

Church of the Holy Apostles

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 6, 2023

The Paschal Triduum

Tonight we commence our observance of the Paschal Triduum, the period of three days that begins with the liturgy of Maundy Thursday and ends with the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. It recalls the passion, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, as portrayed in the Gospels. Tonight we participate in the ritual washing of the feet, we move the reserved sacrament to the Altar of Repose, and we strip the High Altar.

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Introit O Sacrum Convivium (O Christ, Come and Dwell Within) James Biery

The ministers process in silence, all standing.

Please kneel as are able, responses are in bold

The Penitential Order

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures forever.

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

We pause in silence as we consider our sins, and then say together:

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.

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.*

Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison

All stand, as are able

The Collect of the Day

Presider Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **God's mercy endures forever.**

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider 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.**

Please be seated for the readings

The First Reading

read by Morgan McGuire

A reading from the book of Exodus.

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

read in unison

**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.**

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

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

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

**Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his servants.**

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

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

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

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

The Second Reading

read by Asa Swain

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

For 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as are able for the sequence hymn and Gospel

Sequence Anthem Jesus, For All You Came to Earth

Andrew Duncan

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

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Rev. Kimberlee Auletta

The Mandatum: The Foot Washing

The Presider reads the invitation to the foot washing, after which all members of the congregation are welcome to come to the front of the church to have their feet washed by the clergy.

The Mandatum Hymns

Choir Anthems The Servant Song
 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
 Ave Verum Corpus

Richard Gillard
The Third Tune Thomas Tallis
William Byrd

All stand, as are able, for the prayers

The Prayers of the People

led by Larisa Shaterian

As those who strive to follow Jesus in our living
and to trust your power in our dying,
we gather to reflect upon the life that ended on a cross.

We recognize in ourselves
the strengths and weaknesses of Jesus' disciples:
although they loved him,
they disappointed and failed him.

And yet, gathering with these imperfect friends at this last meal
Jesus washed their feet in service, and then
extended the bread and cup to each.
Jesus called them to love one another,
and invited them to share in his very life
and in his acceptance of the road ahead.

We are humbled, honored and inspired
by the deep love Christ extended to the world,
and we take seriously the calling
to be the body of Christ today.

Forgive us when we disappoint and fail you,
and guide us back to a place of trust and faithful living.
Grant us the vision to see the world as you see it,
with love and compassion for each creature and all of your creation.

Dear people of God, I invite you to offer your prayers by typing them into the chat or speaking them aloud.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you!**

The Holy Communion

This is God's Table: all are welcome

The Offertory

*You can give online via our website or use the offertory plate
that is passed during the offertory.*

Offertory Hymn: My Song is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

**My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?**

**He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow
But men made strange, and none the longed for Christ would know.
But O my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend.**

**Sometime they strew his way, and his strong praises sing
Resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.**

Please stand as are able,

Doxology

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... 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:

Presider and People say together,

The Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider continues,

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People,

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues,

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. **AMEN.**

Remain standing as we say together

The Lord's Prayer

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 kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Remain standing as we sing together

Fraction Anthem: S161

D. Hurd

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

The Prayer of Humble Access

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

Please remain standing,

Invitation to Communion

These are the gifts for God for all of us, the people of God. Let us take them in remembrance that Christ died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Anthem In remembrance of me

B. Red; *arr.* R. Douglas

The Blessing

Post-Communion Hymn 171: Go to dark Gethsemane

Petra

The hymn is sung as the altar party processes with the Blessed Sacrament to back of the church, where the Vigil will be kept. At the conclusion of the hymn, they return for the stripping of the altar.

**Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away, learn of Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned;
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.**

**Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,
Make the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete'**

“It is finished!” hear him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.

All the lights in the church are extinguished.

The Stripping of the Altar

During the stripping of the altar Psalm 22 will be sung by a soloist.

Depart in silence.

*Thus, Jesus, I behold your feet again
that were a young man's feet when I, with fear,
stripped them of their shoes and washed them down;
how they stood, entangled in my hair
like a white stag within a bush of brier.
Thus I behold your never-cherished limbs
in this, our night of love, and not before.
We never lay in one another's arms,
and now I'll only watch you and admire.
But, look, beloved, your poor hands are torn—
and not by me, not love-bites of my own.
Your heart stands wide for all to enter in:
it should have been a door for me alone.
You're weary, and your weary mouth has now
no longing for my mouth, that aches for you.
O Jesus, Jesus, when was our time? How
curiously we're perishing, we two.*

- Rilke Pieta