev - ’ry place and time.
 mu - nion In Your nev - er - end - ing feast.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8

CHRISTIAN QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

(For those who intend to go to the sacrament)

(adapted from *The Small Catechism*, (c) 1991 Concordia Publishing House, p. 40ff.)

Pastor: Do you believe that you are a sinner?

People: Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.

Pastor: How do you know this?

People: From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.

Pastor: Are you sorry for your sins?

People: Yes. I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

Pastor: What have you deserved from God because of your sins?

People: His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.

Pastor: Do you hope to be saved?

People: Yes, that is my hope.

Pastor: In whom then do you trust?

People: In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Who is Christ?

People: The Son of God, true God and man.

Pastor: How many Gods are there?

People: Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?

People: He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

Pastor: Did the Father also die for you?

People: He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.

People: Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?

People: Yes, I believe it.

Pastor: What convinces you to believe this?

People: The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.

Pastor: What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?

People: We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Pastor: Why should we remember and proclaim His death?

**People: First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that.
Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious.
Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.**

Pastor: What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?

People: His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners.

Pastor: Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?

People: That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

Pastor: What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?

People: First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.

Pastor: But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?

People: To such a person no better advice can be given than this: First, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Pastor: Having heard the Word of God about the Sacrament, let us now confess our sins:

People: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

People: Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

People: Yes.

Pastor: Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His

tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
 life ar-raigned; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
 at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,
 breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.

Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
 Oh, the pangs His soul sus-tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
 God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete. "It is fin - ished!"
 Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He

griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
 hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT *Exodus 12:1-14*

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²"This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. ⁷"Then 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. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

Pastor: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 11:17-32

¹⁷ But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸ For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, ¹⁹ for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. ²⁰ When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. ²¹ For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. ²² What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not. ²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

Pastor: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR

"Celebrate the Shadow"



HOLY GOSPEL John 13:1-17

(Jesus demonstrates servanthood.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, beginning at the 13th chapter:

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?"

¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

(After the reading of the Gospel)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
 People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



MESSAGE HYMN

Jesus, Greatest at the Table

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn.

1 Je - sus, great - est at the ta - ble, The al -
 2 Mar - vel how their Lord and teach - er Gent - ly
 3 Je - sus took the role of ser - vant When up -
 4 Can we fath - om such deep mer - cy? Do we
 5 Je - sus gave to His dis - ci - ples A com -

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn.

might - y Son of Man, Laid a - side His out - er cloth - ing,
 taught them not to vie As He hum - bly knelt be - fore them,
 on that grue - some span, For all hu - man sin He suf - fered
 see what God has done? Who can grasp this great re - ver - sal:
 mand - ment that was new: "Show My love to one an - oth - er,

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn.

Poured some wa - ter in a pan; As the Twelve lay,
 Dust - y feet to wash and dry, By His ten - der
 As a vile and loath - some man; On the cross poured
 Love that gives His on - ly Son? Christ, the sin - less
 Do as I have done for you; All the world will

Musical notation for the fourth line of the hymn.

hushed in si - lence, He the ser - vant's task be - gan.
 touch ex - press - ing True com - pas - sion from on high.
 out like wa - ter To ful - fill the Fa - ther's plan.
 for the sin - ners, For the man - y dies the One.
 know you love Me As you love each oth - er too."

MESSAGE

“An Unfinished Passover”

Mark 14:12-26

Deacon Bob Hutchison

OFFERING

(Please sign and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your pew. When finished, pass it back down your pew to the center aisle seat and the ushers will pick it up after the service.)

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing, Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord, our God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

