When Jesus reached the place, he said to disciples, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trail." 
—Luke 22:40
### Solemn Watch of the Passion

*Silence on arrival at All Saints Chapel*

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*Communion from the Reserved Sacrament*
During the First Hour

Gospel: John 13:16-31

9:00pm

On the stroke of the hour, the Gospel is read without the customary acclamations before and after the reading.

Jesus said, ‘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. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfil the scripture, “The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.” I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.’

After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, ‘Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.’ The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, ‘Lord, who is it?’ Jesus answered, ‘It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.’

So, when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, ‘Do quickly what you are going to do.’ Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, ‘Buy what we need for the festival’; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.’

Psalm 113

How shall I repay God *
for all the good things done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of God.

I will fulfill my vows to God *
in the presence of all people.

Precious in your sight, O God, *
is the death of your servants.

O God, 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 your holy Name.
I will fulfill my vows to you *
in the presence of all your people,
In the courts of God’s house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

Collect
O God, in Jesus Christ your Onlybegotten and Beloved, you teach us the greatness of true humility, and call us to watch with Christ in the Gethsemane and on the Way of the Cross: grant us the grace to enter into the fellowship of Christ’s sufferings, to love you above all things, and to serve one another with compassion and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

based on a prayer of W. E. Orchard in Prayers for Every Occasion, Frank Colquhoun, editor, p. 69

During the Second Hour

Gospel: John 13:31-38
10:00pm

On the stroke of the hour, the Gospel is read without the customary acclamations before and after the reading.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘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.’

Simon Peter said to him, ‘Lord, where are you going?’ Jesus answered, ‘Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterwards.’ Peter said to him, ‘Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.’ Jesus answered, ‘Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.

Psalm 114

Praise the Lord!! When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

Judah became God’s sanctuary *
and Israel God’s dominion.
The sea beheld it and fled; *  
Jordan turned and went back.
The mountains skipped like rams, *  
and the little hills like young sheep.
What ailed you, O sea, that you fled; *  
O Jordan, that you turned back?
You mountains, that you skipped like rams; *  
you little hills, like young sheep?
Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, *  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Prayer
Lord Jesus Christ, look upon us with those eyes of yours with which you looked upon Peter in Pilate’s Hall: that your loving gaze will seek and find us, and by your understanding glove we may be forgiven and restored; for your tender mercy’s sake. Amen.

Prayer
Prayer based on a prayer of Lancelot Andrewes in Prayers for Every Occasion, Frank Colquhoun, editor, p. 69

During the Third Hour
Gospel: John 14:1-14
11:00pm
On the stroke of the hour, the Gospel is read without the customary acclamations before and after the reading.

Jesus said, ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the
Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Psalm 115

Not to us, O God, not to us,
but to your Name give glory,*
because of your love and because of your faithfulness.
Why should the nations say,*
“Where then is their God?”

Our God is in heaven,*
and whatever God wills to do comes to pass.

Their idols are silver and gold,*
the work of human hands.

They have mouths, but they cannot speak;*
eyes have they, but they cannot see;

They have ears, but they cannot hear;*
noses, but they cannot smell;

They have hands, but they cannot feel;
feet, but they cannot walk;*
they make no sound with their throat.

Those who make them are like them,*
and so are all who put their trust in them.

O Israel, trust in God,*
who is their help and their shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in God,*
who is their help and their shield.

You who fear God, trust in God,*
who is their help and their shield.

God has been mindful of us and will bless us;*
God will bless the house of Israel
and will bless the house of Aaron;

God will bless those who stand in awe,*
both small and great together.

May God increase you more and more,*
you and your children after you.

May you be blest by God,*
the maker of heaven and earth.
The heaven of heavens belongs to God, *
who entrusted the earth to its peoples.

The dead do not praise God, *
nor all those who go down into silence;

But we will bless God, *
from this time forth for evermore.
Praise the Lord!

Prayer
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Look on us and have mercy upon us, we pray: Grant that we who have been redeemed by your most precious blood may for ever more live in your love and grace; for you are alive and reign in the unity of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, one God. Amen.

based on a prayer from the Old Gallican Sacramentary in Prayers for Every Occasion, Frank Colquhoun, editor, p. 70

During the Fourth Hour

Gospel: John 14.15-31 12:00am

On the stroke of the hour, the Gospel is read without the customary acclamations before and after the reading.

Jesus Said, ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’ Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, ‘Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me
say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.” If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.’

Psalm 116:1-9
I love you, O God,  
because you have heard the voice of my supplication, *  
because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I called upon you.  
The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *  
I came to grief and sorrow.  
Then I called upon your holy Name: *  
“O God, I pray you, save my life.”  
Gracious are you and righteous; *  
you are full of compassion.  
You watch over the innocent; *  
I was brought very low, and you helped me.  
Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *  
for God has treated you well.  
For you, O God, have rescued my life from death, *  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of God, *  
in the land of the living.  
I believed, even when I said,  
“I have been brought very low.” *  
In my distress I said, “No one can be trusted.”

