

TENEBRAE

DRAFT

of Server Notes
for 2024



ALTAR SERVERS

ALL MOVEMENTS: Prayerful, Serene, Smooth

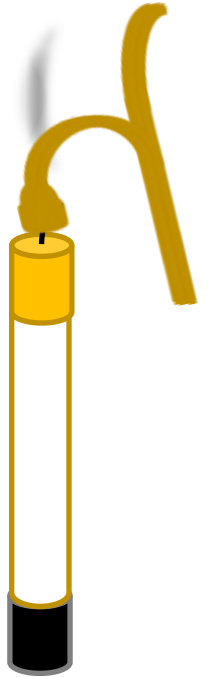
Instructions for the **Extingtor**:

--Carry and hold the **Snuffer** like a crozier: straight up and bell out.

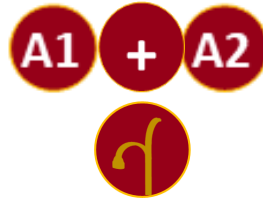
When you sit, hold it that way too (just like a crozier).

--When snuffing a candle, do so **AS LIGHTLY AS POSSIBLE**.

***Barely TOUCH the **brass candle follower** with the **Snuffer Bell**.



We process from the Back of Church:



A1 Cross A2

Extingtor

A1 Cross A2 go straight to the sacristy and depot the cross and candles, then stand at their seats by the sacristy door.

Extingtor bows to the altar and goes to the seat at the brass rail.

OFFICE OF READINGS

(All make the Sign of the Cross as we say...)

O God Come to my Assistance.

Lord make haste to help me.

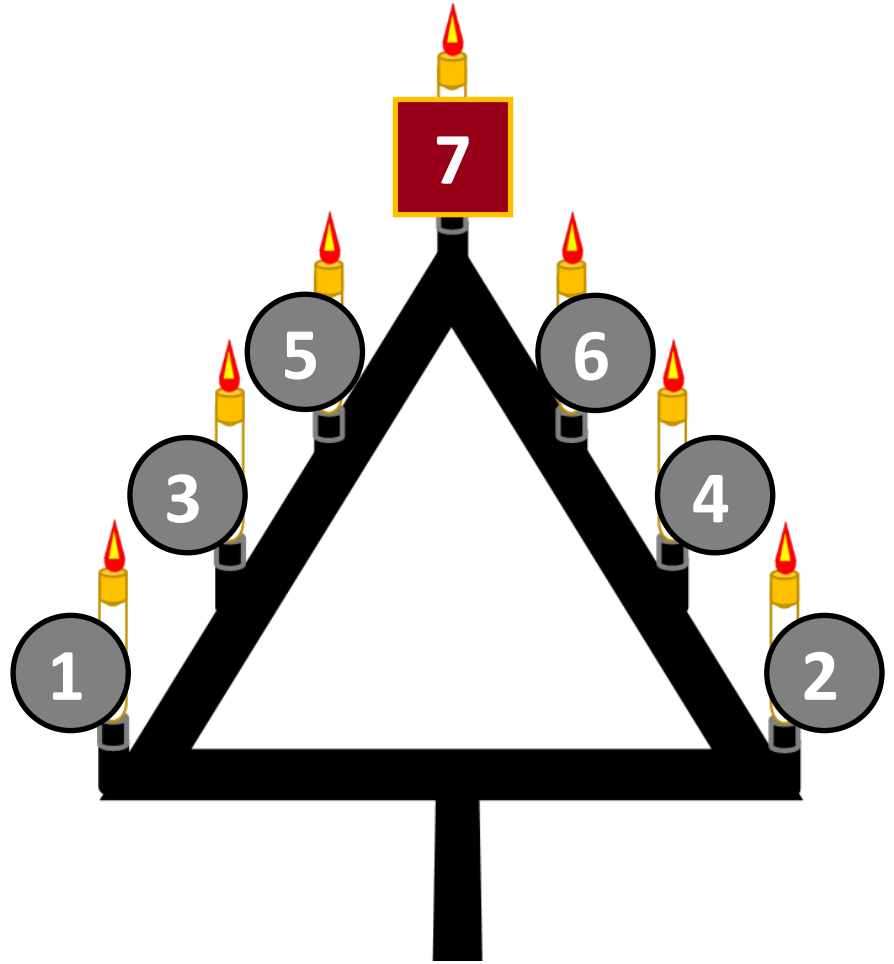
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

HYMN: *Ave Verum Corpus*

Mozart

THE ORDER OF EXTINCTION



PSALMODY

Psalm 2 Response

ALL: Blessed are all who take refuge in the Lord.

