

S. Stephen's Church
In Providence

Maundy Thursday



1 April 2021

7:00 pm

Service of Holy Communion in G
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 – 1924)
Missa XIII, “Stelliferi conditor obis”
Plainchant

A Word about Holy Week at S. Stephen's

The liturgies of Holy Week are some of the most ancient and unchanged liturgies of the Church, which we know from the written accounts of Egeria, a nun from Western Europe who made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the Holy Land in the 380s. And so, as we “enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts,” we are also stepping into a period of time outside of time. We join the faithful across the millennia of contemplating once again that sacrifice made “once and for all” upon the Cross on Calvary’s hill.

Yes, it happened in time only once. But by reenacting we remember, and when we remember, we make present once again the sacrifice of love made on our behalf. We will also experience anew the profound joy of light bursting out of the darkness, as we remember once more Christ’s victory over sin and death with triumphant exultation.

True, Holy Week this year won’t look exactly the same as it has in years past, though we are certainly blessed to be back in our church this year. But even without a Palm Sunday procession from the Lady Chapel, or without a full solemn mass, we still enter once more this holiest of weeks. We will still journey with our Lord once more into the Holy City, and experience once more the love of his final night with his friends, and the profound and sobering grief of Good Friday. We will enter once again in our minds and our hearts “the contemplation of those mighty acts,” whereby we are given life and immortality.

Come, let us enter, and adore.

Yours in the love of our Crucified and Risen Lord,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Benjamin".

The Rev. Benjamin Straley, Rector

Cover Art: *The Last Supper* (c. 1546) by Jacopo Bassano (1510 – 1592). Oil on canvas.
Galleria Borghese, Rome, Italy.

THE OPENING RITE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY – *Offrande au Saint-Sacrement*

Olivier Messiaen (1908 - 1992)

INTROIT – *Nos autem gloriari (Please remain standing)*

Tone VII

But as for us, it behoveth us to glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ: in whom is our salvation, our life, and resurrection; by whom we were saved, and obtained our freedom. *Ps.* God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us. But as for us. . .

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty 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.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou 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.

KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee. We give thanks to thee for thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost ✠ art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Note: After the Gloria on Maundy Thursday the organ remains silent until the Gloria at the Easter Vigil.

COLLECT OF THE DAY (*Maundy Thursday*) (*Please remain standing*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING – *Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 (Please be seated)*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, This month shall be for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month they shall take every man a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household; and if the household is too small for a lamb, then a man and his neighbor next to his house shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. In this manner you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you, upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall fall upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as an ordinance for ever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL – *Oculi omnium (Please remain seated)*

Tone V

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season. *V.* Thou openest thy hand: and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

EPISTLE READING – *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

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, 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." In the same way also 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." 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.**

TRACT – *Ab ortu solis (Please stand)*

Tone VIII

From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same: my Name shall be great among the Gentiles. *V.* And in every place incense shall be offered unto my Name, and a pure offering: for my Name shall be great among the heathen. *V.* Come, eat of my bread: and drink of the wine which I have mingled.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – *John 13:1-15 (Please remain standing)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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. And during supper, when the devil had already put it 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 had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper, laid aside his garments, and girded himself with a towel. Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded. He came to Simon Peter; and Peter said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not know now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part in me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but he is clean all over; and you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "You are not all clean." When he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

Fr. Locke

THE WASHING OF FEET

THE INVITATION *(The congregation stands)*

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service. We all need to remember his example, but none stand more in need of this reminder than those whom the Lord has called to the ordained ministry.

Therefore, I invite the one appointed to represent this congregation to come forward, that I may recall whose servant I am by following the example of my Master. But come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for "a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

*The congregation sits.
The appointed representative of the congregation comes forward to the chair.
During the ceremony the following Antiphons are sung.*

ANTIPHON 1 – *Mandatum novum*

Mode III

A new commandment give I unto you: that ye love one another as I have loved you, saith the Lord. *Ps.* Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way: and walk in the law of the Lord. *Repeat Antiphon.*

ANTIPHON 2 – *Dominus Jesus*

Tone II

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples: washed their feet, and said unto them. Know ye what I your Lord and Master have done unto you: I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done to you. Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples: washed their feet, and said unto them. Know ye what I your Lord and Master have done unto you: I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done to you.

