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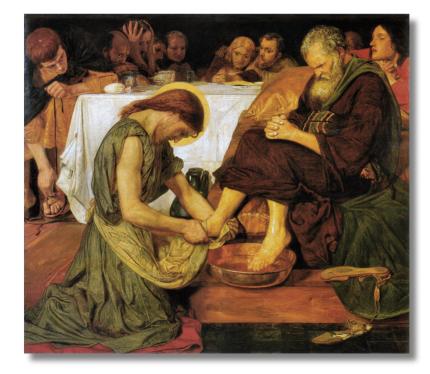
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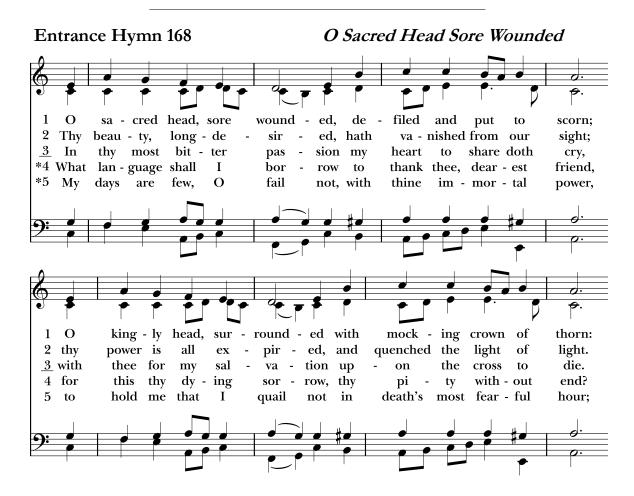
Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist with Mandatum and Stripping of the Altar April 17, 2025 • 7 PM

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# Welcome to St. John's!

If you're visiting us today, we warmly invite you to sign our guest register at the back of the church and share your contact information. This helps us stay connected and share updates about our ministries, events, and opportunities to grow in faith.

We're delighted you've joined us for worship. May the peace of Christ fill your heart and the Word of God inspire you during this time together.





St. John's invites dedicated parishioners to join our mission of fostering a welcoming and supportive community. Heed the call of Our Lord to serve.

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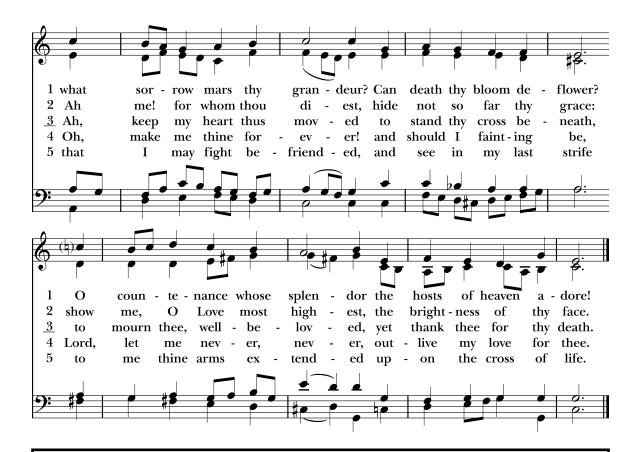
As part of our ongoing commitment to serve those in need, all plate offerings collected from now through Easter Sunday will be directed toward Outreach initiatives at St. John's. Your generous contributions during this time will help extend compassion and care beyond our church walls, making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

This year, the following organizations and programs will benefit from your gifts:

#### World Central Kitchens (for California Wildfires) North Sea Maritime Center for Tupper Boat House Restoration

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Thank you for your continued support and for being a part of our shared mission to love and serve our neighbors during this sacred season.



The Liturgy for this night begins our celebration of the holiest days of the Christian Year. This is the Sacred Triduum, the "Three Days" in which we watch through the final hours of Jesus' life, death and victory over the grave.

In the Triduum liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Great Vigil of Easter, we enter into the Paschal Mystery: through baptism, in hope, we long for our own sin, suffering and dying to be taken up into the heart of the crucified God and transfigured as the source and wellspring of new life. This hope in the redeeming power of the death and resurrection of Christ is not so much a proposition we believe, but a mystery into which we enter by the grace of God whose love is stronger than death. The Liturgy of this first evening of the Sacred Triduum focuses on Jesus' servant mystery and in the institution of the Eucharist. Both are symbols of Jesus' abundant life as life poured out for others.