Prayer
O Lord Jesus Christ, draw us with cords of love to the foot of your cross: for we have no strength to come and we do not know the way. Only you have the power to save, and nothing can separate us from your love. Bring us home to you for we have gone astray: we have wandered off, come and seek us. Under the shadow of your cross let us live the rest of our lives, for there, and there alone will we be safe; for your tender mercy’s sake. Amen.

based on a prayer by Frederick Temple in Prayers for Every Occasion, Frank Colquhoun, editor, p. 70
During the Fifth Hour

**Gospel: John 15:1-17**

*On the stroke of the hour, the Gospel is read without the customary acclamations before and after the reading.*

Jesus said, ‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

**Psalm 116:10-17**

How shall I repay God *  
for all the good things done for me?  
I will lift up the cup of salvation *  
and call upon the Name of God.  
I will fulfill my vows to God *  
in the presence of all people.  
Precious in your sight, O God, *  
is the death of your servants.

O God, 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 your holy Name.

I will fulfill my vows to you *  
in the presence of all your people,
In the courts of God’s house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!

Prayer
O Christ, the true vine and the source of life, ever giving yourself that the world may live; you have taught us that whoever wants to follow you must be ready to lose their lives for your sake: Grant us so to receive within our souls the power of your eternal sacrifice, that in sharing your cup we may share your glory, and at the last be made perfect in your love. Amen.

based on a prayer from The Kingdom, the Power and the Glory in Prayers for Every Occasion, Frank Colquhoun, editor, p. 69

During the Sixth Hour

Gospel: John 15:18–16:4a

On the stroke of the hour, the Gospel is read without the customary acclamations before and after the reading.

Jesus said, ‘If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, “Servants are not greater than their master.” If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin.

‘Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. It was to fulfil the word that is written in their law, “They hated me without a cause.”

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

‘I have said these things to you to keep you from stumbling. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God. And they will do this because they have not known the Father or me. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.’
Psalm 117

Praise God, all you nations; *
laud the Most High, all you peoples.

For God’s loving-kindness toward us is great; *
God’s faithfulness endures for ever.
Praise the Lord!

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, on the cross you gave yourself for us. Now we desire to give ourselves to you: all that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be. All we ask for in return is your forgiveness, your courage, your love; and then, send us forth in your name and in your service.

Amen. based on a prayer by Allen Warren in Contemporary Parish Prayers, Frank Colquhoun, editor, p. 200

During the Seventh Hour

Gospel: John 16.4b-15

On the stroke of the hour, the Gospel is read without the customary acclamations before and after the reading.

Jesus said, ‘I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Psalm 118:1-9

Give thanks to God who is good, *
whose mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *
“God’s mercy endures for ever.”

Let the house of Aaron now proclaim,
“God’s mercy endures for ever.”
Let those who fear God now proclaim, *
“God’s mercy endures for ever”
I called out in my distress; *
    God answered by setting me free.
The Mighty One is at my side, therefore I will not fear; *
    what can anyone do to me?
God is at my side to help me; *
    I will triumph over those who hate me.
It is better to rely on God *
    than to put any trust in flesh.

Prayer
Almighty God, your prophet of old spoke of a day when you would do a new thing for your people and pour out your Spirit on all alike: empower us in this new age of your Spirit, that your power will cleanse, renew and inspire our lives, and the witness of the Church will fill the earth with your love, touch all people with Christ’s grace and draw women and men everywhere into fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

based on a prayer by Allen Warren in Contemporary Parish Prayers, Frank Colquhoun, editor, p. 66

During the Eighth Hour

Gospel: John 16.16-19, 25-33

4:00am

On the stroke of the hour, the Gospel is read without the customary acclamations before and after the reading.

Jesus said, ‘A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me.’ Then some of his disciples said to one another, ‘What does he mean by saying to us, “A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me”; and “Because I am going to the Father”? They said, ‘What does he mean by this “a little while”? We do not know what he is talking about.’ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, ‘Are you discussing among yourselves what I meant when I said, “A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me”? I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures, but will tell you plainly of the Father. On that day you will ask in my name. I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father.’

His disciples said, ‘Yes, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure of speech! Now we know that you know all things, and do not need to have anyone question you; by this we believe that you came from God.’ Jesus answered them, ‘Do you now believe? The hour is
coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!'

Psalm 118:19-29

All the ungodly encompass me; *
   in the name of God I will repel them.

They hem me in, they hem me in on every side; *
   in the name of God I will repel them.

They swarm about me like bees;
they blaze like a fire of thorns; *
   in the name of God I will repel them.