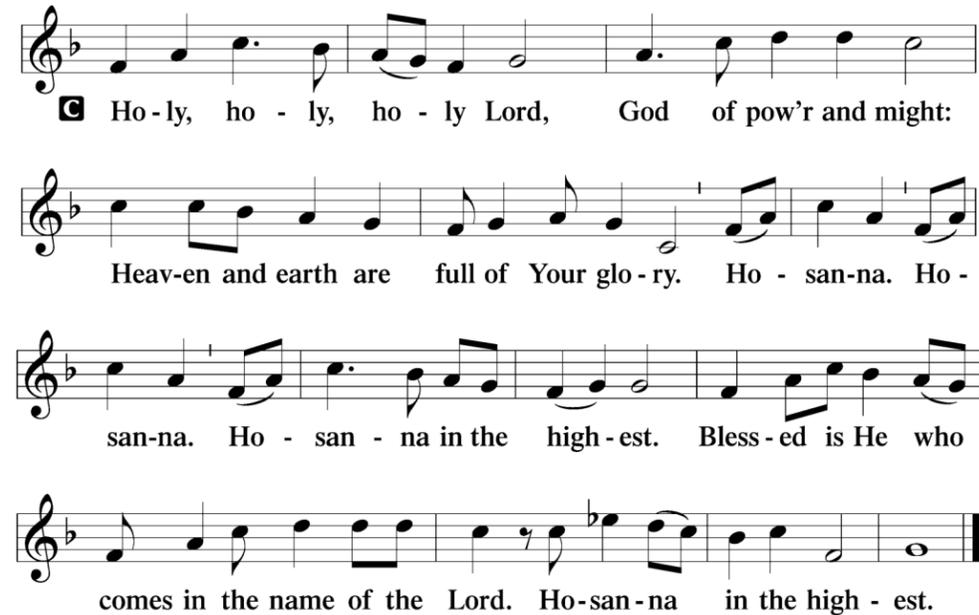
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is My + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: **And also with you.**

(Please be seated)



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
 2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
 3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa-tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
 Ev - er pa-tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
 Ev - er pa-tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
 Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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“Just as I Am, without One Plea”



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 Because Thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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“The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord”



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -
 2 He blot - ted out with His own blood The judg - ment
 3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a
 4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this



brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort
 that a - gainst us stood; For us He full a -
 sol - emn guar - an - tee: In this His ho - ly
 Sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,



in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
 tone - ment made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.
 Sup - per here We taste His love so sweet, so near.
 as He said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

5 We dare not ask how this can be,
 But simply hold the mystery
 And trust this word where life begins:
 “Given and shed for all your sins.”

8 Help us sincerely to believe
 That we may worthily receive
 Your Supper and in You find rest.
 Amen! They who believe are blest.

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“My Song Is Love Unknown”



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and
 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their
 way; A mur - der - er they save, The Prince of Life they



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
 King. Then “Cru - ci - fy!” Is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these
 slay. Yet cheer - ful He To suf - f'ring goes



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 Who at my need His life did spend!
 And for His death They thirst and cry.
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.
 That He His foes From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was His home
 But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name.

People: Amen.

+ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR +

Stripping of the altar is an ancient custom of the Church done on Maundy Thursday. The altar candles are extinguished and removed. Candles represent the light of Christ. Jesus said; "I Am the light of the World." In recognition of the darkness following the death of Jesus on the cross, the candles are removed from our presence. The Communion Ware is removed. Jesus' Body and Blood have been given to us, have been shed for us, and are given to us in, with and under the form of the bread and wine. Just as He was removed from us in the grave, so too the elements and the vessels of the Holy Eucharist are removed from our presence. The linens and paraments are removed, symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers.

PSALM 22

(As the psalm is spoken, members of the Altar Guild will remove the linens, paraments, ornaments, and candles from the chancel. The altar symbolizes Christ; removing its usual adornments symbolizes the abuse our Lord endured this night.)

Pastor: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

People: My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.

Pastor: Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises.

People: In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.

Pastor: To you they cried out and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

People: But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

Pastor: All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

People: "He trusts in the LORD," they say, "let the LORD rescue him.

Pastor: Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

People: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

Pastor: My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me.

People: My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.

Pastor: Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.

**People: All my bones are on display;
people stare and gloat over me.**

Pastor: They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my
garment.

**People: But you, LORD, do not be far from me.
You are my strength; come quickly to help me.**

Pastor: You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

**People: For he has not despised or scorned
the suffering of the afflicted one;**

Pastor: he has not hidden his face from him
but has listened to his cry for help.

DISMISSAL *(from the Gospel account of the Lord's Supper)*

Pastor: "When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the
Mount of Olives." *Mark 14: 26*

*(Ending without the Benediction reminds us that this
Service continues tomorrow.)*

The congregation leaves in silence.