



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

Maundy Thursday
Holy Eucharist Rite II
March 28, 2024 • 7 p.m.

Voluntary

The Opening Hymn

Go to dark Gethsemane
Hymnal 171

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People *God's mercy endures forever.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant 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 First Reading ~ Exodus 12:1 - 4, 11 - 14

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. 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 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Second Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Sequence Hymn

Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling
Hymnal 331

The Holy Gospel ~ John 13:1 - 17, 31b - 35

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Nicole Walters, Seminarian

A period of silent prayer is observed.

Then Celebrant continues:

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 miracle, but by such lowly service.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that we may recall whose servant we are by following the example of our Master. Come remembering his admonition that what will be done for us is also to be done by us to 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 Footwashing

The Prayers of the People ~ Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

The Prayer In Times of Conflict [*prayed by all*]

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. {BCP page 824}

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant continues

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Ubi Caritas
Maurice Durufle

The Presentation Hymn

God is Love, and Where True Love is
Hymnal 577

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

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

Hymnal S 124

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.

The Great Amen

Hymnal S143



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

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

A period of silence is kept.

Holy Communion is offered via the common cup for sipping or intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine). Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. A mobility-impaired individual can receive communion at your seat by raising your hand.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Agnus Dei

Hymnal S 161

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion Anthem

Ave Verum Corpus
William Byrd

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for humankind, whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood: be for us a foretaste of heaven during our final examining.

The Communion Hymn

Stay With Me
Taizé Chant

Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Solemn Prayer

The people kneel, as able. The Celebrant says

Let us bow our heads.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Solemn Procession of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament is taken to the Altar of Repose in the chapel to be reserved there until the Liturgy of Good Friday.

The Stripping and Washing of the Altar

At the conclusion of the stripping and washing of the altar, the people leave in silence.

Psalm 22

The psalm is sung.

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."

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.

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.

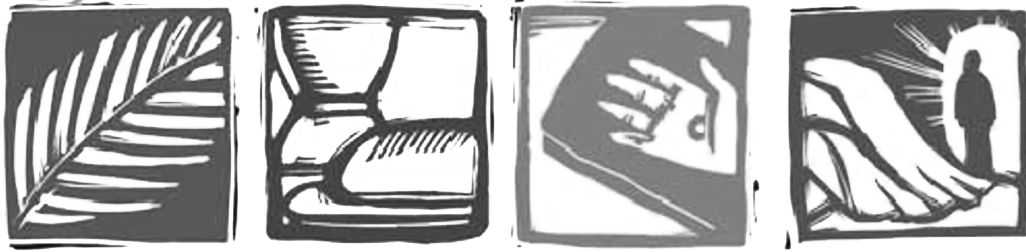
27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; he rules over the nations.

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.

At the conclusion of the washing of the altar, the people leave in silence.



Holy Week and Easter Services

During Holy Week the stories of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection are remembered and retold, both in words and in ritual actions, at services throughout the week. Holy Week ends at the Great Easter Vigil with the Service of the First Light and the first Easter Eucharist.

Good Friday: March 29th
Stations of the Cross at 12:00 p.m.
Good Friday Liturgy at 7:00 p.m.

The Friday before Easter Sunday is when the church commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The Stations of the Cross recalls the last events of Jesus' life from his condemnation to his burial. The Way of the Cross imitates the practice of visiting the places of Jesus' Passion in the Holy Land by early Christian pilgrims. The evening service includes John's account of the Passion gospel, a form of prayer known as the solemn collects (dating from ancient Rome), and optional devotions before the cross, commonly known as the veneration (or adoration) of the cross. The altar is unadorned, crosses are draped in black, and communion is distributed in silence from the reserved sacrament.

Easter Vigil: March 30th
The Great Vigil of Easter with Holy Eucharist at 8:30 p.m.

This ancient service leads us through the death and resurrection of Christ by the use of ordinary things: fire, water, bread and wine—the ordinary into the extraordinary through the grace of God. Into the darkness of the Nave, we carry the Light of Christ and sing with joyful expectation, “The Light of Christ. Thanks be to God!” Since we stripped the chancel of all adornment on Maundy Thursday we have quietly waited. Now we are on the verge of the fulfillment of all promises.

But first let us hear once again the story, our story of the continuing revelation of God. Then strengthened by the Word, we stand and proclaim with the newly baptized our commitment to our own baptismal covenant.

Enlightened by Christ, strengthened by the Word, we are ready to proclaim with all the Easter joy of one brought back from certain death—“Alleluia Christ is risen, the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!” We turn on all the lights, ring the bells, shout with joy, for one who was dead is alive and those who were lost are found. “So,” says Paul, “you must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!”

Easter Day: March 31st
Holy Eucharist Rite One at 8:30 a.m.
Easter Morning Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite Two at 10:30 a.m.

Easter is the principal festival of the church year, both the day and season. Easter Day is the annual feast of the Resurrection, the Pascha or Christian Passover. Throughout the Easter Season, the acclamation “Christ is risen, the Lord is risen indeed” will ring joyfully through Episcopal Churches in celebration of the mystery and miracle of Easter. The Easter Season lasts fifty days, from Easter Eve through the Day of Pentecost.

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