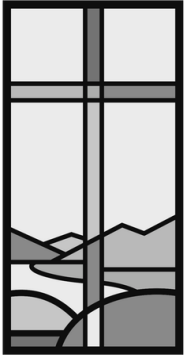


**SAINT STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



# **MAUNDY THURSDAY**



**THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026  
7:00 PM**

Upon being seated we ask that you extend a respectful courtesy  
to others by speaking quietly and silencing all cell phones.

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Prelude

Full Control

Dan R. Edwards

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand as you are able.

Entrance Hymn #164

“Alone thou goest forth, O Lord”

Bangor



1. A - lone thou go - est forth, O Lord, in  
2. Our sins, not thine, thou bear - est, Lord; make  
3. This is earth's dark - est hour, but thou dost  
4. Grant us with thee to suf - fer pain that,

sac - ri - fice to die; is this thy sor - row  
us thy sor - row feel, till through our pit - y  
light and life re - store; then let all praise be  
as we share this hour, thy cross may bring us

nought to us who pass un - heed - ing by?  
and our shame love an - swers love's ap - peal.  
giv - en thee who liv - est ev - er more.  
to thy joy and re - sur - rec - tion pow'r.

Priest: Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People: Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Trisagion Hymn S 102

Archangel'sky



Sing 3 times

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty God, 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 Savior, 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.*  
**THE LESSONS**

**The First Reading Exodus 12:1-14**

Reader: Mark Bridgeford

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 116:1,10-17**

Reader: Marv Aardahl

- 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.

**The Second Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

Reader: Marv Aardahl

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Gradual Hymn #439**

"What wondrous love is this"

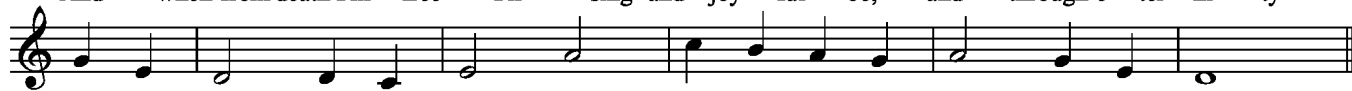
*Petra*



1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What won-drous love is this, O my soul!
2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.



What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme,  
And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty



for my soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
I will sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, O 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.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Savior.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

## The Sermon

The Very Rev. Christopher Montella  
Rector

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## A Call to Love & Service of Others

On this night we have heard the commandment to love one another as God has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Savior gave us on the night before his death.

## Foot Washing

*(All are welcome to come forward to have your feet washed or to wash each other's feet.)*

Music:

*Ubi Caritas*  
St. Stephen's Parish Choir

Gjiello

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Prayers of the People

Reader: Kelsey Raub

We gather as the household of God, apostles, prophets, martyrs and servants, to pray for the church and all humankind, saying: O Jesus, hear us.

Intercessor: For refugees, for the homeless, and for all who have nowhere to lay their head, we pray:

People: O Jesus, hear us.

Intercessor: For those unable to eat at the God's Holy Table or at any other table, we pray:

People: O Jesus, hear us.

Intercessor: For the body of Christ fractured in a world of violence and war, we pray:

People: **O Jesus, hear us.**

Intercessor: For those who betray, and for those whom they betray, we pray:

People: **O Jesus, hear us.**

Intercessor: For all in any need, we pray:

People: **O Jesus, hear us.**

Intercessor: For ourselves, as we gather to celebrate the Lord's Passover in the bread we eat and the cup we drink, we pray:

People: **O Jesus, hear us.**

*Priest:*

Most Holy God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

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.

## Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

Priest: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Members of the congregation who are joining us via livestream are encouraged to post "Peace be with you" in the comments or to use the "like" or "love" reaction button to take part in the virtual exchange of God's peace with the rest of the congregation at this time.*

*Please be seated.*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Offertory Prayer

*The People remain seated and say together:*

Loving God, you alone are the source of every good gift. Everything we have, and all that we are, comes from you. Now, help us to be grateful, accountable, and, with praise and thanksgiving, to give of ourselves generously, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## Offertory

*God So Loved the World*  
St. Stephen's Parish Choir

John Stainer

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Doxology

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures,  
here below. Praise God, you hosts in heav'n above;  
Praise God the Trinity of Love. Amen.

Chords: G, D, Em, Bm, G, D, G, D, Em, C, G, D, Em, D, G, Am, G/B, C, F#dim/A, Em, D/F#, G, C#dim/ED, C, G/D, D7, G, G7, C, G

Priest: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to God.**

Priest: Let us give thanks.

