

# Christ our Passover

Solemn Liturgical Observance  
of the Paschal Triduum

Eucharist of The Lord's Supper  
Maundy Thursday



The Last Supper - Giotto di Bondone - 1305

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*The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of almighty God:*

*They were given in memory of Gerald K. Webster.*

*and*

*In loving memory of Michael Greenwood, by Louise.*

**Celebrant & Homilist:** Fr. Humphrey  
**Deacon:** Fr. D'Angelo  
**Reader:** James Meade  
**Organist & Director of Music:** Matthew Whitfield

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**UPDATED PROVISOS FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE**

*Masks are still required until May 1. The mask must be an N95, KN95, or acceptable equivalent. Exemptions are allowed as provided for by law; please inform a sidesperson if an exemption applies to you.*

*The Diocese has approved a return to congregational singing! Please join in heartily. Though distancing is no longer a requirement, please inquire of your nearest neighbours to ensure that all are comfortable and accommodated.*

**MUSIC OF THE MASS** – Mass for Four Voices, *William Byrd*

**PRELUDE:** Le Banquet Céleste, *Olivier Messiaen*

**ENTRANCE HYMN 384** – Praise to the Holiest in the height

- 1 Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise;  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all his ways.
- 2 O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
A second Adam to the fight  
And to the rescue came.
- 3 O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
Which did in Adam fail,  
Should strive afresh against the foe,  
Should strive and should prevail;
- 4 And that a higher gift than grace  
Should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence and his very Self,  
And essence all-divine.
- 5 O generous love! that he who smote  
In Man for man the foe,  
The double agony in Man  
For man should undergo,
- 6 And in the garden secretly,  
And on the Cross on high,  
Should teach his brethren, and inspire  
To suffer and to die.
- 7 Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise;  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all his ways.

*Please kneel.*

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be 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.**

*The Choir sings:*

### KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christe Eleison : Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Please stand.*

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

*Missa de Angelis*

*Celebrant:* 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, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin 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.

*The Celebrant greets the people.*

The Lord be with you;  
**And with thy spirit.**

*The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day.*

O God, who in a wonderful sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion: Grant us so to reverence the holy mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever know within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING: Exodus 12.1-14

The First Lesson is written in the twelfth chapter of the book of Exodus, beginning at the first verse.

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 neighbour 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 judgements: 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.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116.11-12, 14-17; *Tone II, 1*



- 11 What re/ward shall I give unto the **LORD** :  
for all the benefits that he hath done **un**-to me?
- 12 I will take the cup of sal-**va**-tion :  
and call upon the Name **of** the **LORD**.
- 14 Right dear in the sight of the **LORD** : is the death **of** his saints.
- 15 Behold, O **LORD**, how that I am thy **ser**-vant : I am thy servant and  
the son of thy handmaid; thou hast broken my bonds **in** sun-der.
- 16 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanks-**giv**-ing :  
and will call upon the Name **of** the **LORD**.
- 17 I will pay my vows unto the **LORD** : in the presence of all **his** peo-ple.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 11.23-26

The Epistle is written in in the eleventh chapter of St Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, beginning at the twenty-third verse.

For 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.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN

- 1 The heavenly Word proceeding forth,  
Yet leaving not the Father's side,  
Accomplishing his work on earth  
Had reached at length life's eventide.
- 2 By false disciple to be given  
To foemen for his life athirst,  
Himself, the very Bread of heaven,  
He gave to his disciples first.
- 3 He gave himself in either kind,  
His precious Flesh, his precious Blood;  
In love's own fulness thus designed  
Of the whole man to be the Food.
- 4 By birth their fellow-man was he;  
Their Meat, when sitting at the board:  
He died, their Ransomer to be;  
He ever reigns, their great Reward. Amen.

*VERBUM SUPERNUM*  
*Mechlin Plainsong, ar A.L. Jacob 1938*

*S' Thomas Aquinas 1227-74*  
*Tr E. Caswall 1814-78 and J.M. Neale 1818-66*

## HOLY GOSPEL: John 13.1-17, 31b-35

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

The Holy Gospel is written in the thirteenth chapter of the Gospel  
according to Saint John, beginning at the first verse.

**Glory be to thee O Lord.**

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."

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**  
**SERMON**

**THE MAUNDY**

*Those who are to take part in the washing of the feet are led to seats prepared for them and the congregation sits down. The Celebrant removes the chasuble, is girded with a towel and approaching each person in turn, bows to them and kneels to wash each one's feet and wipe them with a towel.*

*Meanwhile the choir sings the antiphon.*

*Ubi Caritas et amor, 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. Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Amen.*

Where charity and love are, there is God. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice in Him and be glad. Let us fear and love the living God. And let us love one another with a sincere heart. Amen.

