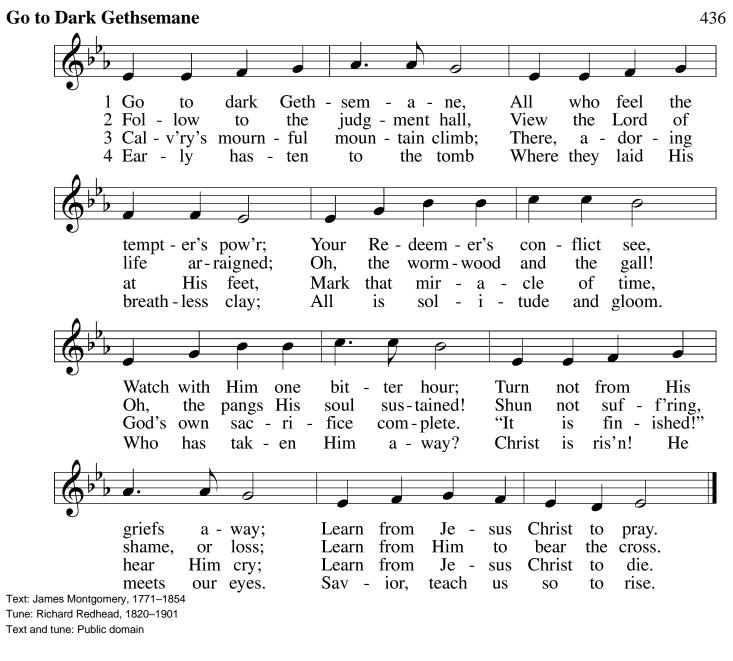
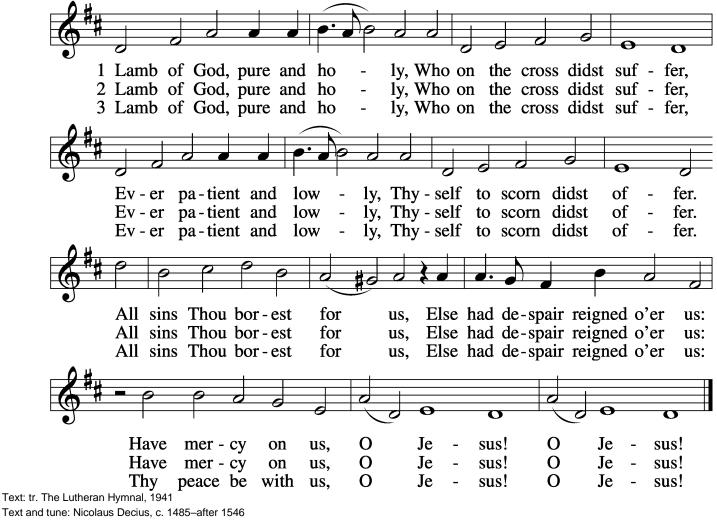
Maundy Thursday - He Remembers



Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy



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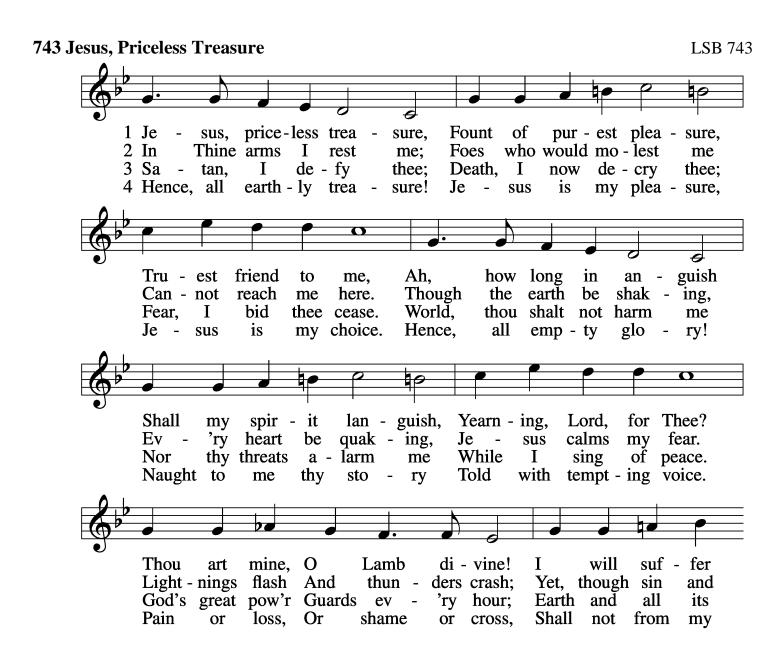
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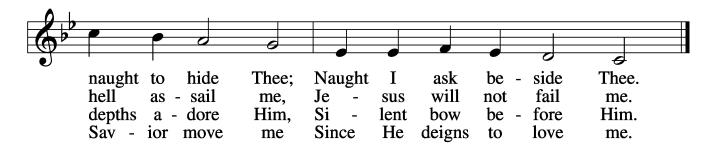
- P Brothers and sisters in Christ, we gather on this night of nights on which the Lord gave to His Holy Supper. Let us humbly draw near to the Lord to remember what He has done for us, and to receive what He gives to us by His Word, both written, and in and under the Bread and Wine. ♦♦♦ Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
- **C** Who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the guilt of my sin.
- **P** With humble hearts, let us pray to our Father:
- C We confess that we have sinned against You. Some of our sins we know the thoughts and words and deeds of which we are ashamed but most of our transgressions are known only to You. Surely we were sinful from birth. In

the Name of Jesus Christ, we beg Your forgiveness. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest securely in You. Amen.

Our Heavenly Father has had mercy upon us children of men, and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgive us all of our sins. I, therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, at the command, and in the stead of my Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all of your sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.





- 5 Evil world, I leave thee; Thou canst not deceive me, Thine appeal is vain.
 Sin that once did blind me, Get thee far behind me, Come not forth again.
 Past thy hour, O pride and pow'r;
 Sinful life, thy bonds I sever, Leave thee now forever.
- 6 Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in. Those who love the Father, Though the storms may gather, Still have peace within. Yea, whate'er I here must bear, Thou art still my purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!
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Responsive Verses

- ▶ Life is in the Blood. So has it been since the beginning. Innocent blood spilled calls forth to God for vengeance. Cain slew his brother Abel.
- **C** "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground!
- **P** Of the flesh of beasts, God has forbidden that we should eat the blood.

C "You shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.

- **P** So important is this that God teaches this many times in His Word.
- **C** "Whoever eats the blood, that person shall be cut off from my people."
- P When the children of Israel were being led out from the land of Egypt, they were protected from the death of the first-born by the blood of an unblemished male lamb washed upon the doors and windows of their homes.
- **C** "The blood shall be sign to you, upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall fall upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt."
- **P** Blood was used in the sacrifices to the Lord in the Wilderness.
- **C** The blood of the bull was sprinkled on the mercy seat, and on the horns of the Altar, to make payment for the sins of the people. Its blood, that is, its life, was a substitute for the death due to the one who brought the sacrifice.
- In the letter to the Hebrews we are taught of the use of blood for reconciliation of God with Man.
- **C** "Indeed, under the Law, almost all is purified by blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins."
- P Blood is still the essence of life. As it was, is now, and it always shall be so. The flesh without blood is only meat.
- **C** We do not have the history of the Hebrew people who understood that life is in the blood. Yet, our Lord Jesus, the Christ, makes it tantamount for us to trust in this truth.
- P The guilt of sin demands payment in blood. Jesus had no sin, yet gave His blood. The sinless died in place of the sinful.
- **C** His life, His blood, was a substitute for the death due to us.
- **P** Even Judas Iscariot knew what he had done.
- **C** "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood!"

