

Maundy Thursday March 28, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.



I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. John 13:34

THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

The Episcopal Church in Agoura, Oak Park, and Westlake Village

The Rev. Jamie Barnett, Vicar

WELCOME

Visitors: We are delighted you have come to worship with us today! If you are interested in learning more about our church, please fill out the purple information card found in the slot in front of your seat and place it on the collection plate. We are excited to meet you and would love to get to know you!

This booklet contains the full order of service. If you are unfamiliar with our rituals and customs, just be present with us in this ancient liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. The bold type indicates where the people are invited to respond or pray.

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Communion: By tradition, The Episcopal Church offers Holy Communion to all baptized persons. If you are not baptized, but wish to receive, we invite you to participate fully in the opening part of the service, called the Ministry of the Word, hearing God's word and reflecting on your life, enabling you to come to the table for communion, if you so choose, with a heart prepared to receive. We hope that if you feel touched by the word and sacrament and wish to learn more about the life-giving power of the Spirit of the Risen Christ, you will contact The Rev. Jamie Barnett to inquire about participating in Holy Baptism.

Out of consideration for your fellow worshippers, please either turn off or silence your cell phones.

About the Liturgy

Today marks the beginning of the holiest three days in an already holy week. The liturgies of these Paschal Holy Days (sometimes referred to as the Triduum, from the Latin meaning "three days") are in actuality one liturgy beginning with the Maundy Thursday Eucharist, foot washing, and stripping of the altar of all adornment and the placing of the reserve sacrament on the altar of repose in the chapel; continuing on Good Friday; and culminating with the renewal of baptismal vows and the first Eucharist of the resurrection at the Great Vigil of Easter. Once we commence with worship on Maundy Thursday, we are not formally dismissed until Easter Day. The word "maundy" is an English corruption of the Latin mandatum, from the "new commandment" that Jesus gives his disciples after washing their feet. In our remembrance of that event, the clergy and the congregation will wash one another's feet. During the service, extra bread and wine are consecrated; at the stripping of the altar, this "reserved sacrament" is placed on the "altar of repose" in the Chapel. At the end of the service, the people leave in silence or go to the chapel to pray. It is a solemn, sober, and somber night.

[Adapted from the Society of St. John the Evangelist]

The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with footwashing and the stripping of the altar

PRELUDE

Als Jesus Christus in der Nacht, BWV 1108

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750)

"As Jesus Christ in the night in which he was betrayed, deliberately, for our complete salvation did this to redeem us:

"He took the bread in his hand, and broke it with his fingers, looked up to heaven, thanked God, and said to his disciples:

"Take and eat, this is my body, that is given for you, and remember that I remain with you in death and in life."

First three verses of Als Jesus Chrisus in der Nacht

The Word of God

At the sound of the bell, all stand, as able, and singENTRANCE HYMNHymn 577God is love and where true love is

UBI CARITAS (MURRAY)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the presider says

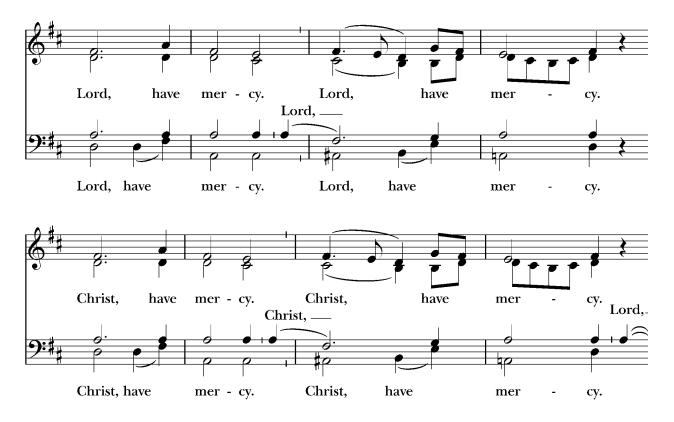
PresiderBless the Lord who forgives all our sins.PeopleGod's mercy endures for ever.

