



**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**April 1, 2021**

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

*This service takes its name from the Latin word Mandatum, meaning "commandment." At the Last Supper, Jesus gives the new commandment, "love one another as I have loved you."*

*This day also commemorates the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper in the Upper Room as Jesus tells his followers to "do this in remembrance of me." After the lights are dimmed in the church, the Altar Guild removes all altar hangings, candles, etc. The crosses are draped or veiled in black.*

*As the altar is stripped bare, we are reminded that Christ's crucifixion leaves a void in our church and in the world. The Maundy Thursday service concludes in darkness and silence.*

### PRELUDE

### THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:* ***His mercy endures forever.***

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

*Celebrant:* Lord have mercy.

*People:* ***Christ have mercy.***

*Celebrant:* Lord have mercy.

*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.  
***Amen.***

## THE LESSONS

### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 12:1-14a

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

- 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. Hallelujah!

### 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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE GOSPEL

*Priest:* 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. "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 Lord.  
*People:* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

### **THE SERMON—The Reverend Victoria Mason**

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped 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."

*People:* ***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.

*People:* ***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

*The Deacon or other leader says:*

Our Lord comes to us humbly, riding a donkey and proclaiming a message of Peace. Let us pray, saying: "Lord, hear our prayer."

That Christians may hear and share the word of God as true disciples, we pray:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That all leaders of all nations and of the Church may prefer humble service to empty power, we pray:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That when we see the cross starkly revealed in our lives, we may draw strength from the name above every name, we pray:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That we may be God's loving heart in the world, reaching out in the midst of trouble, turning darkness into light, and hatred into love, we pray:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That we may remember that your mercy was given to the prisoner beside you, and that prisoners and all who care for them may know your loving compassion, we pray:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That those who suffer in any way may find strength, peace, and healing through the knowledge of your redemptive love, we pray:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That the lives of those who celebrate their birthdays, and those who celebrate their wedding anniversary, may glorify your holy name, we pray:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died may they have entered your eternal glory, we pray:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*The Celebrant adds the following Concluding Collect.*

God, our Creator, you show your beloved disciples the way to freedom through gentle obedience of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant our petitions as we seek to follow him. We pray in his name, Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

***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.***

*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.*

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People:* ***And also with you.***



## HYMN 325: "Let Us Break Bread"

Sung by Laurie and John Williams

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b><i>And also with you.</i></b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<b><i>We lift them to the Lord.</i></b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<b><i>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</i></b>

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

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:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

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**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

*All: 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**

*Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
People: Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*Priest: 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.*

*While the communion is taking place at the church  
we invite you to pray.*

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant: Let us pray.*

*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*The lights in the church are dimmed at the end of the service.  
The Stripping of the Altar: the removal of all ornaments, linens, and  
paraments, is an ancient custom that is symbolic of the humiliation of  
Jesus at the hands of the soldiers. It is also customary to wash the altar  
with water, to render it in some manner worthy of the Lamb without  
stain. As the altar is stripped bare, we are reminded that Christ's  
crucifixion leaves a void in our church and in the world.*

***The Maundy Thursday service concludes in darkness and  
silence. We invite you to reflect on Psalm 22 and  
to return tomorrow for our Good Friday services:***

***10:30 AM***

***12:00 NOON***

***6:30 PM***

***Virtual Women's Way of the Cross***

***Virtual service in English***

***(both via Zoom Online Meetings)***

***Via Crucis en Español***

### **Psalm 22**

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.

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 AM  
11:15 AM  
1:00 PM

Online Morning Prayer in English  
Outdoor In-Person Holy Eucharist in English  
Outdoor In-Person Holy Eucharist in Spanish



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