*At the conclusion of the ceremony the Celebrant puts on the chasuble again and with the Deacon and Subdeacon goes to stand before the High Altar. Whereupon all stand and this prayer is offered from the Royal Maundy rite.*

Lord Jesus Christ, who when about to institute the holy Sacrament at thy Last Supper, didst wash the feet of thy Apostles, teaching us, by thy example, the grace of humility: Cleanse us, we beseech thee, from all stain of sin, that we may be worthy partakers of thy holy mysteries; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

**OFFERTORY**

Our Lord Jesus Christ saith: A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love each other.

**OFFERTORY HYMN 225** – 'Twas on that night when doomed to know

- 1 'Twas on that night when doomed to know  
The eager rage of every foe,  
That night in which he was betrayed,  
The Saviour of the world took bread;
- 2 And, after thanks and glory given  
To him that rules in earth and heaven,  
That symbol of his flesh he broke,  
And thus to all his followers spoke:
- 3 'My broken body thus I give  
For you, for all; take, eat, and live;  
And oft the sacred rite renew  
That brings my wondrous love to view.'

- 4 Then in his hands the cup he raised,  
And God anew he thanked and praised,  
While kindness in his bosom glowed,  
And from his lips salvation flowed.
- 5 'My blood I thus pour forth,' he cries,  
'To cleanse the soul in sin that lies;  
In this the covenant is sealed,  
And heaven's eternal grace revealed.
- 6 'With love to man this cup is fraught;  
Let all partake the sacred draught;  
Through latest ages let it pour,  
In memory of my dying hour.'

*DEUS TUORUM MILITUM*  
*Grenoble Church Melody*

*Rev. John Morison, 1750-98*  
*as in Scottish Paraphrases, 1781*

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Heavenly Father, we spread this table to remember the loving sacrifice of thy beloved Son: Accept the gifts we offer, and bind us together in his love, the love he has commanded us to bring one another; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### INTENTIONS OF THE MASS

*The Deacon reads the Intentions and bids the People's additions, silently or aloud.*

### INVITATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the 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, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. 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.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that 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.**



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you; **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts; **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God; **It is meet and right so to do.**

It 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, Creator and Preserver of all things for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, both God and Man; who did humble himself, even to the death upon the Cross for us sinners, who lay in darkness and the shadow of death; that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life.

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

*The Choir sings:*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessèd is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and 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 memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, 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; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, 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 Covenant, 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.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely 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 we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER, FRACTION AND PEACE

*Celebrant:* As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and 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 them that 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 consecrated Bread is broken. A sustained period of silence is kept, after which the Celebrant bids the Peace.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

*The Celebrant then kneels to begin the Prayer of Humble Access.*

### HOLY COMMUNION

*All who intend to receive Holy Communion pray together:*

We 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.**

*The Choir sings:*

### AGNUS DEI

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

### AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION WHICH MAY BE SAID BY THOSE NOT RECEIVING

My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

### ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O good Jesu, hear me.  
Within thy wounds hide me.  
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.  
From the malicious enemy defend me.

In the hour of my death call me.  
And bid me come to thee,  
That with thy saints I may praise thee,  
For ever and ever. Amen.

*On this most holy night in which our Lord instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood, it is fitting that the common cup be restored to the People. Accordingly, the Celebrant with the bread will take up the usual position at the chancel step, while those bearing chalices will be stationed to the Celebrant's left and right. If you do not wish to receive from the cup, simply reverence Christ's Real Presence by crossing yourself or bowing as you pass by. As a reminder, the Diocese of Toronto does not permit intinction (dipping the host into the cup).*

*During the distribution of Holy Communion the following Motet is sung:*

#### MOTET

'O sacrum convivium,' *Olivier Messiaen*

O sacred feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed in us, our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Amen.

**HYMN** - Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling  
Refrain: *God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.*

- 1 Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling;  
Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting;  
Let us fear him, yes, and love him, God eternal:  
Loving him, let each love Christ in all his brethren.
- 2 When we Christians gather, members of one Body,  
Let there be in us no discord, but one spirit;  
Banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel:  
Christ, our God, be always present here among us.
- 3 Grant us love's fulfilment, joy with all the blessed  
When we see your face, O Saviour, in its glory;  
Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,  
Be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises.

