

*The People of God called to form the Christian Community of...*

# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Huguenot ✧ Staten Island, New York 10312

## Served By

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*Our Parish Family invites all to be active and participating members in every aspect of parish life! We care for each other and want to worship and serve our Lord and one another.*

## † The Eucharist †

### Sunday Masses

Saturday Evening.....	4:00 & 5:30 pm
Sunday.....	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am, 12:30 & 7:00 pm

### Weekday Masses

Monday through Saturday .....	9:00 am
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### Holy Day Masses

Eve of Holyday.....	7:00 pm
	7:00, 9:00 am, 12 Noon & 8:00 pm

**THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** To arrange for a Wedding at Our Lady Star of the Sea, registered parishioners must call the Rectory for an appointment with one of our Priests. A deposit is required to set a date. Marriages are celebrated on Fridays at 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm and continue with Saturdays at 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 2:15 pm, and Sundays at 4:00 pm.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** To register a child, please contact the Religious Education Office as soon as possible. The child's Baptismal certificate (*and Communion certificate if applicable*) is required.

Grades 1 & 2 .....	Wednesday .....	4:00 - 5:30 pm
Grades 3 & 4 .....	Tuesday.....	3:45 - 5:15 pm
Grades 5 & 6 .....	Thursday .....	3:00 - 5:00 pm
Grade 7 .....	Monday .....	3:30 - 5:00 pm
Grade 8 .....	Tuesday .....	3:30 - 5:00 pm
Special Needs.....	Thursday .....	3:30 - 4:00 pm & 4:30 - 5:00 pm

*Evening Classes for Grades 1 - 7 meet Wednesdays  
6:30 to 8:00 pm*

**CHRISTIAN BAPTISM:** Baptisms are celebrated for Registered Parishioners every Sunday at 2:00 pm. To prepare for this Sacrament, parents should plan to attend a **SUNDAY PREPARATION MEETING** on the 2nd or 4th Sunday of the Month at 12:00 Noon in the Pat Damato Meeting Room in the new OLSS Athletic Center. Call the Parish Office for a Baptismal Registration Packet before attending the meeting. New Parishioners must be registered in Parish beforehand. Register in Rectory, Weekdays 10:00 - 4:00 pm. Consult bulletin for Baptism Ceremony dates and Parents' Class dates.

**PRIVATE PRAYER:** The Church is open Monday through Friday from 9-5pm for private prayer. There is no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at this time.

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Saturday after the 9:00 am Mass.

**ANOIDTING OF THE SICK:** Call the rectory to make arrangements. Sacrament is designed for those who are seriously ill, the elderly and the sick who request it.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday, 3:30 to 5:30 pm.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** We welcome new parishioners and ask that they register at the Rectory Monday through Friday, from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

## PARISH INFORMATION

Church .....5411 Amboy Road  
Parish Office.....5371 Amboy Road  
Parish Website... [www.olssparish.org](http://www.olssparish.org)  
Phone ..... 984-0593  
Fax ..... 347-838-6858

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**OLSS WEBCAM:** Available for 11:00 am Mass on Sunday and 9:00 am Masses on weekdays, Monday through Saturday. Go to [www.olssparish.org](http://www.olssparish.org) to view the Mass.

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**FLOCKNOTE:** OLSS is now able to communicate with parishioners by using Flocknote, a text and email based messaging program. You may sign up by either texting "OLSS" to the number "84576", or by going to [www.flocknote.com/OLSS](http://www.flocknote.com/OLSS) and providing your email address. Please sign up in order to receive our Parish Updates!

Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Announced Masses**

**Saturday, March 27**

**4:00PM** Marie Falcone  
**6:00PM** Pasquale & Maria Russino

**Sunday, March 28**

**7:30AM** Mary Sprague  
**9:30AM** Virginia, Harold, & Donald Ennis  
**10:30AM** Albert Petrocelli Sr  
**12:00PM** Robert J. Bauer & Thomas Competello  
**1:30PM** Louis Villiarola  
**7:00PM** Maria Lieggi