LaRosa

The First Candle is extinguished at the conclusion of the psalm



Psalm 22 Response

ALL: My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?

O'Brien

The Second Candle is extinguished at the conclusion of the psalm



Psalm 51 Response

ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Kogut

The Third Candle is extinguished at the conclusion of the psalm



FIRST READING

Lector: From the Letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 9: 11-28

By the shedding of his own blood, Christ, the high priest, entered the sanctuary once and for all.

But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit - offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God!

For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. Now where there is a will, the death of the testator must be established. For a will takes effect only at death; it has no force while the testator is alive. Thus, not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood.

When every commandment had been proclaimed by Moses to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, together with water and crimson wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, "*This is 'the blood of the covenant which God has enjoined upon you.'*" In the same way, he sprinkled also the tabernacle and all the vessels of worship with blood. According to the law almost everything is purified by blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Therefore, it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified by these rites, but the heavenly things themselves by better sacrifices than these. For Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has

appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

RESPONSORY

He was led like a lamb to the slaughter; no complaint from his lips against the evil done to him. He was given up to death,

to give his people life.

He surrendered himself to death and was counted among the wicked.

to give his people life.

The Fourth Candle is extinguished

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SECOND READING

Lector: From the Catecheses by Saint John Chrysostom, bishop

The Power of Christ's Blood

If we wish to understand the power of Christ's blood, we should go back to the ancient account of its prefiguration in Egypt. *Sacrifice a lamb without blemish, commanded Moses, and sprinkle its blood on your doors.* If we were to ask him what he meant, and how the blood of an irrational beast could possibly save men endowed with reason, his answer would be that the saving power lies not in the blood itself, but in the fact that it is a sign of the Lord's blood. In those days, when the destroying angel saw the blood on the doors he did not dare to enter, so how much less will the devil approach now when he sees, not that figurative blood on the doors, but the true blood on the lips of believers, the doors of the temple of Christ.

If you desire further proof of the power of this blood, remember where it came from, how it ran down from the cross, flowing from the Master's side. The gospel records that when Christ was dead, but still hung on the cross, a soldier came and pierced his side with a lance and immediately there poured out water and blood. Now the water was a symbol of baptism and the blood, of the holy Eucharist. The soldier pierced the Lord's side, he breached the wall of the sacred temple, and I have found the treasure and made it my own. So also with the lamb: the Jews sacrificed the victim and I have been saved by it.

There flowed from his side water and blood. Beloved, do not pass over this mystery without thought; it has yet another hidden meaning, which I will explain to you. I said that water and blood symbolized baptism and the holy Eucharist. From these two sacraments the Church is born: from baptism, *the cleansing water that gives rebirth and renewal through the Holy Spirit*, and from the holy Eucharist. Since the symbols of baptism and the Eucharist flowed from his side, it was from his side that Christ fashioned the Church, as he had fashioned Eve from the side of Adam. Moses gives a hint of this when he tells the story of the first man and makes him exclaim: *Bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh!* As God then took a rib from Adam's side to fashion a woman, so Christ has given us blood and water from his side to fashion the Church. God took the rib when Adam was in a deep sleep, and in the same way Christ gave us the blood and the water after his own death.

Do you understand, then, how Christ has united his bride to himself and what food he gives us all to eat? By one and the same food we are both brought into being and nourished. As a woman nourishes her child with her own blood and milk, so does Christ unceasingly nourish with his own blood those to whom he himself has given life.

RESPONSORY

The price of your redemption was not something of fleeting value like gold or silver, but the costly shedding of the blood of Christ, the lamb without blemish.

Through him, in the one Spirit, we can approach the Father.

The Blood of Christ washes away all of our sins.

Through him, in the one Spirit, we can approach the Father.

The Fifth Candle is extinguished.

