

Welcome to St. John's Church



Dirck Van Baburen, 17th century, Dutch painter

Maundy Thursday

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6:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Opening Hymn # 315 *Thou, Who At Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray*

Unison or harmony

1 Thou, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray
2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;
3 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,

that all thy Church might be for ev - er one,
make thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease;
may we be one with all thy Church a - bove,

grant us at ev - ery Eu - cha - rist to say
draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,
one with thy saints in one un - bro - ken peace,

with long - ing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
one with thy saints in one un - bound - ed love;

O may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 thus may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 more bless - ed still, in peace and love to be

through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 one with the Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.

The people standing, the Celebrant may say

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People ***His mercy endureth for ever.***

The Celebrant says

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.***

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.

The Trisagion S # 102

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,



The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

God be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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 eternal life; the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. ***Amen.***

The Readings

INTRODUCTION: The reading from the Hebrew Bible tells of the meaning of Passover meal: it is a remembrance and reenactment of Israel's beginnings as a people when they were saved from slavery in Egypt by their God.

A Reading from the Scroll of Exodus (12:1-14)

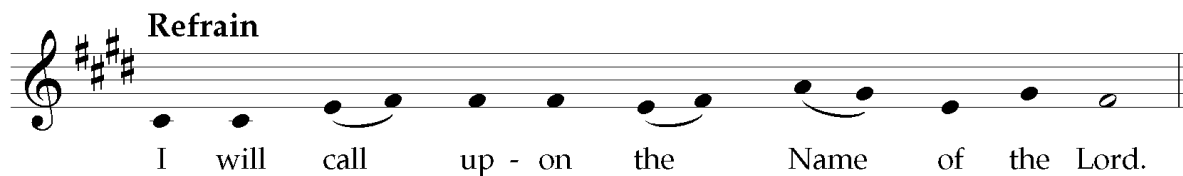
The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a 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. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 116:1, 10-17 *the congregation is invited to join in the Refrain*



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.

INTRODUCTION: In this New Testament reading, Paul recalls the early tradition that he received concerning the supper of the Lord on the night he was betrayed.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (11:23-26)

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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn # 581 *Where Charity And Love Prevail*

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn;
3 For - give we now each o - ther's faults as we our faults con - fess;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease;
5 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells God's be - got - ten Son;

1 brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.
2 let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in re - turn.
3 and let us love each o - ther well in Chris-tian ho - li - ness.
4 be his the glo - ry that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.
5 as mem-bers of his Bo - dy joined we are in him made one.

6 Love can exclude no race or creed
if honored be God's Name;
our common life embraces all
whose Father is the same.

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

INTRODUCTION: Our Gospel this tells how Jesus washed his disciples' feet during his last meal with them.

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. John (14:1-17, 31b-35)**

People **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."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, Rector

When observed, the ceremony of the washing of feet appropriately follows the Gospel and homily. If it is desired to introduce the ceremony of foot-washing by a brief address, the following may be used.

Beloved fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for us by washing the feet of his disciples. It was an act of humble

service. Jesus has taught us all that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, or authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service to one another.

Therefore, I invite you who wish, as we all share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward to allow me to wash your feet, and if you desire to wash someone else's thereafter. I know that this evening's liturgy and the ceremony of washing of the feet is awkward to most, that it is avoided by many, and embarrassing to some, which is the very point, I believe, that Jesus was trying to make. So come forward if you wish, remembering Jesus' 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."

During the ceremony, the following or other suitable anthems may be sung or said

Hymn # 602 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

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

Repeat Chorus



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

In the company of Jesus and in unity with his faithful followers in years past and in our present day, let us offer our prayers responding, "O Lord, have mercy upon us."

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the prayers

+ For the gift of humility, that we may mirror the servanthood of Jesus, bending the knee of our hearts to all whose feet have journeyed a long distance, and whose hands have washed away the burdens of others; let us pray.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ For peace throughout the world, especially in Ukraine and Israel, and all places where the lust for power fosters tyranny and war; let us pray.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ For the courage to face our own unfaithfulness: the kisses of deception, the subtle betrayals, our spiritual sleepiness; that in turning to Christ we may receive the grace that changes lives; let us pray.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ For those who keep watch this night, that in watching they may be found, in seeking they may be filled with the Spirit, and in waiting they may find peace; let us pray.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ For those who keep watch every night: the hungry, the homeless, the fearful, that Christ may find them in their own gardens of Gethsemane and not leave them in despair; let us pray.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ In thanksgiving for this Eucharistic Meal, which gathers us into the fellowship of all the beloved, uniting us with Jesus, whose Divine Presence we now share; let us pray.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

In companionship with Peter, John, James, and all the apostles, let us pause our prayers now so that all may add their own petitions and thanksgivings, either aloud in our midst or silently in their hearts.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of God be always with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences of Scripture.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Anthem *Drop, Drop Slow Tears* Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

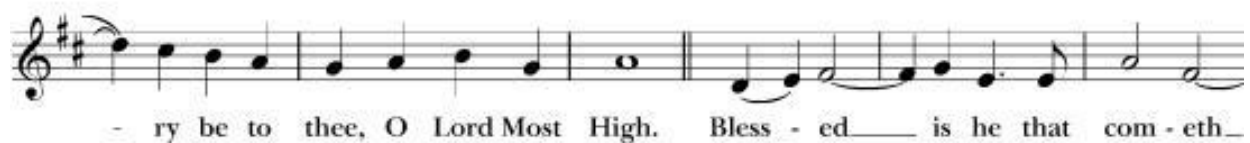
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus