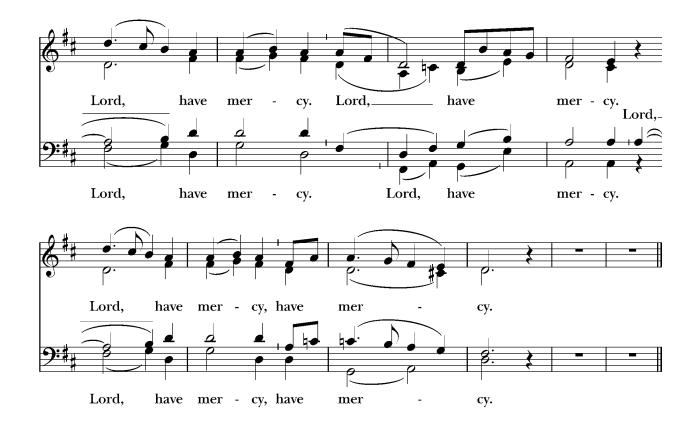
COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SONG OF PRAISE S 96 Lord, have mercy upon us (Schubert/Proulx)





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

PresiderThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Presider Let 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 Lessons

READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

²³I 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand, as able. Hymn 315

Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray

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

All stand.

PresiderThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

¹Now 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I 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, "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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Presider	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

THE BIDDING

The Presider says

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even by miracle, but by such lowly service. We all need to remember his example, but none stand more in need of this reminder than those whom the Lord has called into ministry, lay and ordained. Therefore, I invite you who share in this ministry, the priesthood of all believers, to come forward, that we may together recall whose servant we are by following the example of our Master. And let us remember his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to

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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."

THE MANDATUM

Those desiring to have their feet washed should follow the direction of the ushers. You may choose to have one or both feet washed. After you have had your feet washed, you will change chairs and wash the feet of the next person in line.

ANTHEM AT THE MANDATUM

During the ceremony, the following anthem is said.

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."

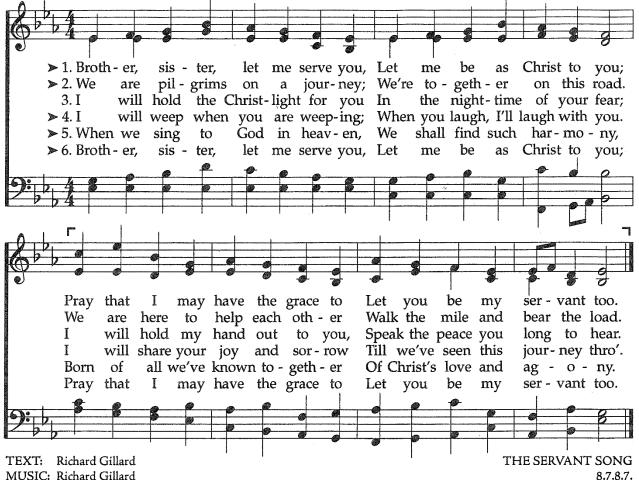
Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

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

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.

By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

HYMN DURING THE FOOTWASHING



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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All stand, as able.

Lord God, you are both host and servant at this meal and in our lives. Teach us, we pray, to follow your example of love, hospitality and service.

In your mercy, Lord, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for your church, broken in many ways. We wait on your guidance and nourishment for our lives, for encouragement and strength for your mission.

In your mercy, Lord, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for our leaders, responsible for shaping our common life, that they may lead us in ways of justice and peace.

In your mercy, Lord, *hear our prayer.*

We pray for those who struggle to find food and shelter tonight, who hunger for peace, who ache for warmth and friendship. Heal broken hearts and spirits. Envelop the sick with your healing embrace. We pray for those who know the pain of betrayal, and for those who face death today.

In your mercy, Lord,

hear our prayer.

We leave this place singing hymns of love. Embed them in our lives that we may teach others to sing. We follow you into the garden, into the unknown, teach us to trust the lessons of this night.

In your mercy, Lord, *hear our prayer. Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Presider 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.	
Presider	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And also with you.

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

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Ma

Maundy Thursday Anthem: Peace is my last gift to you

(sung by the Parish Choir)

Refrain:

"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."

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 so as I have done." *Refrain*

"I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you." *Refrain*

"By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: that you have love for one another." *Refrain*

TEXT: MAUNDY THURSDAY LITURGY, *THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER*, 1979, Adapted from John 13: 12, 15, 34-35 MUSIC: JAY WILCOX (B. 1954)

PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymn 329

Now my tongue, the mystery telling

PANGE LINGUA

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

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

Facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

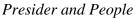
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

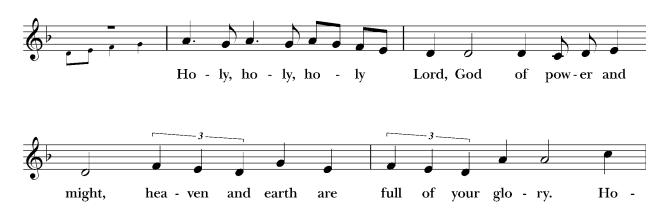
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