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CHORAL MEDITATION:

Return to God

Haugen

NIGHT PRAYER

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE AND ACT OF PENITENCE

Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

PSALMODY

Psalm 91 Response

Haugen

ALL: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble, be with me, Lord, I pray.

The Sixth Candle is extinguished

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Extincter hangs the Snuffer on the marble pedestal.

ALL SERVERS retire to the sacristy in **perfect silence**.

EXIT

READING

Revelation 22: 4-5

From the Book of Revelation

They will look upon his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. Night will be no more, nor will they need light from lamp or sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever and ever.

ANTIPHONAL RESPONSE

For our sake Christ was obedient,

accepting even death, death on a cross.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

All: Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep,
that awake we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep,
rest in his peace.

Canticle of Simeon, Luke 2: 29-32

Whittaker

Christ is the light of the nations and the Glory of Israel

All: Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep,
that awake we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep,
rest in his peace.

The Seventh Candle is taken down and hidden behind the Altar.

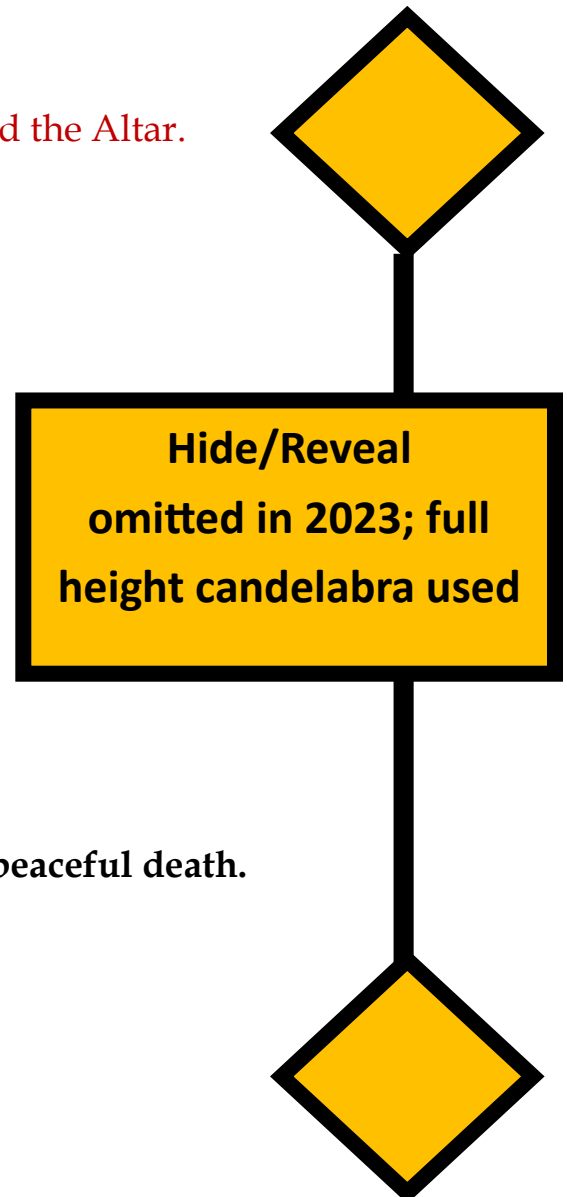
Let us pray.
We beseech you O Lord,
look graciously upon your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ did not hesitate
to suffer betrayal into the hands of the enemy
and to suffer the torments of the cross,
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

May the all-powerful Lord grant us a restful night and a peaceful death.

Amen.

The celebrant reveals the Seventh Candle.



ANTIPHON IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

*Ave, Regina caelorum,
ave, Domina angelorum,
salve, radix, salve, porta,
ex qua mundo lux est orta.*

*Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,
super omnes speciosa;
vale, o valde decora,
et pro nobis Christum exora.*

Hail, Queen of heaven;
Hail, Lady of the Angels;
Hail, root; Hail, the door
from whom the light sprung
into the world.

Rejoice, glorious Virgin
of unsurpassed beauty;
Farewell, O most honored one
and plead to Christ for us.

The Seventh Candle is extinguished **BY THE CELEBRANT**

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The church remains in total darkness for several minutes.