**Monday March 29**

**9:00AM** Maria Isabel Pettinelli  
**3PM-9PM** Reconciliation Monday & Confessions continuously

**Tuesday, March 30**

**9:00AM** Nicola & Maria Gentile

**Wednesday, March 31**

**9:00AM** Luciano DiGiallonardo

**Thursday, April 1**

**9:00AM** "Prayers"  
**8:00PM** Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday, April 2**

**9:00AM** "Prayers"  
**3:00PM** Passion of the Lord

**Saturday, April 3**

**9:00AM** "Prayers"  
**8:00PM** Easter Vigil

**Sunday, April 4**

**7:30AM** Deceased Members of the Palmieri & Persichilli Families  
**9:00AM** Robert J. Bauer  
**10:30AM** William J. Donald  
**12:00PM** Tony Fiumefreddo  
**1:30PM** Joe LaRocca



**Pray for the Sick**



Ricia Augusty, John Byrnes, Vincerva Caccano, Korinn Camacho, Edward Canfield, Maria Cangelosi, Donna Cardillo, Patricia Carey, Marcos Castano, Kenzy Coursen, Rocky D., John Dawidoicz, Mary D'Amato, John DeLuca, Salvatore DiStefano, Virginia Duffy, Anthony Focca, Debra Friscia, Nancy Gallo, Mario Garafola, Linda Gibbons, Herbert Gruberger, Michael H., Susan Hanna, Amy M., Lorenzo Marinelli Jr., Maryann Monachino, Steven Morvillo, Santo Nicotra, Alex Ortiz, Elaine Parks, Ann Marie Peterson, Johnny Petillo, Salvatore Piro, Charlie R., Linda & Vincent Ranallo, Alexa Rigney, Emma Rondinelli, Caesar Russo, Tracy, Bill Smith, Elizabeth White, George Kerchhoffer Frank Vassallo

**Please call the Rectory to have a name added to the sick list or to arrange for a home visit.**



**Sincere Condolences**

The Parish Family of Our Lady Star of the Sea offer our sincere condolences to the families of:

Anna Mandrik, Michael Graziuso, Rosemarie DeNorio,  
Edward Munks, Frank P. Lumini



**Banns of Marriage**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Time:** Juliann D'Amato & Frank Semo

**1<sup>st</sup> Time:** Joanne Dambrosi & Vincenzo Scardino

The Sanctuary Lamp  
for the week of  
March 28<sup>th</sup>-April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
In Loving Memory of:  
**Daniel Podvesker**

Donated By: Iannuzzi, Antonello  
& Sarcona Families

**Mass Minister Schedule**

**Lectors –March 27 & 28**

**4:00 PM** – M. Andreola/B. Paccione  
**6:00 PM** – A. Pompei/ M. Pinto  
**7:30AM** – P. Zoltowski/ **Lector Needed**  
**9:00AM** – P. Zoltowski/ **Lector Needed**  
**10:30AM** – C. Messina/ E. Newborn  
**12 NOON** – L. Bauer/ K. Melka  
**1:30PM** — **2 Lectors Needed**  
**7:00PM** – J. Limeri/ **Lector Needed**

**Lectors Holy Thursday- April 1**

**8:00 PM** — J Limeri

**Lectors Good Friday- April 2**

**3:00 PM**—B. Paccione (N)/ E. Newborn (V)

**Sunday collection for the week of 3/14/2021:**

**\$9,705.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:**

**ADNY Catholic Relief Services: \$1,287.00**

**Debt Reduction: \$2,461.50**



**God bless you for your generosity!**

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**Stations of the Cross**

Join us for the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 8PM. It will be live-streamed on our YouTube Page. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed.



# A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

On this Passion Sunday we listen the Passion of the Lord Jesus and so begins the most sacred week of the whole year. We are invited to enter into the merciful heart of Jesus and receive his unconditional love and forgiveness. On Monday from 3PM to 9PM, every church will offer confessions in the Sacrament of Reconciliation to God's faithful. Come Home for Easter. We have had many challenges this year with Pandemic restrictions and last year we could even celebrate Holy Week publically only virtually. May you feel the relief of God's peace after you confess your sins and rejoice this Easter with an abundance of New Life in your soul.

Deacon Carmine Caruso and I have a great love and admiration for Archbishop Fulton Sheen and his deep reflections. When he was alive very often he would preach on the Seven Last Words of Jesus from the pulpit of Saint Agnes Church near Grand Central Station. The street sign beside the church to this day bears his name. Carmine alerted me to the following.