Pilate did not want to give Jesus up to be crucified.



- "I am innocent of this man's blood. See to it yourselves!"
- P And yet, Jesus was crucified. The sacred blood of Jesus, the life of God, poured from His pierced side to the earth from the lance of the Roman soldier, and made clean what we had made unclean.
- **C** "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of all of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace." "In Christ Jesus, you who were once far off have been brought near to the throne of grace in the blood of Christ."
- P Jesus, knowing of what was to come, at the Passover Supper He celebrated with His Disciples, gave to them the Cup of His Testament.
- **C** "Drink of it, all of you. This is my blood of the New Covenant, poured out for the Many for the forgiveness of sins."
- P Because the life is in the blood, Jesus bids us to drink of His blood, that His life would be ours.
- **C** We are given the very blood of God to satisfy the thirst of our souls.
- This gift from God brings new life and revived faith to all who trust in the Word of the Lord Jesus. It truly is the blood of Christ for strength to live.
- **C** "Those who eat My flesh and drink My blood abide in Me, and I in them."

Collect for the Day

- P Let us pray. ♦♦♦ O Lord, in this wondrous Holy Supper You have left us a true gift of Your Passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²"This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷"Then 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. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast."

Responsive Verses

- P The Might One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Before Him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around Him..
- **C** The Lord who rules over everything shines forth throughout all the earth.
- P He calls heaven and earth as witnesses to see Him judge His people: "Gather to Me My faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice."



(P) "I do not need bulls from your farms or goats from your flocks; all the animals in the forest are Mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. All the wild birds are Mine, and all things in the fields."

C The Lord who rules over everything shines forth throughout all the earth.

P "Offer to God a sacrifice of, and pay your vows to the Most High. Call on Me in the Day of Trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

C Bring to God's Throne an offering that shows forth your love for Him. Amen.

Epistle Reading

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Verse

C Since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the Blood of Jesus, let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful in all His Word. Bring to God's Throne an offering that shows forth your love for Him.

The Holy Gospel

John 13:1-20

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

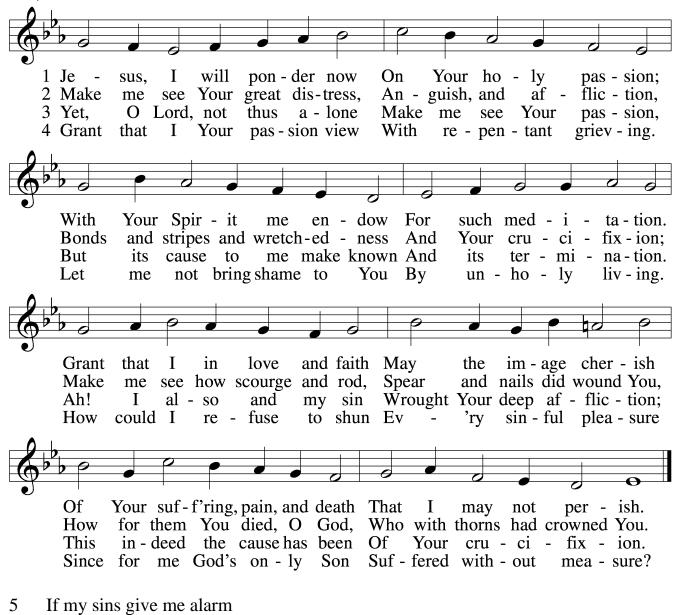
¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher

and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ¹⁸I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' ¹⁹I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

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- And my conscience grieve me,
- Let Your cross my fear disarm;
 - Peace of conscience give me.

Help me see forgiveness won By Your holy passion. If for me He slays His Son, God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew; Help me bear my crosses, Learning humbleness from You, Peace mid pain and losses. May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Savior, That I may in heav'n above Sing Your praise forever.
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Sermon - He Remembers

Nicene Creed

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Offering - Let us thank the Lord with the offering

Prayers of the Church

P Let us pray. ◊◊◊ For all the nations of the world, that all the people might be washed clean by the Blood of the Lamb, let us pray:

C Lord, have mercy.