*UBI CARITAS  
Dom Gregory Murray b1905*

*from the Latin of Maundy Thursday  
Tr J. Quinn b 1919*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O Lord and heavenly Father, we thank thee for feeding us at the supper of thy Son: Sustain us with thy Spirit, we humbly beseech thee, that we may serve thee here on earth, until our joy is complete in heaven and we share the eternal banquet with the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*All remain kneeling while the Blessed Sacrament is carried through the church in procession to the Altar of Repose. During the procession the hymn Pange, lingua is sung, and when the place of reposition is reached, Tantum ergo.*

*Pange, lingua, gloriosi Corporis mysterium.*

- 1 Now, my tongue, the mystery telling  
Of the glorious Body sing,  
And the Blood, all price excelling,  
Which the Gentiles' LORD and King,  
In a Virgin's womb once dwelling,  
Shed for this world's ransoming.
- 2 Given for us, and condescending  
To be born for us below,  
He, with men 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 true bread he maketh  
By his word his Flesh to be;  
Wine his Blood; which whoso taketh  
Must from carnal thoughts be free;  
Faith alone, though sight forsaketh,  
Shows true hearts the mystery.

### Part 2

*Tantum ergo Sacramentum.*

- 5 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.
- 6 Glory let us give, and blessing  
To the Father, and the Son,  
Honour, might, and praise addressing,  
While eternal ages run;  
Ever too his love confessing,  
Who from Both with Both is One. Amen.



- 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfi-ed; they that seek after the Lord shall  
praise him : may your heart live for ev\_er.
- 27 All the ends of the world shall remember, and be turnéd unto the Lord :  
and all the kindreds of the nations shall wor-ship be-fore\_him.
- 28 For the kingdom is the Lord's : and he is the Governor a-mong the na-tions.
- 29 Surely to him shall all the proud of the earth bow down :  
and before him shall kneel all that go down into the dust,  
and he that cannot keep his soul a-live.
- 30 Their posterity shall serve him :  
it shall be told of the Lord unto a generation yet to come.
- 31 And men shall declare his righ-teous-ness :  
unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done\_it.

*Antiphon:*

They part / my garments a-mong them : and cast lots up-on my ves-ture.

*At the conclusion of the psalm the people kneel and the Celebrant prays this Collect.*

Almighty 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.**

### **HYMN 132 – Go to dark Gethsemane**

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,  
Ye that feel the tempter's power,  
Your Redeemer's conflict see,  
Watch with him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from his griefs away,  
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2 Follow to the judgement-hall  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
O the wormwood and the gall!  
O pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
Learn of him to bear the cross.
- 3 Calvary's mournful mountain climb;  
There, adoring at his feet,  
Mark that miracle of time,  
– God's own Sacrifice complete;  
'It is finished,' hear him cry;  
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

*All remain kneeling to share in these concluding devotions, one of which is recited at each of three stations as the Celebrant and assistants withdraw from the sanctuary. Gradually the lights are extinguished.*

*Priest:* On The Mount Of Olives, I prayed to the Father; Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. Thy will be done.

*People:* **Nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt, thy will be done.**

*Priest:* My soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death: tarry ye here and watch with me. Now shall ye see the multitude that shall compass me about. Ye shall flee, but I go to be sacrificed for you.

*People:* **Nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt, thy will be done.**

*Priest:* Behold the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man shall be delivered into the hands of sinners: ye shall flee, but I go to be sacrificed for you.

*People:* **Nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt, thy will be done.**

*Priest:* Lo, we have seen he hath no form or comeliness; there is no beauty in him; he hath borne our sins, and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our iniquities and by his stripes we are healed.

*People:* **Nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt, thy will be done.**

*Priest:* Lying men compassed me about, they scourged me without a cause! But thou, O Lord, my defender, avenge my cause.

*People:* **Nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt, thy will be done.**

*Priest:* For trouble is hard at hand and there is none to help; but thou, O Lord my defender, avenge my cause.

*People:* **Nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt, thy will be done.**

*The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Patron Saint.*

Almighty and everliving God, who for the more confirmation of the faith didst suffer thy holy Apostle Thomas to be doubtful in thy Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in thy sight may never be reproved. Hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. **Amen.**

*All depart in silence.*

## THE WATCH

*The Watch before the Blessed Sacrament begins at once at the Altar of Repose and continues until the Way of the Cross at 11:30 p.m. this evening. The Paschal Triduum continues with the Liturgy of the Passion tomorrow, Good Friday at 11 a.m.*