



St. John's Episcopal Church
March 28, 2024 7:00 PM

WELCOME!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today. You bless us with your presence. We hope you will join us again. We invite all of our visitors to fill out a visitor card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

The mission of St. John's Episcopal Church is to be a community of God's people who heal brokenness, build bridges, and exemplify borderless kindness.

This service is broadcast online and recorded on YouTube.

*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 Eucharist is celebrated, the congregation pauses to remember the betrayal and arrest of Jesus. As the lights are dimmed and all the adornments of the altar are removed, we are reminded of the grief that the disciples experienced when Jesus was betrayed and taken away.

The congregation leaves in silence as they complete their own devotions.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 302: “Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted”

Father, we thank thee who hast planted
Thy holy Name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal
Jesus thy Son to us imparts.
Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy pleasure,
Didst give us food for all our days,
Giving in Christ the Bread eternal;
Thine is the power, be thine the praise.

Watch o’er thy Church, O Lord, in mercy,
Save it from evil, guard it still,
Perfect it in thy love, unite it,
Cleansed and conformed unto thy will.
As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,
Was in this broken bread made one,
So from all lands thy Church be gathered
Into thy kingdom by thy Son.

THE SALUTATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People ***His mercy endures forever.***

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.

HYMN S 91: “Kyrie Eleison Ninefold” - *Willan*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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. **Amen.**

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

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month will be the first month; it will be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole Israelite community: On the tenth day of this month they must take a lamb for each household, a lamb per house. If a household is too small for a lamb, it should share one with a neighbor nearby. You should divide the lamb in proportion to the number of people who will be eating it.

Your lamb should be a flawless year-old male. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You should keep close watch over it until the fourteenth day of this month. At twilight on that day, the whole assembled Israelite community should slaughter their lambs. They should take some of the blood and smear it on the two doorposts and on the beam over the door of the houses in which they are eating. That same night they should eat the meat roasted over the fire. They should eat it along with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Don’t eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over fire with its head, legs, and internal organs. Don’t let any of it remain until morning, and burn any of it left over in the morning.

This is how you should eat it. You should be dressed, with your sandals on your feet and your walking stick in your hand. You should eat the meal in a hurry. It is the Passover of the LORD. I’ll pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I’ll strike down every oldest child in the land of Egypt, both humans and animals. I’ll impose judgments on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be your sign on the houses where you live. Whenever I see the blood, I’ll pass over you. No plague will destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

“This day will be a day of remembering for you. You will observe it as a festival to the LORD. You will observe it in every generation as a regulation for all time.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 116:1, 10-17

Chanted by Choir and Congregation

- 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 EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

I received a tradition from the Lord, which I also handed on to you: on the night on which he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this to remember me." He did the same thing with the cup, after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Every time you drink it, do this to remember me." Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you broadcast the death of the Lord until he comes.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

SEQUENCE HYMN: Hymn WLP 729 **"As in that upper room you left your seat"**

- 1 As in that upper room you left your seat
 and took a towel and chose a servants part,
 so for today, Lord, wash again my feet,
 who in your mercy died to cleanse my heart.

- 2 I bow before you, all my sin confessed,
 to hear again the words of love you said;
 and at your table, as your honored guest,
 I take and eat the true and living bread.

- 3 So in remembrance of your life laid down
 I come to praise you for your grace divine;
 Saved by your cross, and subject to your crown,
 strengthened for service by this bread and wine.

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

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

Before the Festival of Passover, Jesus knew that his time had come to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them fully. Jesus and his disciples were sharing the evening meal. The devil had already provoked Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew the Father had given everything into his hands and that he had come from God and was returning to God. So he got up from the table and took off his robes. Picking up a linen towel, he tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he was wearing. When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus replied, "You don't understand what I'm doing now, but you will understand later."

"No!" Peter said. "You will never wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't have a place with me."

Simon Peter said, "Lord, not only my feet but also my hands and my head!"

Jesus responded, "Those who have bathed need only to have their feet washed, because they are completely clean. You disciples are clean, but not every one of you." He knew who would betray him. That's why he said, "Not every one of you is clean." After he washed the disciples' feet, he put on his robes and returned to his place at the table. He said to them, "Do you know what I've done for you? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you speak correctly, because I am. If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet. I have given you an example: Just as I have done, you also must do. I assure you, servants aren't greater than their master, nor are those who are sent greater than the one who sent them. Since you know these things, you will be happy if you do them.

When Judas was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Human One has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify the Human One in himself and will glorify him immediately. Little children, I'm with you for a little while longer. You will look for me—but, just as I told the Jewish leaders, I also tell you now—'Where I'm going, you can't come.'