ANTIPHON 3 – *Ubi caritas*

Maurice Duruflé (1902 - 1986)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Ubi caritas... Amen.

Where charity and love are there is God. The love of Christ joined us in one, let us rejoice and be glad in him. Let us fear and love the living God, and love one another with sincerity of heart. Where charity and love. . . Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The lector bids the prayers saying:

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father through Christ the Savior of the world.

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet.

We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message.
We pray for the mission of your Church.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself.
We pray for the rejected and unloved.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

On this night, he reminded his disciples that if the world hated them it hated him first.

We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

On this night, he accepted the cup of death and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom.

We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ.

Lord, hear us

Lord, graciously hear us.

The Peace

The Celebrant introduces the Peace, saying

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy Spirit.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON – *Dextera Domini (Please remain standing)*

Tone II

The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence; the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass: I shall not die but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

HYMN 320 – “Zion, praise thy Savior, singing”

Lauda Sion Salvatorem

1 Zion, praise thy Savior, singing hymns with exultation ringing,
praise thy King and Shepherd true. Honor Christ, thy voice upraising, who surpasseth all
thy praising; never canst thou reach his clue

2 Let the Bread, lifegiving, living, be our theme of glad thanksgiving,
now in truth before thee set; as of old the Lord provided
when the twelve, divinely guided, at the holy table met.

3 What he did, at supper seated, Christ ordained to be repeated,
his memorial ne'er to cease; his command for guidance taking,
bread and wine we hallow, making thus our sacrifice of peace.

4 Full and clear sing out thy praising, gracious hymns of joy upraising
in thy heart and soul today; for today the new oblation
of the new King's revelation bids us feast in glad array

5 Very Bread, good Shepherd, tend us, Jesus of thy love befriend us,
Lord, refresh us and defend us, thine eternal goodness send us
in the land of life to see:

6 thou, who all things canst and knowest, who on earth such food bestowest,
grant us, with thy saints, though lowest, where the heavenly feast thou showest,
fellowheirs and guests to be.

Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274), tr. Hymnal 1940, rev. Hymnal 1982

ORATE, FRATRES (*Please remain standing*)

Celebrant Pray, brothers and sisters, that this my sacrifice and yours may be
acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and
glory of his Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.**

SURSUM CORDA & PREFACE

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them unto to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, to glorify thee, O Father, and to give thanks unto thee, for thou alone art God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before all time and for ever.

Fountain of life and Source of all goodness, thou hast made all things and didst fill them with thy blessing, creating them to rejoice in the splendor of thy radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before thee to serve thee night and day; and, beholding the glory of thy presence, they offer thee unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we praise thee, and glorify thy Name, saying,

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Domine Deus Sabaoth: Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. ✠ Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. ✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D *(Please kneel if you are able to do so)*

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim thee, holy Lord, glorious in power, whose mighty works reveal thy wisdom and love. Thou hast formed us in thine own image, giving the whole world into our care, that in obedience unto thee, our Maker, we might rule and serve all thy creatures. When our disobedience took us far from thee, thou didst not abandon us to the power of death, but in thy mercy thou didst come to our help, that in seeking thee we might find thee. Again and again thou didst call us into covenant with thee, and through the prophets thou didst teach us to hope for salvation.

Thou didst so love the world, O Father, that in the fullness of time thou didst send thine only-begotten Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. In the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. That thy purpose might be fulfilled, he gave himself up unto death; and rising from the grave he destroyed death and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, bringing to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by thee, 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 unto thee, 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 COVENANT, WHICH IS SHED FOR
YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, for the remembrance of me. "



And now, O Father, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to thy right hand, awaiting his coming in glory, and offering unto thee, from the gifts which thou hast given us, this bread and this cup, we praise thee and we bless thee.

**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we give thanks to thee,
and we pray to thee, O Lord our God.**

We beseech thee, O Lord, that in thy goodness and mercy thy Holy Spirit may descend upon us and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and revealing them as holy gifts for thy holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant that all who share this bread and this cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of thy Name.

