

When we expect pain and hatred, please give us the strength to endure life's challenges. Open our eyes to see the life-giving gifts of Jesus so that we no longer shield our hearts from the pain the world brings. Like Peter before us, meet us in our weakness when we walk away, deny love, or fail to receive the meal of our Lord. Amen.

STRIPPING THE SANCTUARY (*Silence, please*)

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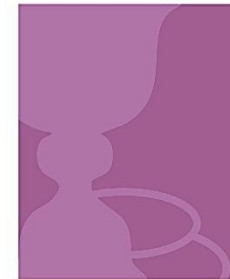
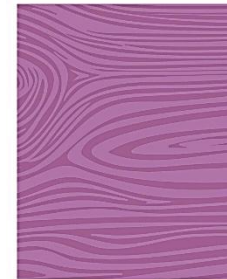
Luke 22:39-46

³⁹ Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." ⁴¹ He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, ⁴² "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." ⁴³ An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. ⁴⁴ And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. ⁴⁵ When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. ⁴⁶ "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

Go into the night in silence.

*Please stand as you are able. **Congregation reads the BOLD print.**

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