



# MAUNDY THURSDAY

*March 28, 2024 at 7 pm*

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## ***Welcome to St. John's Church***

We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship this evening. When you enter our church with its crenelated tower, projecting gargoyles, stout buttresses, and warmly recognized big red doors, we hope you will see what St. John's is all about: worship, community, and service. As we strive to live out the two great commandments of our Lord, to love the Lord our God and our neighbor, we hope you will find St. John's to become more and more your spiritual home where so many others have already found a home. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.

## ***Welcome and Offering***

All are welcome to make a gift and offering in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings we have received. To take advantage of our electronic giving options, please follow the QR code with your capable electronic device, or visit [simplechurchgiving.net/app/giving/st158149](https://simplechurchgiving.net/app/giving/st158149)



## ***Maundy Thursday***

Tonight we enter the *Triduum*, the three-days' space starting with Maundy Thursday and ending at the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday evening. In these three days we recall Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. Through Christ we are saved and made free.

The traditional English name for today, "Maundy," comes from the Latin word *mandatum* which means "commandment." There are two traditional associations on this day: the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the command of our Lord to wash each others' feet—the "mandatum" (John 13:4-5). The footwashing ceremony is an ancient practice of the church meant to remind us of our duty to love and serve one another and the world. Jesus taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God comes not by power, authority, or even miracles, but by such lowly service.

After the communion, the altar is stripped of all cloths and ornaments, and the clergy of stoles just as Christ was stripped of his garments. The Eucharist will not be celebrated again until the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday night.

The service has no dismissal; rather, the church continues to watch and pray throughout the *Triduum*.

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY

*Prelude, 'Ave verum corpus'*

*Richard Proulx*

ENTRANCE HYMN 446 *Hymnal 1982*

NEWMAN

ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

*BCP, page 355*

TRISAGION

*Hymnal 1982, S 102*

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 on Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these 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.

*People*

Amen.

*Please be seated*

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON

*Exodus 12:1-14*

*Reader*

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

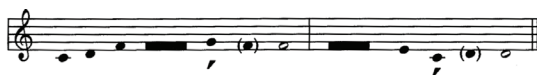
raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; 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  
People

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116 *Dilexi, quoniam*

*Tone II*



Cantor  
ALL

- 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. / Hal-*le-lujah*.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*Reader*

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*  
*People*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

HYMN 74 *LEVAS II Hymnal*

CHEREPONI

GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

*Deacon*  
*People*  
*Deacon*

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

*Silence is kept for a space*

Deacon  
People

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

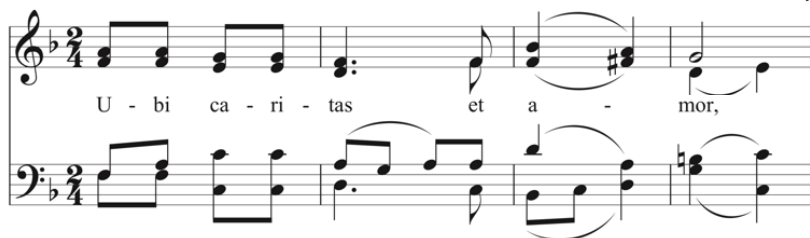
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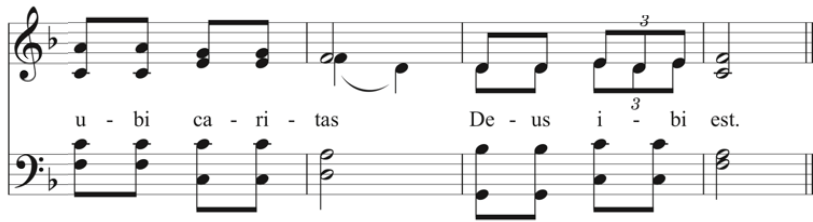
Deacon McCoy

FOOTWASHING

*Please join in singing this antiphon during the ceremony*

Jacques Berthier





- Cantor* If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, knowing everything; if I have faith in all its fullness to move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing at all. Refrain
- Cantor* If I give everything I have to feed the poor and let them take my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing at all. Refrain
- Cantor* Love is patient, love is not jealous.  
Love does not rejoice in what is wrong, but love rejoices in the truth.  
Love is always ready to excuse, to hope, to trust, and to endure whatever comes. Refrain
- Cantor* Love never fails. Prophecies will cease, and tongues will be silent;  
knowledge will pass away;  
But there are only three things in the end that last:  
faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love. Refrain

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Deacon* In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father through Christ the Savior of the world.
- Leader* Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.
- ALL* Lord, hear us,  
And humble us.
- Leader* On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church.
- ALL* Lord, hear us,  
And unite us.
- Leader* On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your Church.
- ALL* Lord, hear us,  
And renew our zeal.
- Leader* On this night, he commanded us to love one another. We pray for all who serve in the military, especially N.

