

Welcome to St. John's Church



Maundy Thursday

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6:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The Liturgy for the Proclamation of the Word of God
and Celebration of the Holy Communion*

**Out of concern for our children, and those who are immuno-comprised,
we ask that all continue to wear masks at the 10:00 Service.**

*Children's activity bags are available on the bench by the Baptistry.
Please return them after the Service.*

Choral Prelude *God Of Mercy And Compassion* Giovanni Pergolesi (1710-36)

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Opening Hymn # 315 *Thou, Who At Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray*

- 1** *Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.*
- 2** *For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.*
- 3** *So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love;
more blessèd still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.*

A Penitential Order

The people standing, the Celebrant may say

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People ***His mercy endureth for ever.***

The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the Confession

Minister and People

*Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.*

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and 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.*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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

INTRODUCTION: The reading from the Hebrew Bible tells of the meaning of Passover meal: it is a remembrance and reenactment of Israel's beginnings as a people when they were saved from slavery in Egypt by their God.

A Reading from the Scroll of Exodus (12:1-14)

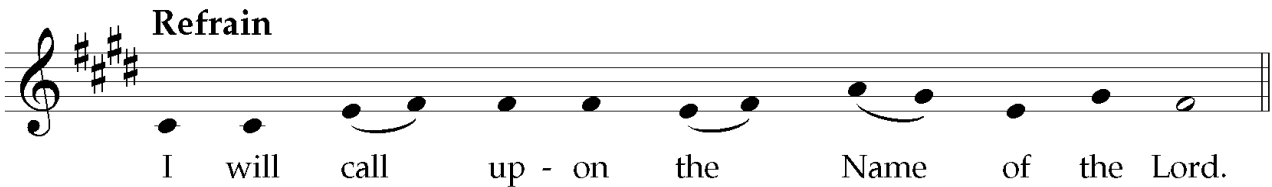
The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a 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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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.

After each Reading, the Reader may say
The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 116:1, 10-17 *the congregation is invited to join in the Refrain*



1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

10 How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

INTRODUCTION: In this New Testament reading, Paul recalls the early tradition that he received concerning the supper of the Lord on the night he was betrayed.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the 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.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say
The Word of the Lord.*

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn # 581 *Where Charity And Love Prevail*

- 1 Where charity and love prevail
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ’s love
by love are we thus bound.*
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear
his charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and strength
now love him in return.*
- 3 Forgive we now each other’s faults
as we our faults confess;
and let us love each other well
in Christian holiness.*
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown,
let all contention cease;
be his the glory that we seek,
be ours his holy peace.*
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst
dwells God’s begotten Son;
as members of his Body joined
we are in him made one.*
- 6 Love can exclude no race or creed
if honored be God’s Name;
our common life embraces all
whose Father is the same.*

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

INTRODUCTION: Our Gospel this tells how Jesus washed his disciples’ feet during his last meal with them.

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. John (15:1-3, 11b-32)**

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, Priest-in-Charge

When observed, the ceremony of the washing of feet appropriately follows the Gospel and homily. During the ceremony, the following or other suitable anthems may be sung or said

Hymn # 602 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

Chorus

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

*1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.*

Chorus

*2 Neighbors are rich and poor,
neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are nearby and far away.*

Chorus

*3 These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love.
All are neighbors to us and you.*

Chorus

*4 Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we were slaves;
this is the way we should live with
you.*

Chorus

The Prayers of the People

In the company of Jesus and in unity with his faithful followers in years past and in our present day, let us offer our prayers responding, “O Lord, have mercy upon us.”

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the prayers

+ For the gift of humility, that we may mirror the servanthood of Jesus, bending the knee of our hearts to all whose feet have journeyed a long distance, and whose hands have washed away the burdens of others; let us pray.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ For peace throughout the world, especially in Ukraine and all places where the lust for power fosters tyranny and war; let us pray.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ For the courage to face our own unfaithfulness: the kisses of deception, the subtle betrayals, our spiritual sleepiness; that in turning to Christ we may receive the grace that changes lives; let us pray.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ For those who keep watch this night, that in watching they may be found, in seeking they may be filled with the Spirit, and in waiting they may find peace; let us pray.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ For those who keep watch every night: the hungry, the homeless, the fearful, that Christ may find them in their own gardens of Gethsemane and not leave them in despair; let us pray.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ In thanksgiving for this Eucharistic Meal, which gathers us into the fellowship of all the beloved, uniting us with Jesus, whose Divine Presence we now share; let us pray.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

In companionship with Peter, John, James, and all the apostles, let us pause our prayers now so that all may add their own petitions and thanksgivings, either aloud in our midst or silently in their hearts.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences of Scripture.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Hymn *Drop, Drop Slow Tears* Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People ***It is meet and right so to do.***

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
— in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

*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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Fraction Anthem S # 153 & S # 158



The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians of all ages and denominations are welcome to receive Communion in this place. This is God's house and the Lord's table, not ours

Those wishing to receive Communion should come forward to the Altar rail as directed. The Celebrant will intinct the wafer in the chalice and place the consecrated host in the open hands or upon the tongue of the communicant, as desired.

Communion Hymn # 316 *This Is The Hour Of Banquet And Of Song*

- 1** *This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table spread for me;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.*
- 2** *Too soon we rise; we go our several ways;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
the Bread and Wine consumed: yet all our days
thou still art here with us-our Shield and Sun.*
- 3** *Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
giving us foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.*

for online worshippers, and for those who for other reasons choose not to receive, here is the Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant and People

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer our praise and thanksgiving. We present to thee our souls and bodies with the earnest desire that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive thee physically, we ask thou to come into our hearts spiritually. We embrace thee with all the affections of our souls, confident that nothing can ever separate us from the love God, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate

in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Last Gospel

Matthew 26:40-46

The Stripping of the Altar

All appointments are removed from the Altar, chancel, and Nave to emphasize the solemnity and starkness of this night. While the Altar is stripped, the cantors sing psalm 22

Psalm 22

Deus, Deus meus

In Holy Week



They di - vide my gar - ments a - mong them; they cast lots for my



cloth - ing.

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 forefather 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.*

Congregation departs in silence.

Worship Ministers Today:

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, *Celebrant*

Tom Brand, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Laura Daly, *Reader & Chalice*

Joseph Claro, *Veejay (VJ)*

Susie Magee, Corrine Johnson: *Altar Guild*