



Grace Episcopal Church

Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024

7 p.m.

PRELUDE: *Meditation on "Ubi caritas"*

Carson Cooman

At the tolling of the tower bell, the congregation is asked to stand.

OPENING HYMN *Three Days Now Enfold Us*



1. Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing feet and break - ing bread,
2. The mys - tery hid from a - ges past is here re - vealed in word and sign,
3. Christ lift - ed high up - on the tree be - fore you ev - 'ry knee shall bend



in cross and font and life__ re - newed: in Christ, God's first-born from__ the dead.
for Je - sus' sto - ry is__ our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
and ev - 'ry tongue in praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all.__ A - men."

OPENING SENTENCES

Celebrant Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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.

All: **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: 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.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:10-16 (*chanted*)

How shall I make a return / **to the Lord,**
for all the good he has / **done for me?**
The cup of salvation I / **will take up,**
and I will call upon the name / **of the Lord.**

Precious in the eyes / **of the Lord,**
is the death of his / **faithful ones.**
I am your servant, the son / **of your handmaid;**
you have / **loosed my bonds.**

To you I will offer sacrifice / **of thanksgiving,**
And I will call upon the name / **of the Lord.**
My vows to the Lord / **I will pay,**
In the presence of / **all his people.**

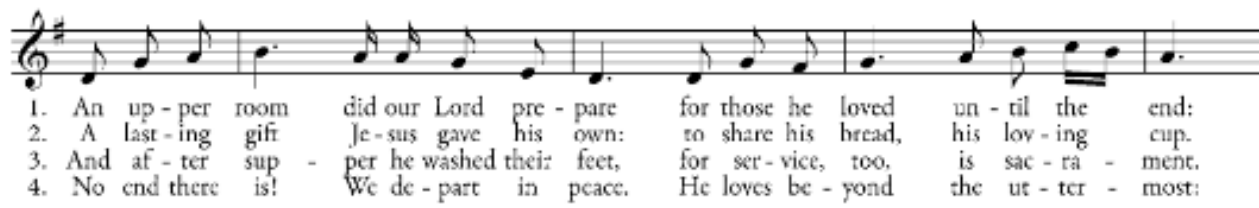
THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN: *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*



1. An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he loved un - til the end:
2. A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his bread, his lov - ing cup.
3. And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice, too, is sac - ra - ment.
4. No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be - yond the ut - ter - most:



and his dis - ci - ples still gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ri - sen friend.
What - ev - er bur - dens may bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.
In Christ our joy shall be made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.
in ev - ery room in our Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THE GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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.

Jesus said, "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

The Rev. John Rice

WASHING OF THE FEET

ANTHEM: *Peace is My Last Gift to You*

The Lord Jesus, after supper with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

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Lector: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
"Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God,
and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and
for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let
us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them,
let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let
us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to
conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, or through outer
space, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and
the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For those with specific needs, concerns and thanksgivings in our parish,
especially: Nancy; Kathleen, Susan and Lisa; Don and Ann; Linda; Sharon;
Chuck; Lorie; Chris; Kelly, Adair and Angela; Eva; Joyce and Walt; Laura
and Tsz-yan (GN); Hannah; Anya; Thandi; Jackie; Eunice are there
others? Let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for all the departed..., especially Carol O'Neal; let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People **To thee, O Lord our God.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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

All **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 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 Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

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SANCTUS:

S 130

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM: Agnus Dei

S 164

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who seek God or a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist. To receive the bread, extend your hands towards the priest. Gluten free wafers are available. To receive the wine, guide the bottom of the chalice with both hands. To receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, simply cross your arms across your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN: *God is Love*

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

“Stripping of the altar” is an ancient custom of the Church done on Maundy Thursday. It is symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers. After the Last Supper, less than 24 hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, painful beating, the trudge to Golgotha and execution. As His life was stripped from Him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to symbolize His purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us.

DEPART IN SILENCE

You are welcome to remain in the sanctuary in silence and prayer.



We welcome to our pulpit, The Reverend John Rice.

We welcome you to the beginning of the Easter Triduum, a period of three days where we prepare ourselves spiritually and communally to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and the arrival of The Great Fifty Days of Easter. The Great 50 Days of Easter culminates on Pentecost when Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to be in our midst and guide us.

LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: Lorie Tola Lector: Kristen Dusenbery

Intercessor: Elise Cassarino Chalicerist: Greg Townsend Greeter: Kim Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS



FLOWERS AND BELLS! On Easter Sunday, remember to bring flowers and bells to our Easter service. We'll ring bells when we say "Alleluia!" during worship (and that's a lot of times!). Come prepared to make a joyful Easter noise! Also, if you'd like to bring flowers, you'll be invited to bring them up to the front of the church to "flower" the cross.



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Name _____

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