

Maundy Thursday

April 14, 2022

7:30 pm



*Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
with
Stripping of the Altar*

Trinity Church, Swarthmore

WELCOME to this first service of the Paschal, or Easter, Triduum, the “three days” of prayer and special observances leading up to Easter Day.

Our worship of God is a communal experience. Wherever we are physically located this evening, we give thanks that God’s Spirit connects us across time and space.

We encourage children to participate as they can.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

~ John 13:3

This evening's Maundy Thursday liturgy follows the proper liturgy for the day and Rite Two of the Holy Eucharist, as in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP pp. 274, 355). In this service, we remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples, when he gives the new commandment to love as he has loved. An affirmation of faith is not required and is suitably omitted for this service. As a Covid precaution, we will not engage in the ritual of foot-washing. The service ends in silence with the stripping and cleansing of the altar and the emptying of the surrounding sanctuary and chancel areas.

This service is being livestreamed and recorded on the [Trinity YouTube](#) channel.

Voluntary

"Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness"

J. S. Bach

The Liturgy of the Word

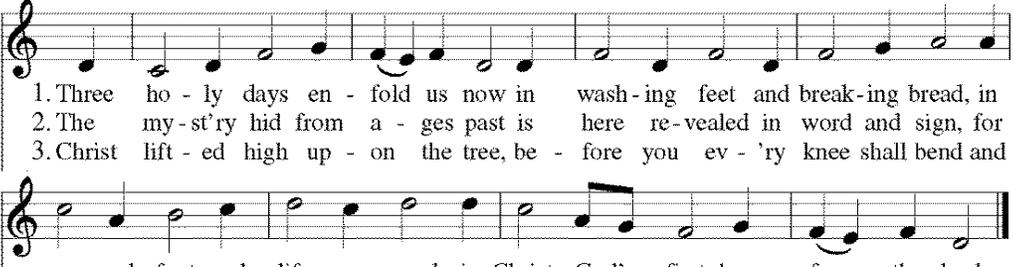
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All scriptural passages are from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) translation.

Hymn

"Three holy days, enfold us now"

Wonder, Love, and Praise #733



1. Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing feet and break - ing bread, in
2. The my - st'ry hid from a - ges past is here re - vealed in word and sign, for
3. Christ lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you ev - 'ry knee shall bend and
cross and font and life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.
Je - sus' sto - ry is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
ev - 'ry tongue in praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

The people standing, the Presider says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

God's mercy endures for ever.

The Presider says

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 of Praise

Gloria, Hymnal 1982 S-279

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.**

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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 78: 14, 15, 17-19, 23-25

The following antiphon is sung twice at the beginning, the first time by choir alone, then repeated as indicated.



- 14) In the daytime he led them with a cloud,
and all night long with a fiery light.
- 15) He split rocks open in the wilderness,
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep. *[Refrain]*
- 17) Yet they sinned still more against him,
rebellng against the Most High in the desert.
- 18) They tested God in their heart
by demanding the food they craved. *[Refrain]*
- 19) They spoke against God, saying,
'Can God spread a table in the wilderness?
- 23) Yet he commanded the skies above,
and opened the doors of heaven; *[Refrain]*
- 24) He rained down on them manna to eat,
and gave them the grain of heaven.
- 25) So mortals ate of the bread of angels;
he sent them food in abundance. *[Refrain]*

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Reader 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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



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.

The Holy Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

A deacon or priest announces the Gospel proclamation, saying

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

*People***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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Prayers of the People

Form V, *BCP* p. 389

The prayer leader begins

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

+ For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

+ For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Daniel our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God...

+ For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one...

+ For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth...

+ For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel...

+ For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples...

+ For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person...

+ For all who live and work in this community...

+ For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster...

+ For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected...

+ For those in this faith community who are present and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do...

+ For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended...

+ For ourselves, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives...

+ For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health...

+ For a swift end to the pandemic and a just distribution of all aid and care...

+ For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal...