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, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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:

# Sanctus

Baity

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, — Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow-er and might, — Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry, heav-en and earth are  
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blest is he — who comes in the name, comes in the name, comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san-na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God: 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 Creator 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 Savior 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, 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 Stephen and all your saints into the realm of your eternal joy.

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 God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

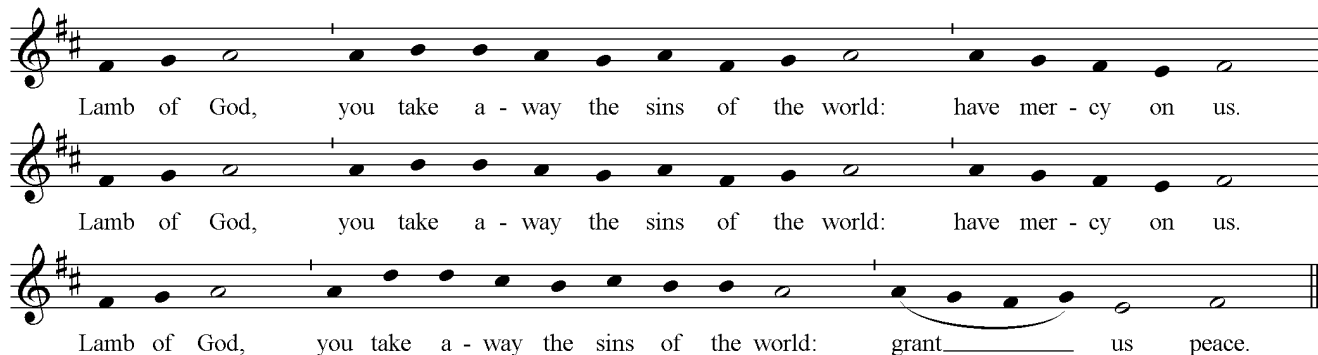
## The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Please remain standing during the Fraction Anthem.*

### Fraction Hymn #S 161

Hurd



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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 are welcome to receive communion. The table we set belongs to God.  
Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey you are welcome  
to receive the Bread and Wine made holy.*

*The church teaches that temporal isolation cannot constrain the sacrament's ineffable power. Calling us  
to "massive, corporate, spiritual communion,"*

## The Invitation to Holy Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

*Priest and People say together:*

Grant, O Christ, that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your body, so the soul of your servant may be healed by like faith in you, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through your tender mercy and love. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

*Please follow usher instructions for taking communion.*

## Communion

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

God of compassion,  
through your Son Jesus Christ  
you have reconciled your people to yourself.  
As we follow his example of prayer and fasting,  
may we obey you with willing hearts  
and serve one another in holy love;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## Reservation of the Sacrament on the Altar of Repose

### Hymn #329

“Now, my tongue, the mystery telling” (vs. 1-3)

*Pange Lingua*



1. Now, my tongue, the mys - tery tell - ing of the glo - rious Bo - dy sing,  
2. Given for us, and con - de - scend - ing to be born for us be - low,  
3. That last night at sup - per ly - ing mid the twelve, his cho - sen band,  
4. Word made flesh, the bread he tak - eth, by his word his Flesh to be;  
5. There - fore we, be - fore him bend - ing, this great Sac - ra - ment re - vere;



and the Blood, all price ex - cell - ing, which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King,  
he with us in con - verse blend - ing dwelt, the seed of truth to sow,  
Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing, keeps the feast the rites de - mand;  
wine his sa - cred Blood he mak - eth, though the sens - es fail to see;  
types and sha - dows have their end - ing, for the new - er rite is here;



once on earth a - mong us dwell - ing, shed for this world's ran - som - ing.  
till he closed with won - drous end - ing his most pa - tient life of woe.  
then, more pre - cious food sup - ply - ing, gives him - self with his own hand.  
faith a - lone the true heart wak - eth to be - hold the mys - ter - y.  
faith, our out - ward sense be - friend - ing, makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.

6. Glory let us give and blessing to the Father and the Son,  
honor, thanks, and praise addressing, while eternal ages run;  
ever too his love confessing who from both with both is One.

*Please be seated.*

## Stripping of the Altar

### Psalm 22

Robert Dunlap, cantor

- 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.

## The Watch

The Vigil will continue at the Altar of Repose in the Chapel  
until the Good Friday Liturgy at 12 noon

During the night, please enter the Chapel  
through the Memorial Garden

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