*The sun which warms the plant can under other conditions also wither it. The rain which nourished the flower can under other conditions rot it. The same sun shines upon mud and shines upon wax. It hardens the mud but softens the wax. The difference is not in the sun, but in that upon which it shines. The Divine Life which shines upon the soul that loves Him softens into everlasting life. The same Divine Life which shines upon the slothful soul neglectful of God hardens it into everlasting death.*

*The night of the Last Supper our Blessed Lord told of three effects of the Holy Spirit. One of them was: "He will convict you of sin, because you do not believe in me." How do we know we are sinners? By the Holy Spirit. Not because we break the law. There isn't a driver who hasn't broken the law against speeding. Did you ever lean over your steering wheel and say an act of contrition? Nobody is really sorry for breaking the law, unless he gets caught. The law is for the imperfect. Our blessed Lord relates sin to unbelief. — "Because you did not believe in me." If we did not believe in him, we crucified him. So what is sin? Sin is hurting someone you love. That is sin. That is why the crucifix reminds us of our sin. The life of each and every one of us has been written. The crucifix is my autobiography. The blood is the ink. The nails the pen. The skin the parchment. On every line of that body I can trace my life. In the crown of thorns I can read my pride. In the hands that are dug with nails, I can read avarice and greed. In flesh hanging from him like purple rags, I can read my lust. In feet fettered, I can find the times that I ran away and would not let him follow. Any sin that you can think of is written there. This is what the Spirit does for me.*

*Crucified with Jesus were two thieves or revolutionaries. Why thieves? Because we are all thieves. We have all, as the prophet Malachi said, cheated God. We cheat him in our lives; we cheat him in our worship; we cheat him in our relationships with one another. So he is repudiated with the wicked. And this is the symbol of the last judgment, because when the Lord comes on the last day, they will be separated and divided, the wheat from the tares, the sheep and the goats, the good fish and the bad.*

*Note that we are all sinners, as the two revolutionaries, or thieves, were both sinners. They both blasphemed when they began. There was no difference between them. Then one of them responded to grace, and the other interpreted the power of God as doing something good for himself, and so he said, "If you're the Son of God, save yourself and save us." That's all God is for. What would he have done with his life had it been given to him? He would have gone on with the dirty business of thieving. So on the last day there will be the good and the bad. This is judgment in its prologue.*

*The two thieves judged themselves. The one asked to be taken down, the other asked to be taken up. There was something material in the soul of the one on the right that responded to that intercessory prayer of our Lord. "Father, forgive." Then there came the conviction of sin. This thief on the right said to his brother thief on the other side, "We are suffering justly for our sins. This man has done no wrong." And then he asked only to be remembered: "Remember me when you come into your kingdom." Kingdom? In the whole gospel is there any faith comparable to that of this man. Here he looks upon what is seemingly a condemned criminal—and so he spoke to him at the beginning—and he sees a crown of thorns as a royal diadem. The nail in his hand is his scepter. The blood is his royal purple. The crucifixion is his installation and coronation. And he asks to be remembered. The Lord replied. "This day thou shalt be with me in paradise". On the day we die we go to Christ. "This day thou shalt be with me in paradise. I always wondered why our Lord needed to say: "in paradise", because to be with him is paradise. The thief died a thief, for he stole paradise. And paradise can be stolen again.*

I pray that these reflections will be good fruit this Holy Week and fill you with an abundance of Grace this Eastertide. Thank you for all your prayers.

*Father Tom Devery*

# PARISH NEWS

## 2021 Masses

If you would like to dedicate a Mass in memory of a deceased loved one, there is still availability. Please come in to the Rectory.