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

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

The Presider adds a concluding Collect or the following Doxology

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Presider then bids the Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept, the Presider and People then joining in saying

**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.**

A Priest stands and speaks God's absolution of sins

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 priest offers a suitable prayer or absolution, then invites all to share a sign of Christ's peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The congregation then greet one another in the name of Christ.

Invitation

Presider The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor and marginalized of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come, let us gather as we are able. It is Christ who invites us to meet him.

People **Jesus, we cannot all gather in community round your altar as we desire.**

Yet, you are with God; you are of God.

**Give us grace so to be in communion with you and one another,
that we may know your presence in and among us. Amen.**

Gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar, to be consecrated and blessed for the eucharistic feast.

Offertory

"Ubi caritas"

Ola Gjielo

"Where there are charity and love, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together, let us be glad and rejoice therefore. Let us fear and love the living God and cherish each other with true love."

Liturgy of the Table: Holy Communion

All who are drawn to follow in the way of Christ are welcome to receive from the Lord's Table in this community of Trinity Church. We give thanks that God "...by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20).

Women sing the first petition, men sing the second, all joining for the third.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way
the sins of the world, have mer - cy
up - on us. O Lamb of God,
that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of
the world, grant us thy peace.

The Presider then offers God's gifts to the people of God.

On Receiving Holy Communion: The Presider is instructed to receive the Sacrament in both kinds (in bread and wine). Those wishing to receive should come up the central aisle, with physical distancing between families, and extend hands at full length, palms up to receive the bread-Host. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those wishing to receive wine-Host may go to the altar rail, with distancing between families. Please return by the side aisle closest to your seat. If you would like only a spoken blessing from the priest, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

Communion motet

"Tantum ergo more hispano"

Tomás Luis de Victoria

"Therefore we, before him bending, this great Sacrament revere; types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here; faith, our outward sense befriending, makes our inward vision clear.

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."

After Communion, all join in prayer

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

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**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.**

The Presider may offer a blessing.

The Stripping of the Altar

While the choir sings the Lamentations of Jeremiah, the altar is then stripped and cleansed, the Reserved Sacrament removed from the ambry, and the entire sanctuary and chancel emptied of the usual decorations. This is to mark Maundy Thursday, as the last eucharistic meal we will enjoy until Easter, in accord with Jesus's last supper with his disciples before his resurrection. Online as well as on-site worshippers are encouraged to bear witness.

Lamentations of Jeremiah and Responsory

Plainchant

Here begin the Lamentations of Jeremiah the Prophet:

- ALEPH. How lonely sits the city that was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the cities has become a vassal.
- BETH. She weeps bitterly in the night, tears on her cheek; among all her lovers, she has none to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have become her enemies.
- GHIMEL. Judah has gone into exile because of her affliction and hard servitude; she dwells now among the nations, but finds no resting place; her pursuers have overtaken her in the midst of her distress.
- DALETH. The ways of Zion mourn, for none come to the appointed feasts; her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her maidens have been dragged away, and she herself suffers bitterly.
- HE. Her foes have become the head, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe.
Jerusalem, Jerusalem: return to the Lord your God.
- RESPONSORY: Behold, we have seen him without form or comeliness, he who bore our sins and suffered for us, he who was wounded for our transgressions. For by his stripes we are healed. Surely he has borne our grief and carried our sorrows. For by his stripes we are healed.

When the Altar is bare and the vessels, vestments, and appurtenances used for worship are removed from the sanctuary, the choir and clergy leave the chancel.

The congregation may pray quietly for a time before departing in silence and in peace.

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Assisting in worship this evening:

Preacher and Presider
Music
Readers
Intercessor
Altar Guild
Ushers
Verger
Crucifer

The Rev. Dr. Edward E. ("Ted") Thompson
James Smith, Organist and Choirmaster
Heather Koelle and Joe Caruso
Bill Lawson
AnnMarie Stanton, Rich Englebach
Jay Gillespie and Claire Larson
Rich Englebach
Catherine Caruso

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