

7 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY April 14, 2022

TRINITY CHURCH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON





We honor Jesus' charge to "Stay awake and pray" tonight at our Gethsemane Watch, from 9 pm tonight until 11 am tomorrow.



Sign up via the QR code or at trinitychurchboston.org/calendar.

GOOD FRIDAY

Church Open for Prayer Fri., 4/15, 7-11 am; 1-4:30 pm, Church

Good Friday Worship

Fri., 4/15, 12-1 pm*, Church

Good Friday Children's/Youth Activity

Fri., 4/15, 12-1 pm, Commons

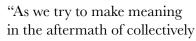
Good Friday Concert

Fri., 4/15, 5:30 pm, Church, Tickets: \$20

PRICE LECTURE

Trauma + Grace on the Emmaus Road A Visit with Serene Jones

Mon., 4/18, 7 pm, via Zoom[†]



experienced traumatic events, what should be the work of the church?" Serene Jones, author of *Trauma* + *Grace* and president of Union Theological Seminary in New York, posed that question in the aftermath of September 11, 2001. Considering the traumas our nation has experienced in the past two years—political, racial, epidemiological—her question is as urgent as ever. Join us for a visit with President Jones, with the readings of Holy Week and Easter still in mind. We'll reflect specifically on the Emmaus Road narrative (Luke 24: 14-33) so consider spending time with that passage before we gather.

Dial in with 1-646-558-8656 and enter Meeting ID: 821 2826 6203.

*Livestreamed to trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship and facebook.com/trinitychurchboston

[†] Join us on Zoom by visiting trinitychurchboston.org/calendar.



MUSIC

Good Friday Concert: Five Centuries of Music for Passiontide

Fri., 4/15, 5:30 pm, Church, Tickets: \$20

The La Farge Ensemble performs Bach's motet 'Jesu, meine Freude' along with various choral works by Monteverdi, Lotti, Burleigh, and others.

In observance of Good Friday, the La Farge Ensemble (composed of a select group of singers from the Trinity Choirs) will perform a variety of choral music set to evoke the drama and emotion of the Passion of Christ. Featuring composers



from 16th century Italy to 21st century Boston, this concert will provide a diverse look at this eternal moment.

This is a ticketed event. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite by scanning the QR code or via the entry at trinitychurchboston.org/ calendar, or at the door.

EASTER SERVICES

Easter Vigil

Sat., 4/16, 5 pm, Church

Easter Day

Sun., 4/17, 8 am, 10 am, * 12 pm, Church

With the church bedecked in signs of new life, we will sing our "Alleluia!" accompanied by brass and timpani, organ and choir, at all services. On the West Porch, we invite all to share in the flowering of the same cross borne into the church on Good Friday. We welcome worshippers to bring a bloom or spray of green from their home windowsills, gardens, and lawns. As we gather indoors, a meaningful time of preludial music will welcome us to prayer, as we celebrate Eucharist and give thanks for the Hope we have received.

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WELCOME



Whether you're new among us or you've been worshiping here for years, we look forward to helping you make a home for faith at Trinity.

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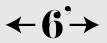
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR



Wear a Mask

Masks can be cloth with filter, surgical, or N95, and must cover the entire nose and mouth.

Bandanas, scarves, and gaiters do not meet the CDC-recommended standard and will not be allowed.



Keep a Pew Apart



Respect Other's Boundaries

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located downstairs in the Undercroft on either side of the Chapel. Stairs are on the left and right sides of the Narthex (entryway). An elevator is located in the Clarendon Street Vestibule.

TOURS

Trinity Church offers self-guided, docent-led, and audio tours. Considered one of ten buildings that changed America, Trinity Church is an architectural masterpiece including its unique collection of stained-glass windows by designers such as Edward Burne-Jones, William Morris, and John La Farge, its murals, wood carvings and more.

We are now open for tours **Tuesday-Saturday** from **10 am-5 pm**, with the last ticket sold at 4:30 pm. The price is \$10. Children younger than 12 are free.

HOURS & INFORMATION

Sunday Wo	rship (see Easter Services on 4.17 in TrinityEvents)						
8 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Morning Prayer last Sunday of the month) indoor, masked*, socially-distanced						
10 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Morning Prayer last Sunday of the month) Includes Children's Homily indoor, masked*, socially-distanced, streaming at trinitychurchboston.org/live-worship and facebook.com/trinitychurchboston						
5 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite II indoor, masked*, socially-distanced						
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Weekday W	/orship at Trinity						
Tuesday/7	Thursday						
8:30 pm	Online Compline join us on Zoom at bit.ly/tcbTTcompline						
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STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATION

Trinity Church in the City of Boston is a congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts and welcomes and honors everyone. In accordance with our baptismal covenant, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We strive to include all persons without regard to sexual orientation, race, nationality, gender, family configuration, ethnic background, economic circumstances, difference in ability, culture, or age. Our love and acceptance of each other embody our commitment to unity with God and each other in Christ. Maundy Thursday, or Holy Thursday, takes its name from the Latin *mandatum*, meaning "commandment." This "mandate" refers to the New Commandment Jesus gave his disciples: to love one another.