## OLSS Baptism Preparation Policy

All parish families preparing for the Baptism of their child must attend the OLSS Baptismal Class. Please contact the Rectory Mon-Fri 10-4 to obtain a Baptism Registration Packet. **Baptismal Ceremonies occur every Sunday at 2 PM Baptismal Class Dates for Parents will occur every other Sunday at 12 NOON via Zoom.** Please contact the rectory for class information. *PLEASE NOTE: Registration forms MUST be turned in to the Rectory prior to attending the Baptismal Class. Dates for Baptisms are not guaranteed until the required documents are turned into the Rectory and the date is confirmed by rectory staff.*

## Sponsor Certificates

Certificates attesting to the fact that an OLSS parishioner is a practicing Catholic are often required when they are asked to sponsor someone at the time of Baptism or Confirmation. These certificates may only be obtained at the rectory. **Registered parishioners can receive a sponsor certificate from the Rectory, Mon-Fri from 10AM-4PM. Please have your parish envelope number available.**

## RCIA – Come Experience God's Love

Are you interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church? Were you baptized Catholic as a child, but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? If so, then RCIA is for you. RCIA is a journey of exploration and initiation into the Catholic Church. RCIA is a fun, safe, faith-building discovery of Jesus Christ and the Church he loves. The Catholic Church welcomes you. For more information, please contact Joe Limeri at [jlimeri@aol.com](mailto:jlimeri@aol.com) or 646-541-9757 or call the Parish Office, 718-984-0593.

## PRE-CANA CLASSES

The Archdiocese of New York Family Life Office is offering Virtual Pre Cana Classes on April 10th & 24th from 10:00am-2:30pm. To register see link:

<https://marriageprep.nyfamilylife.org/home.aspx?pagename=PreCanaPurchase>

## LENT 2021

**Fast & Abstinence:** The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 19-59. The Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat from 14 years onward.

**Confession:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is held EVERY Saturday from 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

**Stations of the Cross:** Stations are held every Friday at 8 PM during Lent. It will be live-streamed on our YouTube Page. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed.

## +HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE+

### Palm Sunday, March 28

Masses: Saturday, March 27

4:00 P.M. & 6:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 28

7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M.,

12 Noon, 1:30 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.

**Due to Covid-19, we will not be distributing Palms.**

### Reconciliation Monday, March 29

9:00 A.M. – Mass

3:00 P.M.- 9:00 P.M. - Reconciliation Monday (Confessions will be heard continuously from 3:00 P.M.- 9:00 P.M.)

Tuesday, March 30

9:00 A.M. – Mass

Wednesday, March 31

9:00 A.M. – Mass

### Paschal Triduum

#### Holy Thursday, April 1

9:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer

8:00 P.M. – Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### Good Friday, April 2

9:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer

3:00 P.M. – Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Communion)

8:00 P.M. – Stations of the Cross

#### Holy Saturday, April 3

9:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer

8:00 P.M.

### EASTER VIGIL – PRINCIPAL EASTER MASS

#### Easter Sunday, April 4

Masses:

7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M.,

12 Noon & 1:30 P.M.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**THERE WILL BE NO 7:00 P.M. MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY**

**ALL SERVICES & MASSES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED**

**REMINDER: GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT!**

(Additional parking available in the municipal lot on Huguenot Avenue.)

**Please do not park in the TD Bank parking lot.**

# CARDINAL'S APPEAL

Our Lady Star of the Sea is part of a whole interconnected network of parish life, education and Catholic Charities. The 2021 Cardinal's Appeal is part of our Lenten sacrifice to help our church in it's mission to serve God's faithful people. While we are invited to pray, fast and give alms: this is one way in which we can help serve the Lord with your sacrifice. Be a part of our mission to bring about the Kingdom of God.

*Fr. Tom Devery*

## The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

If you have not yet done so and would like to make a pledge to the Appeal, please fill out this form, cut it out and put it in the collection basket, drop it off at the Rectory or mail it to:

**The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal**  
1011 First Ave.  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor Donor Database Center

**(212) 371-1011 Ext. 3300**

Suggested total pledge:	5 Monthly Payments of:
\$5,000	\$1,000
\$2,500	\$500
\$1,000	\$200
\$500	\$100
\$250	\$50

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Personal check payable to: The Cardinal's Appeal

Credit Card (complete below): American Exp – Visa – MasterCard

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amt \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge:

One Time Amt of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ OR \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each month for \_\_\_\_\_ months.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2021 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal: COVID-19 Relief



Few organizations were as well-equipped to respond to the needs of the community at the peak of the pandemic as the Catholic Church, but the work is far from over. We serve not only the faithful from Staten Island to Sullivan county, but all who approach our church doors in their time of need with spiritual, physical, and medical support.