Celebrant Dect le	Blessed be the God of our salvation;
People	Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.
Celebrant	Lord, have mercy upon us.
People	Christ, have mercy upon us.
Celebrant	Lord, have mercy upon us.

# The Collect

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, 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 Liturgy of the Word

The first reading tells of the institution of the Jewish Passover. Christians understand the death to which Jesus' servant love led him to be a transfiguration of the Jewish Passover in which Christ is now the lamb of sacrifice. Through Christ's sacrifice, of which he is both priest and victim, the mercies of God are opened to us and we are released from the bondage of sin and death, as the ancient Hebrew people were released from bondage in Egypt.

# **Old Testament**

Exodus 12:1-14

A reading from the Book of Exodus

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

- 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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Officiant: "They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing."

The Triduum is suspended here until Noon tomorrow with the office of Good Friday. Please leave silently and reverently.

- 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.

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 LordPeopleThanks be to God.

Following their release from bondage in Egypt, the people of Israel wandered forty years in the wilderness on the way to the promised land. So we, too, journey through the wilderness of our own lives and, like manna for the Israelites of old, God provides the food we need for the journey: the Body and Blood of Christ.

#### Psalm 116:1, 10-17

## Dilexi, quoniam

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. Hallelujah!

The second reading conveys Saint Paul's concern that the first-century Christians share in the Eucharistic meal in a way consistent with Jesus' love towards others.

# New Testament

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

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.

# Gospel Hymn 171





# The Stripping of Altar

The divesting of the chancel area prepares us for the stark sense of loss that we will feel when we return for the Good Friday liturgy: Jesus is lost to us, betrayed and arrested, following where his love for us leads, all the way to the cross.

The liturgy concludes with the reading of Psalm 22. According to the Gospel of Saint Matthew, Jesus called out to God on the cross in the language of this prayer: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Even a sense of abandonment by God was part of the suffering Jesus sustained out of love for us, so that our own suffering might be transformed into love for the world.

The liturgy ends quietly, leaving us with a sense of the desolation and unease as the disciples must have felt after Jesus' arrest. We also do not end clearly because our liturgical enactment of the Paschal Mystery is not over; it continues with the liturgy of Good Friday at Noon.

Officiant: "They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing."

## Psalm 22 Deus, Deus meus

All say together

- 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 forefathers 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.'

People and Celebrant
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. A period of silence is kept.CelebrantChrist our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast.

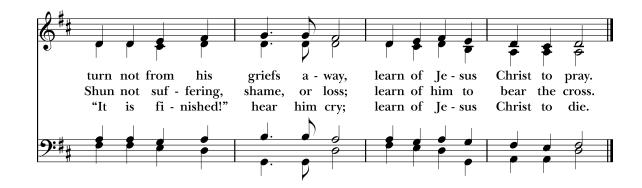
### The Invitation to Communion

*Priest* 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.

This is a celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the Episcopal Church. All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive the real and living presence of Christ in this Holy Communion. To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. Anyone wishing a blessing in lieu of Communion. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms on your chest.

As we eat the consecrated bread and wine, broken and poured out for us as the Body and Blood of Christ, we ourselves become the Body and Blood of Christ, broken and poured out in servant love for the life of the world. As Saint Augustine explained the mystery of the Eucharist: we become what we consume."

The consecrated brand and wine is taken to the Chapel for Reserved use on Good Friday. The Celebrant returns for the stripping of the altar.



Alone amongst the gospels, John provides an account of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper and calling his disciples to do the same. This symbolic act, in which Jesus reverses the role of Master and Servant, underlines the meaning of his life as a ministry of service and reminds us that servant ministry is our call as well. It is this servant ministry into which we enter as we participate in the Eucharistic feast that commemorates Jesus' sacrificial death – the death on which we will focus tomorrow in the Good Friday liturgy.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.PeopleGlory to you, O Lord

## Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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 LordPeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ

# The Sermon

# The Rev. Cn. Richard Visconti

# The Mandatum

The Footwashing is called the Mandatum because it is a symbolic enactment of the Mandatum novum, or the 'New Commandment" that Jesus gave the disciples: 'Just as I have loved you, you should love one another." (John 13:34)

The Mandatum novum has traditionally been used as one of the antiphons introducing the ritual. Mandatum is the Latin root of the old English "Maundy" from which the name for this day is derived. The practice of the Mandatum is at least as old as the 4th century in the churches of North Africa, and probably was practiced much earlier.

