

# Emmanuel Church

The Episcopal Church on Mercer Island



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 AT 7:00 PM

# Welcome!

## Newcomers & Visitors

We are so glad you are here! Everyone is invited to fully participate in our services. Communion is open to all, regardless of religious background. Join our mailing list or connect with staff by filling out a visitor card.



## Children at Emmanuel

Our **Sunday School** program follows Godly Play - a Montessori based program rooted in learning the stories of Scripture. Children are invited to begin in our Godly Play Room (found in the south wing of our building called the CE building, that eventually reaches the playground). Children will return before communion to rejoin their parents. *Godly Play meets every Sunday except the last Sunday of the month.*

Our **nursery** is open for infants to four year old's, next to our Godly Play room. The nursery is staffed with professional caregivers to watch our youngest members. There is a **soft space** with toys and activities in the back of the sanctuary for busy little ones who prefer to be in worship with their parents. We welcome all ages in our worship, and hope to accommodate worship to meets the needs of all generations we are blessed with at Emmanuel.

On the **Last Sunday of the Month** we are holding an intergenerational liturgy that seeks to intentionally include people of all ages. Our children will be included in the service in new ways, there will be shifts in the music and the liturgy, and we will experiment and play with how to come together in prayer.

## Hearing Devices

If you wish, Emmanuel offers headphones to those who may want or need extra assistance hearing during the service, please ask an usher.

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# GATHERING

## WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENT

HYMN – “Praise to the holiest in the height”

Tune: *Newman*

1 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the  
2 O lov - ing wis - dom of our God! When all was  
3 O wis - est love! that flesh and blood, which did in  
4 and that the high - est gift of grace should flesh and  
5 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the

1 depth be praise; in all his words most  
2 sin and shame, a sec - ond Ad - am  
3 Ad - am fail, should strive a - fresh a -  
4 blood re - fine: God's pres - ence and his  
5 depth be praise; in all his words most

1 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!  
2 to the fight and to the res - cue came.  
3 gainst the foe, should strive, and should pre - vail;  
4 ve - ry self, and es - sence all - di - vine.  
5 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!

## A PENITENTIAL ORDER

*The Book of Common Prayer*

*Presider* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*The Presider reads the following sentence*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our 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 other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

*The Presider then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Presider and People*

**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.**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest says*

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.**

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

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Presider says to the People*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* 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.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES – Exodus 12:1-14

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Exodus.

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **THE PSALM** – Psalm 116:1, 10-17

1. I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
10. How shall I repay the Lord \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?
11. I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
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 thanksgiving \*  
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 Jerusalem.

## **A READING FROM THE EPISTLES** – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*Lector* A reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

# SEQUENCE HYMN – “As in the upper room you left your seat”

Tune: *Sursum Corda*

1. As in that up - per room you left your seat and took a towel and  
2. I bow be - fore you, all my sin con - fessed, to hear a - gain the  
3. So in re - mem - brance of your life laid down I come to praise you

chose a ser - vant's part, so for to - day, Lord, wash a - gain my  
words of love you said; and at your ta - ble, as your hon - ored  
for your grace di - vine; Saved by your cross, and sub - ject to your

feet, who in your mer - cy died to cleanse my heart.  
guest, I take and eat the true and liv - ing bread.  
crown, strength - ened for ser - vice by this bread and wine.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next three lines. The third system contains the final three lines. The music is written in a simple, clear style suitable for a hymn book.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL – John 13:1-17, 31b-35

*All standing, the Priest says to the People*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Saint 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 going 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.”

*After the Gospel the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON** – The Rev. Brian Gregory

# THE WASHING OF FEET

## THE INVITATION

*The Book of Occasional Services*

*The Presider says to the People*

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 you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, 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.”

*All who desire to do so are invited to come forward for foot washing and a blessing. The Presider will explain the procedures to be used in this act of service to our neighbors.*

*During the washing of the feet the choir sings,*

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples, and had washed their feet,  
said to them:

*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.*

Do you know what I, your Lord and your Master, have done to you?

I have given you an example,  
That you should do as I have done.

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

# HYMN – “Jesu, jesu fill us with your love”

Tune: *Chereponi*

*Chorus*



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
- 2 Neigh-bors are rich— and poor, neigh-bors are black— and
- 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
- 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were



feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
love. All— are neigh-bors to us and you.  
slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Book of Common Prayer, Form IV, Adapted*

*The People kneel or stand*

*Intercessor* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Intercessor* Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence during which people may add their own petitions.*

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence during which people may add their own petitions.*

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence during which people may add their own petitions.*

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We give thanks this week for the birthdays of: *The Intercessor names those in our community who are celebrating birthdays this week.*

*Silence during which people may add their own petitions.*

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. For those who have asked for our prayers: *The Intercessor names those whose names are found on our prayer list.*

*Silence during which people may add their own petitions.*

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*The Intercessor may pray for any who have died.*

*Silence during which people may add their own petitions.*

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*The Presider says to the People*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Please greet those nearby to share the Peace of Christ.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM – “I Give to You a New Commandment”

*Peter Nardone*

I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you.

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

Where charity is true, God is there.

The love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be glad in him.

Let us fear and love the living God.