**Visit [www.cardinalsappeal.org/donate](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org/donate)  
to make your gift today!**

**WHATEVER YOU DID FOR THE LEAST  
OF MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS,  
YOU DID FOR ME.**

MATTHEW 25:40



**the CARDINAL'S  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**  
*Sharing God's Gifts Throughout  
the Archdiocese of New York*

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# READINGS AND RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

## First Reading

The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me scoff at me;  
they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:  
“He relied on the Lord; let him deliver him,  
let him rescue him if he loves him.”

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

Indeed, many dogs surround me,  
a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;  
they have pierced my hands and my feet;  
I can count all my bones.

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

They divide my garments among them,  
and for my venture they cast lots.  
But you, O Lord, be not far from me;  
O my help, hasten to aid me.

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

I will proclaim your name to my brethren;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:  
“You who fear the Lord, praise him;  
all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;  
revere him, all you descendants of Israel!”

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

## Second Reading

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Please Follow Along with**  
**the Passion Starting on**  
**Page 9 of the Bulletin!**



# THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

## **Entrance: All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

1-3.

All glory, laud, and honor

To you, Redeemer King!

To whom the lips of children

Made sweet hosannas ring.

1. You are the King of Israel,

And David's royal Son,

Now in the Lord's Name coming,

Our King and Blessed One.

2. The company of angels

Are praising you on high;

And mortal, joined with all things

Created, make reply.

3. The people of the Hebrews

With palms before you went:

Our praise and prayers and anthems

Before you we present.

## **Preparation: Ubi Caritas**

**Refrain:**

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

1. We gather together in the love of Christ; let each one be glad in him and rejoice.

Our God is alive, the God of love is near; so love one another with a heart sincere.

2. We, the many, become one body as the Spirit binds, and we seek to be one in Christ and one in heart and mind.

Let all quarrels, all division, all our conflict cease; then will Christ truly dwell among us as our Lord of Peace.

3. Then, joined with the blessed, filled with hope and grace, dear Lord, in great glory may we see your face.

Our joy none can measure, joy that knows no end, resounding from endless age to age. Amen.

## **Communion #1: Now We Remain**

**Refrain:**

We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts.

Living, now we remain with Jesus, the Christ.

1. Once we were people afraid, lost in the night.

Then by your cross we were saved; dead became living, life from your giving.

2. Something which we have known, something we've touched, what we have seen with our eyes: this we have heard; life giving Word.

3. He chose to give of himself, became our bread.

Broken that we might live. Love beyond love, pain for our pain.

4. We are the presence of God; this is our call. Now to become bread and wine: food for the hungry, life for the weary, for to live with the Lord, we must die with the Lord.

## **Communion #2: O Sacred Head**

1. O Sacred Head surrounded by crown of piercing thorn! O bleeding Head, so wounded, reviled and put to scorn!

2. No comeliness or beauty your wounded face betrays. Yet Angel hosts adore you and tremble as they gaze.

3. My sister rendered voiceless, demeaned and still in chains, my brother still exploited, images of your pain.

4. Life giving love, empower us with courage bold and true to walk the grounds of justice, and bear the cross with you.



## **PALM SUNDAY, PASSION "B"**

### **THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK**

LONGER FORM

14:1—15:47

**N** The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**N** The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread  
were to take place in two days' time.

So the chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way  
to arrest him by treachery and put him to death.  
They said,

**C** *"Not during the festival,  
for fear that there may be a riot among the people."*

**N** When he was in Bethany reclining at table  
in the house of Simon the leper,  
a woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil,  
costly genuine spikenard.  
She broke the alabaster jar and poured it on his head.  
There were some who were indignant.

**C** *"Why has there been this waste of perfumed oil?  
It could have been sold for more than three hundred days'  
wages  
and the money given to the poor."*

**N** They were infuriated with her.  
Jesus said,

**✠** *"Let her alone.  
Why do you make trouble for her?  
She has done a good thing for me.  
The poor you will always have with you,  
and whenever you wish you can do good to them,  
but you will not always have me.  
She has done what she could.  
She has anticipated anointing my body for burial.*

**Amen, I say to you,  
wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world,  
what she has done will be told in memory of her."**

- N** Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve,  
went off to the chief priests to hand him over to them.  
When they heard him they were pleased and promised to  
pay him money.