Lord, hear us,  
 ALL And help us serve one another.  
 Leader On this night, he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved, and the sick and the suffering, especially N.  
 Lord, hear us,  
 ALL And fill us with your love.  
 Leader On this night, he reminded his disciples that if the world hated them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith, and for all who will be baptized at Easter.  
 Lord, hear us,  
 ALL And give us your peace.  
 Leader On this night, he accepted the cup of death and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom. We remember N. and all those who have died in the peace of Christ.  
 Lord, hear us,  
 ALL And welcome all your children into paradise.  
 Celebrant 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.  
 ALL Amen.  
 Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
 ALL And also with you.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

##### ANTHEM

Stephanie Martin

*Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine:  
 Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:  
 Cuius latus perforatum, unda fluxit sanguine:  
 Esto nobis prægustatum in mortis examine.*

*[Hail true Body, born of Mary the Virgin:  
 Who has truly suffered, torn on the cross for all:*



*Whose side was pierced, from which blood flowed:  
Be for us a foretaste of the eternal  
now and in the hour of our death.]*

*—Innocent III, 13th century*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer D, BCP page 372*

*Sanctus*

*Hymnal 1982, S 124*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*BCP, page 364*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Martens*



*Cantor This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.*

**Refrain**

*Cantor Whoever believes in me shall not hunger or thirst, for the bread which I give for the life of the world is my flesh. Refrain*

THE INVITATION

*BCP, page 364*

*All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward and to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.*

*Please join in singing this response during the distribution of Holy Communion.*

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King-dom.

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King-dom.

*At the conclusion of the Communion, the Blessed Sacrament will be carried to the Altar of Repose in St. Mary's Chapel. All may follow the Procession, singing the following Hymn.*

# HYMN

PANGE LINGUA

Text: Thomas Aquinas, 1263; tr. The Hymnal 1940, rev.

Tune: Sarum Plainsong, Mode 3

1 Now, my tongue, the mys - tery tell - ing of the glo - rious  
 2 Given for us, and con - de - scend - ing to be born for  
 3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing mid the twelve, his  
 4 Word made flesh, the bread he tak - eth, by his word his  
 \* 5 There - fore we, be - fore him bend - ing, this great Sac - ra -  
 \* 6 Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing to the Fa - ther

1 Bo - dy sing, and the Blood, all price ex - cell - ing,  
 2 us be - low, he with us in con - verse blend - ing  
 3 cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,  
 4 Flesh to be; wine his sa - cred Blood he mak - eth,  
 5 ment re - vere; types and sha - dows have their end - ing,  
 6 and the Son, hon - or, thanks, and praise ad - dress - ing,

1 which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, once on earth a -  
 2 dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, till he closed with  
 3 keeps the feast its rites de - mand; then, more pre - cious  
 4 though the sens - es fail to see; faith a - lone the  
 5 for the new - er rite is here; faith, our out - ward  
 6 while e - ter - nal a - ges run; ev - er too his

1 mong us dwell - ing, shed for this world's ran - som - ing.  
 2 won - drous end - ing his most pa - tient life of woe.  
 3 food sup - ply - ing, gives him - self with his own hand.  
 4 true heart wak - eth to be - hold the mys - ter - y.  
 5 sense be - friend - ing, makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.  
 6 love con - fess - ing who from both with both is One.

*Following this hymn, all return to their seats.*

ALL

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.

#### STRIPPING THE ALTAR

*Under the Deacon's instructions and guidance, you are invited to join in the Stripping of the Altar.*

*This ancient practice is a reminder of the emptying by Christ of his life — completing all his earthly possessions and relationships, an emptying-out that was finished when he relinquished his spirit to the Father on the Cross on Good Friday.*

*We strip the altar as Christ's body was stripped in his humiliation.*

*The choir will chant Psalm 22 as the Stripping of the Altar concludes. The service has no dismissal; rather, the church continues to watch and pray throughout the Triduum. Please leave quietly*

*A Vigil will be kept until midnight. All are welcome to stay and keep vigil.*

#### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

##### **March 29**

*Liturgy of the Day with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament, 7 am*  
*Choral and Spoken Meditations on the Seven Last Words, 7 pm*

#### EASTER SERVICES

##### **March 30, Holy Saturday**

*The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter, 7 pm*

##### **March 31, Easter Day**

*Holy Eucharist at 8 am*

*Festal Choral Eucharist at 10:15 am*



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