I was pressed so hard that I almost fell,*
   but God came to my help.

God is my strength and my song *
   and has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory *
   in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Most High has triumphed; *
   the right hand of the Most High is exalted;
   the right hand of the Most High has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live *
   and declare the works of God.

God has punished me sorely, *
   but did not hand me over to death.

Prayer

O God of grace and glory, in you we live and move and have our being; you made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you: in your mercy, grant us to you - hearts of flame, to our sisters and brothers - hearts of love; and to ourselves - hearts of steel; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in glory everlasting. Amen.

based on two prayers of St Augustine in New Parish Prayers, Frank Colquhoun, editor, p. 4, p. 252
**During the Ninth Hour**

**Gospel: John 17.1-19**

*On the stroke of the hour, the Gospel is read without the customary acclamations before and after the reading.*

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

‘And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.’

**Psalm 118:19-29**

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to God.

“This is the gate of the Holy One; *
those who are righteous may enter.”

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is God’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Holy One has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Hosanna, O God, hosanna! *
O Holy One, send us now success.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of God; *
we bless you from the house of God.
God is the Holy One who has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
“You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”
Give thanks to God who is good; *
God’s mercy endures for ever.

Prayer
Remember, most Holy God, the Church for which Jesus Christ prayed on the night before his passion: deliver it from all evil and perfect it in your love; extend the reach of its witness through effective preaching of the Gospel; and gather the faithful from all the ends of the earth into eternal joy of your reign, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Based on a prayer from the Didiache in Prayers for Every Occasion, Frank Colquhoun, editor, p. 313

During the Tenth Hour

**Gospel: John 17:20-26**

On the stroke of the hour, the Gospel is read without the customary acclamations before and after the reading.

Jesus said, ‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’
Psalm 54
Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.
Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.
For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.
Behold, God is my helper; *
it is God who sustains my life.
Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O God, for it is good.
For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

Prayer
Most merciful and gracious God, keep open the door of our hearts that only love may enter them; and keep in your care the door of our lips that only love may speak through them; for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Onlybegotten One, the incarnation of your love and grace. Amen.

Prayer based on a prayer by Frank Colquhoun in New Parish Prayers, Frank Colquhoun, editor, p. 254

During the Eleventh Hour

Gospel of the Watch: Mark 14:53-72

On the stroke of the hour, the Gospel is read without the customary acclamations before and after the reading.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, ‘We heard him say, “I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.”’ But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, ‘Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?’ But he was silent and did not answer.
Again, the high priest asked Jesus, ‘Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?’ Jesus said, ‘I am; and “you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power”, and “coming with the clouds of heaven.” ’

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, ‘Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?’ All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, ‘Prophesy!’ The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, ‘You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.’ But he denied it, saying, ‘I do not know or understand what you are talking about.’ And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, ‘This man is one of them.’ But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, ‘Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.’ But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, ‘I do not know this man you are talking about.’

At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, ‘Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.’ And he broke down and wept.

Prayers

Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross
joy has come to the whole world.

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of God’s countenance to us, and come to us.
Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you.
We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross
joy has come to the whole world.

We adore and glorify you, most holy omnipotent good Lord, that in Christ crucified you reveal that the very essence of your nature is a Love that goes to the uttermost lengths for every human person: for the lost, the lowest and the least; for each and everyone who comes to worship at the foot of the cross; in Christ’s name we pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen

Prayer
Jesus Christ, Onlybegotten of God and mighty Savior, you poured out your life so that we may live, and by your cross you showed the uttermost reach of the forgiving love of God; we give you thanks that through your holy death you have destroyed death and opened to us the gate into life that is abundant, blessed and free.

based on a prayer by Frank Colquhoun in Prayers for All Occasions, Frank Colquhoun, editor, p. 71

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.

The Good Friday liturgy of Communion from the Reserved Sacrament follows at 8:15am.

The Jerusalem Cross and the Good Friday Offering
The Jerusalem Cross is a major symbol used in Christianity, representing Christ’s command to spread the Gospel around the world beginning in Jerusalem. The symbol is composed of 5 crosses; 1 large central cross with 4 smaller crosses in each quadrant. The large central cross represents Christ as the strength at the center of Christianity and the smaller crosses as the 4 corners of the earth to which the faith spread. A cross of this shape was unearthed by a team of American archeologists in the hidden tomb of Baldwin I (c. 1060—April 2, 1118), the first Christian King of Jerusalem, which is why it’s called the Jerusalem Cross.

The Jerusalem Cross is associated with the Good Friday Offering in The Episcopal Church. The tradition of the Good Friday Offering reaches back to 1922 when, in the aftermath of World War I, The Episcopal Church sought to create new relationships with and among the Christians of the Middle East. From these initial efforts, which focused on a combination of relief work and the improvement of ecumenical and Anglican relations, the Good Friday Offering was created.

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