Maundy Thursday begins the three day observance called "the Triduum." These three days recall the events of Jesus' Last Supper; crucifixion and death; and Resurrection.

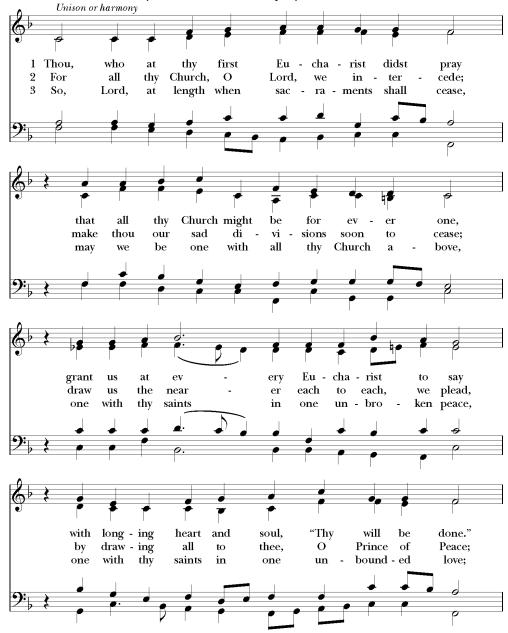
Tonight we hear the story of the Last Supper when Jesus humbles himself and washes his disciples' feet before their Passover meal. In commemoration of this and in response to the New Commandment, we wash one another's feet during this service.

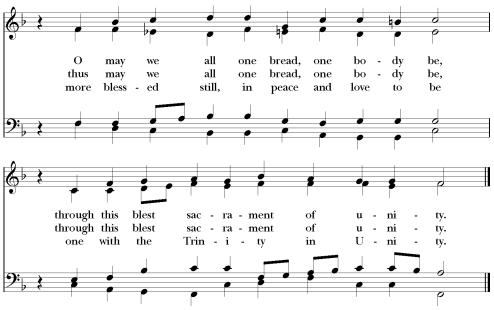
Finally, we will abide Jesus' commission to eat bread and drink wine "in remembrance of [him]," and share Communion before readying for Good Friday with the "stripping of the altar," the removal of church adornments.

GATHERING

Prelude 'Le Banquet Céleste' Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

Hymn 315 'Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray'





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Opening Acclamation

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. God's mercy endures for ever.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose dear Child, 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 service of Maundy Thursday begins on page 274 in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

Worship at Trinity

Please note that our use of the BCP text may vary slightly to incorporate gender-neutral language when appropriate.

When the text of this worship booklet is in **bold**, it is spoken or sung by all.

Though the Presider's posture (standing, sitting, or kneeling) will cue many in the pews, we invite you to participate as you are able and as your piety prefers.

WORD OF GOD

Reading Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

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. 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.

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

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

Antiphon



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.

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How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?
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I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
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I will fulfill my vows to the Lord * in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord * is the death of his servants.

Antiphon

O Lord, I am your servant; * I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving * and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord * in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the Lord's house, * in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Antiphon

Antiphon sung first by the choir and then by all.

Hymn 577 'God is love and where true love is'



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Gospel John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Morgan S. Allen, Rector

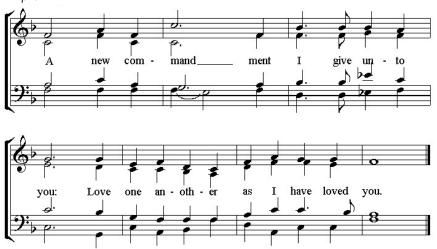
Following the invitation at the conclusion of the sermon, anyone who chooses may come to the stations at the Broadstep and near the vestibules to have their feet washed and to wash another's feet.

Should you prefer to remain seated rather than kneeling for the footwashing, please use the station by the Clarendon Vestibule (pulpit side) where an extra chair will be made available.

The Footwashing

Anthem 'Mandatum Sentences' Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Antiphon



The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet said unto them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that should do as I have done.

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.

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall the world know that you are my disciples:

that you have love for one another. Antiphon

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithtful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

May God be merciful to us and bless us.

Show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

O how good and pleasant it is when brethren live together in unity.

Mercy and truth have met together;

righteousness and peace kissed each other. Antiphon

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. "May they prosper who love you."

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Where true charity and love dwell, God himself is there. Antiphon

Since the love of Christ has joined us in one body, let us all rejoice and be glad now and always.

As we share and love our Lord, the living God, so let us love one another in sincerity and truth. Antiphon

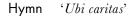
The music for this service is reprinted under OneLicense.net # A-711378. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Anthem 'Tantum ergo sacramentum'

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Tantum ergo sacramentum veneremur cernui: et antiquum documentum novo cedat ritui: Praestet fides supplementum sensuum defectui. Genitori, Genitoque laus et iubilatio, salus, honor, virtus quoque sit et benedictio: Procedenti ab utroque compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Let us venerate so great a sacrament with bowed heads: and let the ancient law yield to the new. May faith supply a supplement for our deficient senses. To the One who generates and to the One who is generated: let there be praise and joy, health, honor, and strength, and blessing; and to the One proceeding from both let there be equal praise. Amen.