Willan



All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, 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. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; 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 Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Fraction Anthem S # 153 *Christ Our Passover*

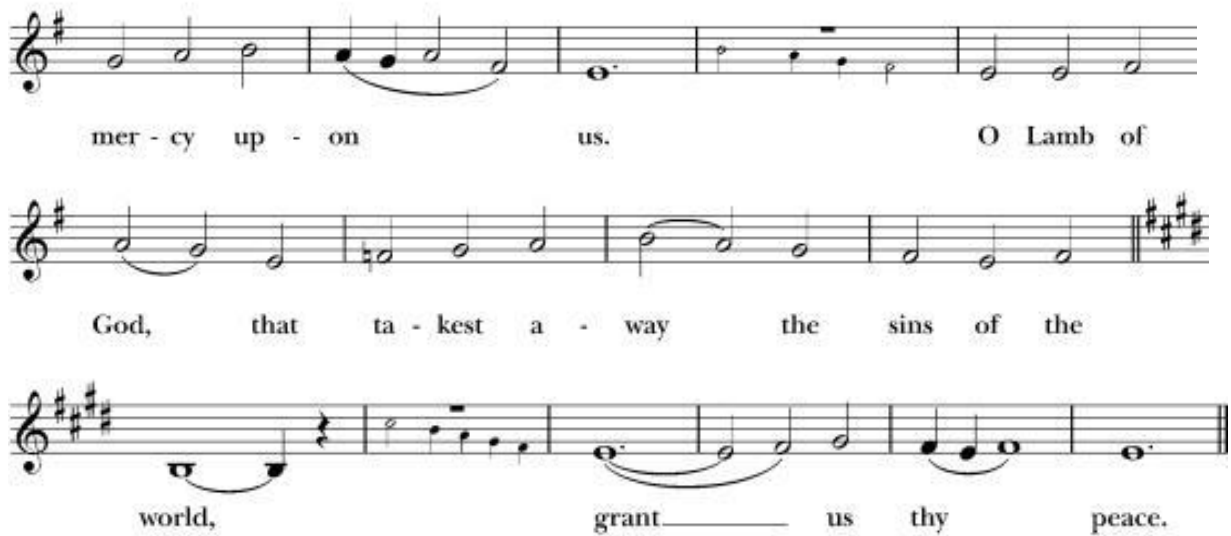
Willan

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There - fore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei

Willan

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



The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

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 we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

Behold 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.

Those wishing to receive Communion should come forward to the Altar rail as directed. The Celebrant will intinct the wafer in the chalice and place the consecrated host in the open hands or upon the tongue of the communicant, as desired.

Gluten free wafers are available. Just ask at the altar rail if you wish one.

If you need to receive Communion in the pews, just let the ushers know

for online worshippers, and for those who for other reasons choose not to receive, here is a Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer our praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest desire that we may always be united to you. And since we are not now receiving you physically, we ask you to come into our hearts spiritually. We embrace you with all the affections of our souls, confident that nothing can ever separate us from the love God, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Communion Hymn # 316

This Is The Hour Of Banquet And Of Song

1 This is the hour of ban-quet and of song;
 2 Too soon we rise; we go our sev-eral ways;
 3 Feast af-ter feast thus comes and pass-es by,

this is the heaven-ly ta-ble spread for me;
 the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
 yet, pass-ing, points to the glad feast a-bove,

here let me feast, and feast-ing, still pro-long the
 the Bread and Wine con-sumed: yet all our days thou
 giv-ing us fore-taste of the fes-tal joy, the

brief, bright hour of fel-low-ship with thee.
 still art here with us—our Shield and Sun.
 Lamb's great mar-riage feast of bliss and love.

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

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 Last Gospel

Matthew 26:40-46

The Stripping of the Altar

All appointments are removed from the Altar, Chancel, and Nave to emphasize the solemnity and starkness of this night. While the Altar is stripped, the cantors sing psalm 22.

Psalm 22 *Deus, Deus meus*

1. *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?*
2. *O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.*
3. *Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.*
4. *Our forefather put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.*
5. *They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.*
6. *But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.*
7. *All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,*
8. *“He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”*
9. *Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.*
10. *I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.*
11. *Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.*
12. *Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.*
13. *They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.*
14. *I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.*
15. *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.*
16. *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.*
17. *They stare and gloat over me; *
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.*
18. *Be not far away, O Lord; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.*

19. *Save me from the sword, **
my life from the power of the dog.
20. *Save me from the lion's mouth, **
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
21. *I will declare your Name to my brethren; **
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
22. *Praise the Lord, you that fear him; **
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel, all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
23. *For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither*
*does he hide his face from them; * but when they cry to him he hears them.*
24. *My praise is of him in the great assembly; **
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
25. *The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him **
“May your heart live for ever!”
26. *All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, **
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
27. *For kingship belongs to the Lord; **
he rules over the nations.
28. *To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; **
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
29. *My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; **
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
30. *They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn **
the saving deeds that he has done.

Congregation departs in silence

The Prayer Vigil at the Lady Altar begins

Worship Ministers Today:

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, *Celebrant and Preacher*

Tom Brand, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Sara Coles, *Reader*

Laura Daly, *VJ and lighting assistant*

MB Witt, *Chalicer*

Sara Coles, MB Witt, Ginny Reynolds, *Altar Guild*