Then he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread,  
when they sacrificed the Passover lamb,  
his disciples said to him,

- ☐** *"Where do you want us to go  
and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"*

- N** He sent two of his disciples and said to them,

- ✠** *"Go into the city and a man will meet you,  
carrying a jar of water.  
Follow him.*

*Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house,  
'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room  
where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"'  
Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and  
ready.*

**Make the preparations for us there."**

- N** The disciples then went off, entered the city,  
and found it just as he had told them;  
and they prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he came with the Twelve.  
And as they reclined at table and were eating, Jesus said,

- ✠** *"Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me,  
one who is eating with me."*

- N** They began to be distressed and to say to him, one by one,

- V** *"Surely it is not I?"*
-

N He said to them,

✠ **"One of the Twelve, the one who dips with me into the dish.  
For the Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him,  
but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed.  
It would be better for that man if he had never been born."**

N While they were eating,  
he took bread, said the blessing,  
broke it, and gave it to them, and said,

✠ **"Take it; this is my body."**

N Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them,  
and they all drank from it.  
He said to them,

✠ **"This is my blood of the covenant,  
which will be shed for many.  
Amen, I say to you,  
I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine  
until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."**

N Then, after singing a hymn,  
they went out to the Mount of Olives.  
Then Jesus said to them,

✠ **"All of you will have your faith shaken, for it is written:  
*I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep will be dispersed.*  
But after I have been raised up,  
I shall go before you to Galilee."**

N Peter said to him,

V *"Even though all should have their faith shaken,  
mine will not be."*

N Then Jesus said to him,

✠ **"Amen, I say to you,  
this very night before the cock crows twice  
you will deny me three times."**

N But he vehemently replied,

V *"Even though I should have to die with you,  
I will not deny you."*

N And they all spoke similarly.

Then they came to a place named Gethsemane,  
and he said to his disciples,

✠ **"Sit here while I pray."**

N He took with him Peter, James, and John,  
and began to be troubled and distressed.  
Then he said to them,

✠ **"My soul is sorrowful even to death.  
Remain here and keep watch."**

N He advanced a little and fell to the ground and prayed  
that if it were possible the hour might pass by him;  
he said,

✠ **"Abba, Father, all things are possible to you.  
Take this cup away from me,  
but not what I will but what you will."**

N When he returned he found them asleep.  
He said to Peter,

✠ **"Simon, are you asleep?  
Could you not keep watch for one hour?  
Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test.  
The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak."**

N Withdrawing again, he prayed, saying the same thing.  
Then he returned once more and found them asleep,  
for they could not keep their eyes open  
and did not know what to answer him.  
He returned a third time and said to them,



✠ **"Are you still sleeping and taking your rest?  
It is enough. The hour has come.  
Behold, the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners.  
Get up, let us go.  
See, my betrayer is at hand."**

N Then, while he was still speaking,  
Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived,  
accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs  
who had come from the chief priests,  
the scribes, and the elders.  
His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying,

V *"The man I shall kiss is the one;  
arrest him and lead him away securely."*

N He came and immediately went over to him and said,

V *"Rabbi."*

N And he kissed him.  
At this they laid hands on him and arrested him.  
One of the bystanders drew his sword,  
struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear.  
Jesus said to them in reply,

✠ **"Have you come out as against a robber,  
with swords and clubs, to seize me?  
Day after day I was with you teaching in the temple area,  
yet you did not arrest me;  
but that the Scriptures may be fulfilled."**

N And they all left him and fled.  
Now a young man followed him  
wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body.  
They seized him,  
but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked.

They led Jesus away to the high priest,  
and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes  
came together.

Peter followed him at a distance into the high priest's courtyard  
and was seated with the guards, warming himself at the fire.  
The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin  
kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus  
in order to put him to death, but they found none.  
Many gave false witness against him,  
but their testimony did not agree.  
Some took the stand and testified falsely against him,  
alleging,

**C** *"We heard him say,  
I will destroy this temple made with hands  
and within three days I will build another  
not made with hands."*

**N** Even so their testimony did not agree.  
The high priest rose before the assembly and questioned  
Jesus, saying,

**V** *"Have you no answer?  
What are these men testifying against you?"*

**N** But he was silent and answered nothing.  
Again the high priest asked him and said to him,

**V** *"Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed One?"*

**N** Then Jesus answered,

**✠** *"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.'"*

**N** At that the high priest tore his garments and said,

**V** *"What further need have we of witnesses?  
You have heard the blasphemy.  
What do you think?"*

N They all condemned him as deserving to die.  
Some began to spit on him.  
They blindfolded him and struck him and said to him,

C *"Prophecy!"*

N And the guards greeted him with blows.