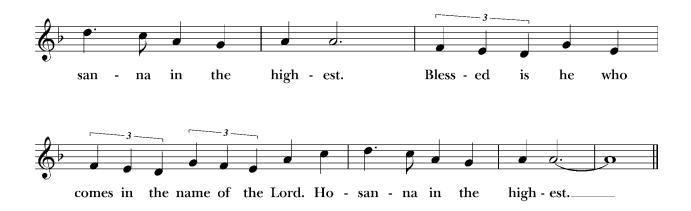
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS S 129 Holy, holy, holy (Powell)







The Presider continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, *We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN*.

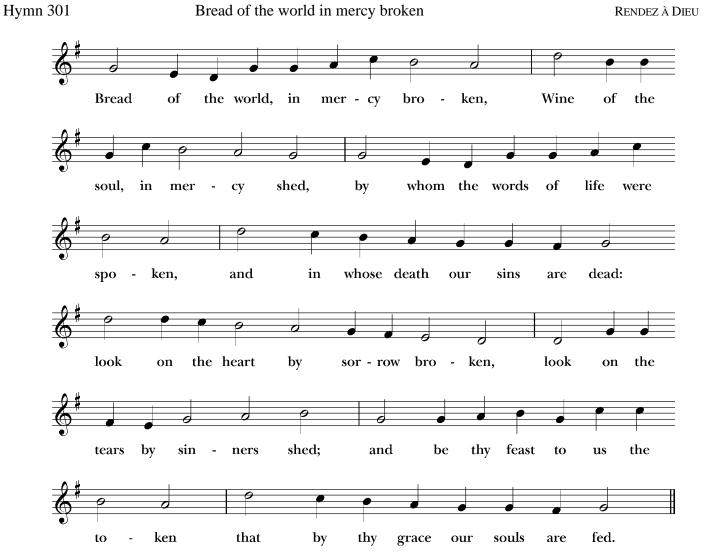
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, in the language of our hearts,

People and Presider

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. Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día, Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. 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. No nos dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM



The Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

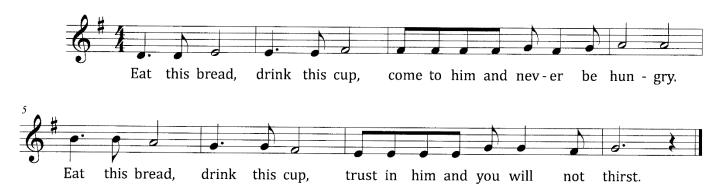
This is Christ's Banquet. It is made ready for those who love God, and for those who want to love God more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have gotten lost. Come, because it is Christ who invites you. All who seek God and desire a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. During the distribution of Communion, we welcome you to receive the sacrament or a prayer of blessing. When you come to the altar rail, you may either stand or kneel.

If you desire to receive the sacrament, please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands. Once you have received it, you may keep it there and the chalice bearer will take it, dip it in the wine and return it to you. If you do not wish to receive the wine, simply consume the wafer and then you may place your hands on the base of the chalice and the chalice bearer will say the words of administration. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the presider.

If you desire to receive a blessing, please cross your hands over your chest at the altar rail.

COMMUNION MUSIC

All are invited to sing



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Presider says Let us pray.

Presider and People God of compassion, through the Passion of your Son, Jesus Christ, you have reconciled your people to yourself. As we walk the way of the cross, following his example of prayer and fasting, may we serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN All kneel (as able) and sing Hymn 171

Go to dark Gethsemane

Petra

The Stripping of the Altar

After Communion, the altar is stripped of all of its trappings, moving us towards Jesus' betrayal and ultimately his death. During the stripping of the altar, the choir sings Psalm 22, words Jesus repeated on the cross: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" There is much to notice here, from the darkness of the space to the emptiness of a bare altar. You may sit or kneel for the remainder of the service.

PSALM 22:1-21 sung by the choir

ANGLICAN CHANT: EDWARD JOHN HOPKINS (1818-1901)

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 head, 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;
10	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;
17	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.

All depart the church in silence.

After the service, all are invited to sit and pray with Jesus in the Chapel of Repose. While we will not have an overnight vigil, the Chapel will remain open for an hour for meditation and prayer.

A Meditation for the Chapel of Repose

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Matthew 26:36-41

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