And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

*Part of our spiritual practice as Christians is to support the mission of the church through financial donations. You can give in the plate or online. **Text (206) 203-9245 with the amount you want to donate:** (ex \$20) and then follow the instructions text back to you to set up your account. If you have already set up an account, you can text that number at any time to make additional donations.*

# AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven 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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now as our savior Christ has 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,**

the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept after which the Presider says*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**



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

*All are welcome to participate in communion at Emmanuel. Primarily our communion takes place at the altar rail. You can stand or kneel. If you want to abstain from the bread or wine, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. If the steps to the altar rail present a challenge for you, you may stand at the bottom of the stairs, or ask an usher to have communion brought to you in your seat.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*After the bread is divided and the cups are filled, the Presider says these or similar words.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to know God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is Christ who invites you to meet God here.

# COMMUNION HYMN – “Godhead here in hiding”

Tune: *Adoro te devote*



1. God - head here in hid - ing, whom I do a - dore,  
 2. See - ing, touch - ing, tas - ting are in thee de - ceived:  
 3. On the cross thy god - head made no sign to men,  
 4. I am not like Tho - mas, wounds I can - not see,  
 5. O thou our re - min - der of Christ cru - ci - fied,  
 6. Je - su, whom I look\_\_\_ at shrou - ded here be - low,



Masked by these bare sha - dows, shape and no - thing more,  
 How says trust - y hear - ing? that shall be be - lieved;  
 Here thy ve - ry man - hood steals from hu - man ken:  
 But can plain - ly call\_\_\_ thee Lord and God as he;  
 Liv - ing Bread, the life\_\_\_ of us for whom he died,  
 I be - seech thee send\_\_\_ me what I thirst for so,



See, Lord at\_\_\_ thy ser - vice low lies here a heart  
 What God's Son\_\_\_ hath told\_\_\_ me, take for truth I do;  
 Both are my\_\_\_ con - fes - sion, both are my be - lief,  
 Let me to\_\_\_ a deep - er faith dai - ly near - er move,  
 Lend this life\_\_\_ to me\_\_\_ then: feed and feast my mind,  
 Some - day to\_\_\_ gaze on\_\_\_ thee face to face in light



Lost, all lost in won - der at the God thou art.  
 Truth him - self speaks tru - ly or there's noth - ing true.  
 And I pray the pray - er of the dy - ing thief.  
 Dai - ly make me hard - er hope and dear - er love.  
 There be thou the sweet - ness man was meant to find.  
 And be blest for - ev - er with thy glo - ry's sight.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God,  
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
 of the most precious Body and Blood  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
 And now, Father, send us out  
 to do the work you have given us to do,  
 to love and serve you  
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE



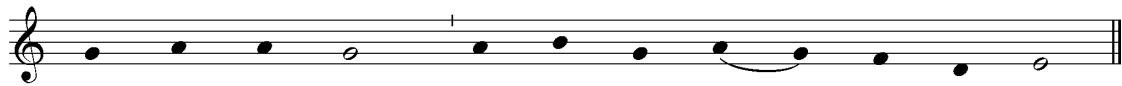
1 Now, my tongue, the mys - tery tell - ing of the glo - rious  
 2 Given for us, and con - de - scend - ing to be born for  
 3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing mid the twelve, his  
 4 Word made flesh, the bread he tak - eth, by his word his



1 Bo - dy sing, and the Blood, all price ex - cell - ing,  
 2 us be - low, he with us in con - verse blend - ing  
 3 cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,  
 4 Flesh to be; wine his sa - cred Blood he mak - eth,



1 which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, once on earth a -  
 2 dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, till he closed with  
 3 keeps the feast its rites de - mand; then, more pre - cious  
 4 though the sens - es fail to see; faith a - lone the



1 mong us dwell - ing, shed for this world's ran - som - ing.  
 2 won - drous end - ing his most pa - tient life of woe.  
 3 food sup - ply - ing, gives him - self with his own hand.  
 4 true heart wak - eth to be - hold the mys - ter - y.

*The procession reaches the altar of repose and the clergy kneel in prayer.*

*The Choir then sings,*

Therefore we, before him bending,  
 This great sacrament revere;  
 Types and shadows have their ending,  
 For the newer rite is here;  
 Faith, our outward sense befriending,  
 Makes our inward vision clear.

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 confession  
 Who from both with both is One.

*The Altar Party returns to the Sanctuary*

## THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

*The Presider says*

Bow down before our God.

*The People kneel or bow and the Presider prays*

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **THE GOSPEL OF THE ARREST OF CHRIST**

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’”

But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” Peter said to him, “Even though all become deserters, I will not.” Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” But he said vehemently, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.” He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” All of them deserted him and fled.

## **THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*The People kneel. As Psalm 22 is sung, the sanctuary is stripped of all adornments. Candles, linens, kneelers and all other finery are removed leaving the church barren.*

*After this has been completed, you may remain in prayer or depart in silence.*

## **SERVING THIS EVENING**

**PRESIDER AND PREACHER** – The Rev. Brian Gregory

**LECTOR** –

**INTERCESSOR** –

**MUSIC** – Fred McIlroy, Director of Music & The Emmanuel Choir

**ALTAR GUILD** – Pam Henderson