TEXT: THOMAS AQUINAS (1225-1274)





Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is there.

Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For the ministry of all the baptized, including Michael, our Presiding Bishop;

Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; and for all ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

Prayer for Peace

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

Confession & Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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.**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

A slight bow with hands crossed over the chest or joined in a prayerful gesture are healthy, loving ways for one to pass the Peace in these times.

Complete the short Welcome Form at trinitychurchboston. org/welcome so we can get



to know you better. You can also scan the QR code to reach the form.

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Anthem 'Drop, drop, slow tears' Robert Graham (1912-1992)

> Drop, drop, slow tears, And bathe those beauteous feet, Which brought from heav'n the news and Prince of peace.

Cease not, wet eyes, His mercies to entreat; To cry for vengeance Sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods Drown all my faults and fears; Nor let his eye See sin, but through my tears.

TEXT: PHINEAS FLETCHER (1582-1650)

The Presentation

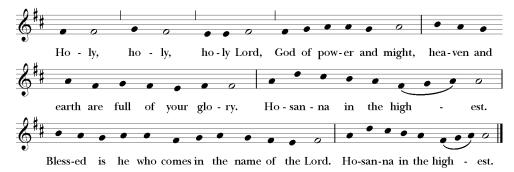
All things come of Thee, O Lord. And of Thine own, have we given Thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, the 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:

Sanctus S-124



All we have and all we are is of God, and everyone has a faithful offering to make. All gifts received today will support Trinity Boston Connects, our partner organization that seeks to heal the traumatic impact of systemic racism in Boston, and to create a more equitable Boston in which youth of color can thrive.

To make a gift online, please click here or use the QR code below to be taken to the secure form on our website.



Alternatively, you may also give in-person via the basket passed during the Offertory.

Eucharistic Prayer A from the Book of Common Prayer, p. 361.

Holy and gracious God: 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, your only and eternal Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator 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 in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and 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 Jesus, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ.

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 chosen, Jesus. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Our Father,

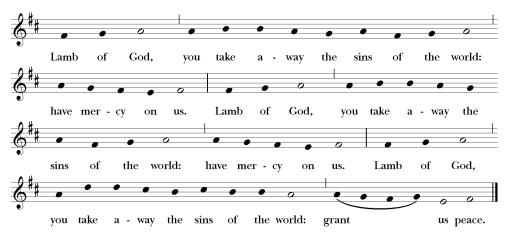
who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S-161



Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

At Trinity Church, we gather at God's Table and welcome all to receive Communion. At this time, we are offering only the bread, in accord with Diocese of Massachusetts guidance. Reception of the bread alone constitutes full Communion in the Episcopal tradition (for more information, see pp.404-409 in the BCP).

To receive the sacrament, come to the altar rail; stand or kneel (as you are able or your piety prefers); and extend your hands, one inside the other. In turn, the priest will place a consecrated wafer in your palms. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please request one from the priest offering Communion. The custom at Trinity Church is to consume the wafer at the altar rail, before returning to your pew.

If instead of the sacrament you prefer to receive a blessing in the name of God, please come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your chest. With that signal, a priest will offer a blessing over your head.

For those who find it easier to remain in their pew, please signal an Usher, and a priest will bring the sacrament to you.

Communion of the People

Anthem 'Ubi caritas'

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

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

Where charity and love are, God is there. Love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice in Him and be glad. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one. Where charity and love are, God is there.

TEXT: LATIN HYMN

Hymn 171 'Go to dark Gethsemane'



Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854) Music: Petra, Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

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 and Reservation of the Sacrament

Hymn 329 'Now, my tongue, the mystery telling'

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Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22

- My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? * and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; * by night as well, but I find no rest.
- Yet you are the Holy One, * enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

Our forefathers put their trust in you; * they trusted, and you delivered them.

They cried out to you and were delivered; * they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

But as for me, I am a worm and no man, * scorned by all and despised by the people.

All who see me laugh me to scorn; * they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

"He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; * let him rescue him, if he delights in him." Sung by the choir to an Anglican Chant by Herbert Howells (1892-1983). Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, * and kept me safe upon my mother's breast. I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; * you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb. Be not far from me, for trouble is near, * and there is none to help. Many young bulls encircle me; * strong bulls of Bashan surround me. They open wide their jaws at me, * like a ravening and a roaring lion. I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; * my heart within my breast is melting wax. My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; * and you have laid me in the dust of the grave. Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; * they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; * they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing. Be not far away, O Lord; * you are my strength; hasten to help me. Save me from the sword, * my life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth, * my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

After the stripping of the altar, all may remain in prayer for a time, before leaving in silence.



The Gethsemane Watch begins via Zoom at 9 pm tonight, and continues in person at 7 am on Friday. To covenant prayer during an hour of the night or early morning, please sign up via the QR Code. The watch concludes at 11 am.

The worship of Holy Week continues tomorrow, on Good Friday, at noon.