Remember, O Lord, thy one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the Blood of thy Christ. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace. Remember Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Nicholas, our Bishop; the reverend clergy of this parish; and all who minister in thy Church. Remember all thy people and those who seek thy truth. Remember all those who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Remember all those whom we love but see no longer, all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to thee alone; bring them into the place of eternal happiness, 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 Stephen our patron, and with all the saints who have found favor with thee in ages past. We praise thee in union with them and give thee glory through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ all honor and glory be unto thee, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,
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.**

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi, Miserere nobis. Agnus
Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, Dona
nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of
the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world, have
mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest
away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

THE INVITATION – ECCE AGNUS DEI

Celebrant ✠ Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
People **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON – *Hoc corpus*

Tone I

This is my body, which is broken for you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, saith the Lord: this do ye, as oft as ye take it, in remembrance of me.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of thy Church, where thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to thee. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch thy Body, so the soul of thy servant may be healed by like faith in thee, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through thy tender mercy, who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God. Amen.

HYMN 314 – “Humbly I adore thee”

Adoro devote

1 Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen,
who thy glory hidest ‘neath these shadows mean;
lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed,
tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.

2 Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail;
faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil.
I believe whate’er the Son of God hath told;
what the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.

3 O memorial wondrous of the Lord’s own death;
living Bread that givest all thy creatures breath,
grant my spirit ever by the life may live,
to my taste thy sweetness neverfailing give.

4 Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold,
what my soul doth long for, that thy word foretold;
face to face thy splendor, I at last shall see,
in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee.

Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274), sts. 1-3, tr. Hymnal 1940, st. 4, tr. Hymnal 1982

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. 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 honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

During the singing of the following hymn, the congregation remains kneeling.

HYMN 329— “Now, my tongue, the mystery telling”

Pange Lingua

1 Now, my tongue, the mystery telling of the glorious Body sing,
and the Blood, all price excelling, which the Gentiles’ Lord and King,
once on earth among us dwelling, shed for this world’s ransoming.

2 Given for us, and condescending to be born for us below,
he with us in converse blending dwelt, the seed of truth to sow,
till he closed with wondrous ending his most patient life of woe.

3 That last night at supper lying mid the twelve, his chosen band,
Jesus with the Law complying, keeps the feast its rites demand;
then, more precious food supplying, gives himself with his own hand.

4 Word made flesh, the bread he taketh, by his word his Flesh to be;
wine his sacred Blood he maketh, though the senses fail to see;
faith alone the true heart waketh to behold the mystery.

When the Sacrament is placed upon the Altar of Repose and censed, verses 5 & 6 are sung.

5 Therefore we, before him bending, this great Sacrament revere;
types and shadows have their ending, though the senses fail to see;
faith alone the true heart waketh to behold the mystery.

6 Glory let us give and blessing to the Father and the Son,
honor, thanks, and praise addressing, while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing who from both with both is One.

Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274), tr. Hymnal 1940, rev. Hymnal 1982

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTARS

The congregation remains kneeling during the stripping of the Altars.

PSALM 22 – *Deus, Deus meus*

Tone II

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

MY 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 continest 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 out-cast 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 God, 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 shalt bring 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 people. 29 All such as be fat upon earth : have eaten, and worshipped. 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. *Antiphon.*

Please remain in the pews until the choir has exited the Lady Chapel and departed the church.

Vigil is held at the Altar of Repose in the Lady Chapel until 11:00 pm.

We ask that no more than four people keep watch at a time.

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THE WATCH AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

And Jesus came out, and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. And when he came to the place he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, "Father, if thou art willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done." And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation." While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of man with a kiss?" (*Luke 22:39-48*)

Remaining Holy Week & Easter Services

Good Friday

2 April 2021

Good Friday Liturgy

12 noon

Stations of the Cross

5:30 pm

Holy Saturday

3 April 2021

Office of Holy Saturday

10 am

The Great Vigil of Easter

7:00 pm

Easter Day

4 April 2021

Sunday of the Resurrection

Morning Prayer 8 am

Low Mass 8:10 am

Solemn Mass 10 am

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