Celebrant	The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their
	feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done
	to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."
People	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.
Celebrant	I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.
People	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.
Celebrant	By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love
	or one another.
Celebrant People	<ul> <li>Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you;</li> <li>peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.</li> <li>I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.</li> <li>Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you;</li> <li>peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.</li> <li>By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have loved</li> </ul>

## Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father 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:

Celebrant and People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. 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 Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. 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 Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

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

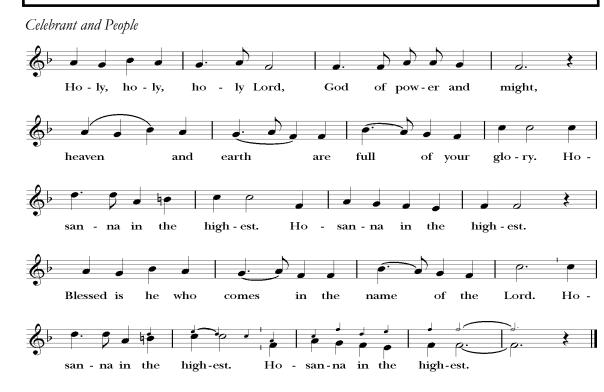
#### The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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.

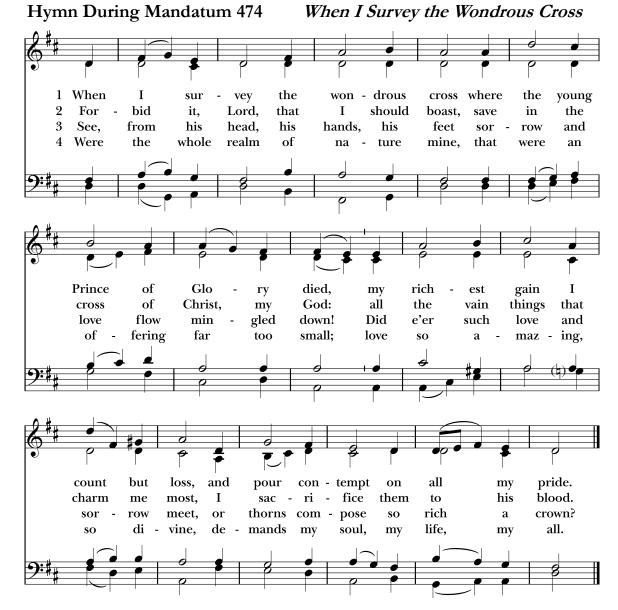
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus (holy, holy, holy Lord ...) is derived from the prophet Isaiah's praise of the holy God in the Temple, and in the shouts of the people as Jesus entered Jerusalem, on the way to fulfilling his destiny.



The people stand or kneel.

"The Eucharist is clearly an act of faith. This body broken and blood shed for human beings encourages us to give our body and blood up to suffering and pain as Christ, not for self, but to bring justice and peace to our people. Let us be intimately united in faith and hope at this moment." Archbishop Oscar Romero



## Prayers of the People

*Officiant:* In the company of Jesus and joining with his faithful followers in years past and in our present day, let us offer our prayers responding, "Christe eleison."

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

#### Christe eleison.

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

#### Christe eleison.

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.

#### Christe eleison.

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.

#### Christe eleison.

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.

#### Christe eleison.

In thanksgiving for this Eucharistic Meal, which gathers us into the fellowship of all the beloved, uniting us.

### We give thanks to you, O Christ.

Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

## Confession

The Celebrant says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

#### Minister and People

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.

#### The Priest, stands and says

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

All Stand

OfficiantThe Peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

All are Seated

Offertory

Ubi Caritas

### All Stand for Doxology

#### Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Table

# The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

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