While Peter was below in the courtyard,  
one of the high priest's maids came along.  
Seeing Peter warming himself,  
she looked intently at him and said,

C *"You too were with the Nazorean, Jesus."*

N But he denied it saying,

V *"I neither know nor understand what you are talking about."*

N So he went out into the outer court.  
Then the cock crowed.

The maid saw him and began again to say to the  
bystanders,

C *"This man is one of them."*

N Once again he denied it.

A little later the bystanders said to Peter once more,

C *"Surely you are one of them; for you too are a Galilean."*

N He began to curse and to swear,

V *"I do not know this man about whom you are talking."*

N And immediately a cock crowed a second time.

Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had said to  
him,

*"Before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times."*  
He broke down and wept.

As soon as morning came,  
the chief priests with the elders and the scribes,

that is, the whole Sanhedrin, held a council.  
They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him,

V *"Are you the king of the Jews?"*

N He said to him in reply,

✠ *"You say so."*

N The chief priests accused him of many things.  
Again Pilate questioned him,

V *"Have you no answer?  
See how many things they accuse you of."*

N Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested.

A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion.

The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed.

Pilate answered,

V *"Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?"*

N For he knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate again said to them in reply,

V *"Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?"*

N They shouted again,

☐ *"Crucify him."*

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N Pilate said to them,

V *"Why? What evil has he done?"*

N They only shouted the louder,

C *"Crucify him."*

N So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd,  
released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus  
scourged,  
handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away inside the palace,  
that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort.  
They clothed him in purple and,  
weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him.  
They began to salute him with,

C *"Hail, King of the Jews!"*

N and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon  
him.

They knelt before him in homage.  
And when they had mocked him,  
they stripped him of the purple cloak,  
dressed him in his own clothes,  
and led him out to crucify him.

They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon,  
a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country,  
the father of Alexander and Rufus,  
to carry his cross.

They brought him to the place of Golgotha  
—which is translated Place of the Skull—.  
They gave him wine drugged with myrrh,  
but he did not take it.  
Then they crucified him and divided his garments  
by casting lots for them to see what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him.  
The inscription of the charge against him read,  
"The King of the Jews."

With him they crucified two revolutionaries,  
one on his right and one on his left.  
Those passing by reviled him,  
shaking their heads and saying,

☐ *"Aha! You who would destroy the temple  
and rebuild it in three days,  
save yourself by coming down from the cross."*

N Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes,  
mocked him among themselves and said,

☐ *"He saved others; he cannot save himself.  
Let the Christ, the King of Israel,  
come down now from the cross  
that we may see and believe."*

N Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him.

At noon darkness came over the whole land  
until three in the afternoon.

And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

✠ *"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"*

N which is translated,

✠ *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

N Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

☐ *"Look, he is calling Elijah."*

N One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a  
reed

and gave it to him to drink, saying,

V *"Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down."*

N Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

N The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom.

When the centurion who stood facing him  
saw how he breathed his last he said,

V *"Truly this man was the Son of God!"*

N There were also women looking on from a distance.  
Among them were Mary Magdalene,  
Mary the mother of the younger James and of Joses, and  
Salome.

These women had followed him when he was in Galilee  
and ministered to him.

There were also many other women  
who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When it was already evening,  
since it was the day of preparation,  
the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea,  
a distinguished member of the council,  
who was himself awaiting the kingdom of God,  
came and courageously went to Pilate  
and asked for the body of Jesus.

Pilate was amazed that he was already dead.

He summoned the centurion  
and asked him if Jesus had already died.

And when he learned of it from the centurion,  
he gave the body to Joseph.

Having bought a linen cloth, he took him down,  
wrapped him in the linen cloth,

and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock.

Then he rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb.

Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses  
watched where he was laid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