“I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other.”

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

THE SERMON

THE WASHING OF FEET

Clergy Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ:

On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet -- and act of humble service.

He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service, and he commanded them to follow his example by washing one another's feet.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that we may follow the example of our Lord, remembering the new commandments that he gave this night,

"Love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall the world know that you are my disciples:

That you have love for one another."

If you wish to participate in the ceremony of the washing of feet, please join in a single line down the center aisle. Our tradition is that as you come to the front of the line you first wash the foot or feet of the person who proceeded you at the station. Then you sit and the next person in line washes your foot or both feet. The choice of having one or both feet washed is up to each person.

Hymn 480 "When Jesus left his Father's Throne"



1 When Je - sus left his Fa - ther's throne, he chose an hum - ble birth;
 2 Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mo - thers round him pressed;
 3 When Je - sus in - to Zi - on rode, the chil - dren sang a - round;



like us, un - hon - ored and un - known, he came to dwell on earth.
 their in - fants in his arms he took, and on his bos - om blessed.
 for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their gar - ments on the ground.



Like him may we be found be - low, in wis - dom's path of peace;
 Safe from the world's al - lur - ing harms, be - neath his watch - ful eye,
 Ho - san - na our glad voic - es raise, ho - san - na to our King!



like him in grace and know - ledge grow as years and strength in - crease.
 thus in the cir - cle of his arms may we for ev - er lie.
 Should we for - get our Sa - vior's praise, the stones them - selves would sing.

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Hymn WLP 826 "Stay with me"

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
 No - ho pū, no - ho mai me ia'u, ki - a'i a

pray watch and pray.
 pu - le, kiai a pule.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

On this night, the Lord Jesus was handed over to sinners. Let us pray to his Father on behalf of all for whom he died, saying: God, who washed us in the blood of your Son,
Have mercy upon us.

Make clear your church's understanding of your presence in the world, and enable every human being to see in our fellowship the sign of your new covenant. God who washed us in the blood of your Son,

Have mercy upon us.

Teach our national and local leaders the power of humility, and enable them to work selflessly for the good of all. God, who washed us in the blood of your Son,

Have mercy upon us.

Reconcile the divided Christian churches, and grant peace to nations and religious groups hostile to one another. God, who washed us in the blood of your Son,

Have mercy upon us.

Come to the aid of the earth's starving peoples, and give them their rightful share of the food you lavish on all your creatures. God, who washed us in the blood of your Son,

Have mercy upon us.

Heal the bodies of the wounded and diseased, and heal the hearts of those betrayed by their loved ones. God who washed us in the blood of your Son,

Have mercy upon us.

Forgive our offenses toward one another, and let the bread we break and the cup we drink save us from evil and free us to obey your word. God who washed us in the blood of your Son,

Have mercy upon us.

The clergy offers special intercessions for those listed on the prayer list. A brief period of silence is provided for the congregation to offer their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds the following Concluding Collect.

God our Savior, hear the prayers of your people who are gathered here with your Son at the Last Supper to proclaim his humble and reconciling love. Pour forth on all humankind your blessings of life, harmony, and true freedom, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“An Upper Room Did our Lord Prepare” - H. Hopson

DOXOLOGY: Hymn #380 v. 3

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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer B

The service continues on page 367 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

**** Words of consecration . . .*

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:

Hymn S 124: Sanctus

- Hurd

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

**** Words of consecration . . .*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.
We proclaim his resurrection.
We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues

**** Words of consecration . . .*

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.

HYMN S 146: AMEN

- *Robinson*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Chris 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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

HYMN S 161: AGNUS DEI

-*Hurd*

Celebrant 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.

DURING COMMUNION HYMN WLP 831: "UBI CARITAS"

Ubi caritas et amor,

Ubi caritas Deus ibi est. (Repeat)

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

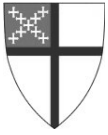
After the Eucharist is celebrated, the congregation pauses to remember the betrayal and arrest of Jesus. As the lights are dimmed and all the adornments of the altar are removed, we are reminded of the grief that the disciples experienced when Jesus was betrayed and taken away. Psalm 22 is provided for your contemplation and meditation.

The remembrance garden will be open for further meditation during the next half hour. Please observe silence as you complete your own devotions and leave the building.

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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8:30 AM **Holy Eucharist Rite I**
11:00 AM **Holy Eucharist Rite II**
 (in person and Zoom)
1:00 PM **Santa Eucaristía Rito Dos**

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