- **P** For Your body, the church, those who have been washed in the Sacred Blood, that they live in humility, and show forth mercy and life to those who are perishing, let us pray:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For our congregation, that being renewed by the Body and Blood of the Lamb we may have strength to persevere through all tribulation, let us pray:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the spiritually sick, that they repent of their sins, and thereby receive Your Holy Supper for life, and not become guilty of Your blood, let us pray:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- Into your hands, O Lord, we entrust all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **C** Amen.

Preface

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- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

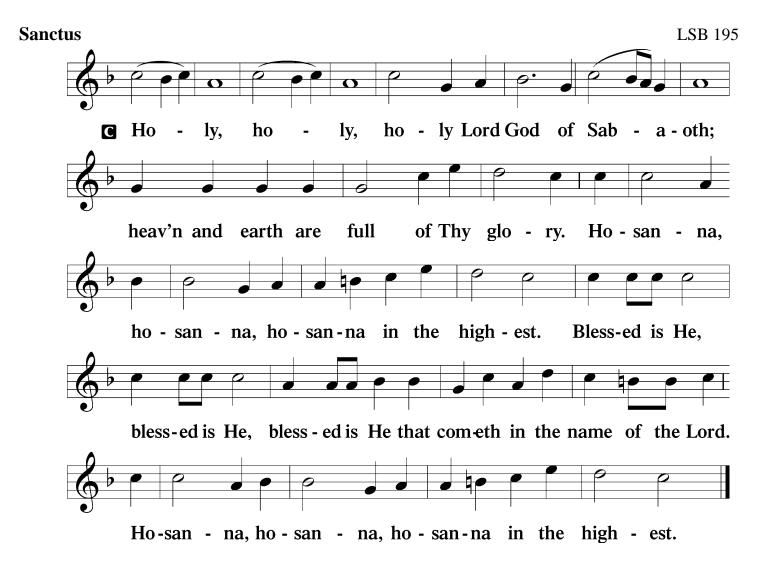
P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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 forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in My Remembrance."

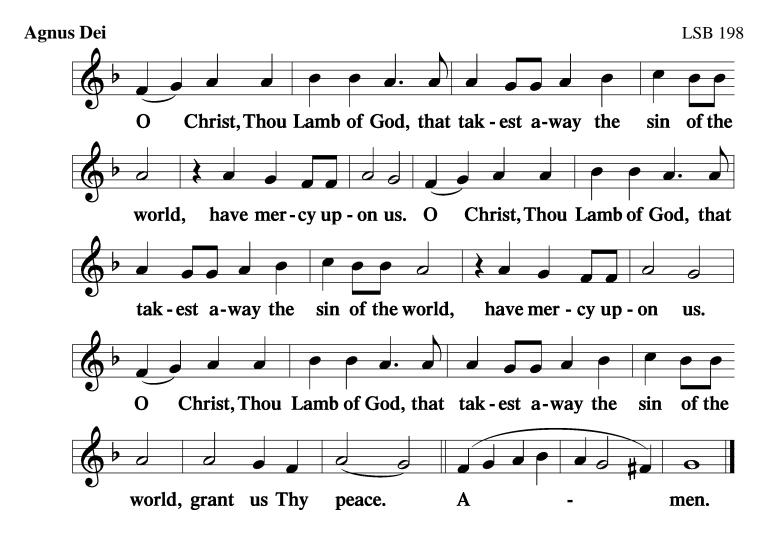
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in My Remembrance."

Proclamation of Christ

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pax Domini

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** Amen.



Distribution in Silence

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Stripping of the Altar

Recitation of Psalm 22 during the Stripping of the Altar

At the conclusion of the Recitation of the Psalm, the congregation exits in silence.

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