

**The Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan
Welcomes All**



Maundy Thursday

**April 1, 2021 7pm
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
The Rev. Jamie Samilio**

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES



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Good Friday, April 2

Service at 12:00 Noon In-Person

Easter Vigil, April 3

Service at 7:00 p.m. in-person

Easter Sunday, April 4

Services at 8:30 a.m. on Zoom and 10:00 a.m. in-person

Liturgical Notes for Maundy Thursday

In the gospel of John, which we read tonight, Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment—that they love each other as he has loved them. This commandment, (a mandate, if you will), gave this day its name: Maundy Thursday.

Jesus taught his disciples that they were to follow his example of healing and service. He did this by kneeling down and washing their feet—an act of friendship and humility. You are invited to share in this sacred ritual of washing one another's feet as a sign of our own commitment to service, but we have to adjust our ritual in light of our required social distancing this year, and we will take quite time to contemplate service to others.

We will share Eucharist with each other and conclude our service with solemn reflection as we strip the altar. As Christ was stripped bare, our altar will be stripped of all the vessels and garments to prepare for the day of Christ's crucifixion.

The church will remain open for prayer after the service.

Please exit the church in silence.

References:

Hatchett, Marion. *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*.
Stuhlman, Byron. *Prayer Book Rubrics Expanded*.

Opening Hymn 480

When Jesus Left His Father's Throne

*When Jesus left his Father's throne, he chose an humble birth;
like us, unhonoured and unknown,
he came to dwell on earth. Like him, may we be found below
in wisdom's paths of peace;
like him in grace and knowledge grow
as years and strength increase.*

*Sweet were his words, and kind his look,
when mothers round him pressed;
their infants in his arms he took,
and on his bosom blessed.
Safe from the world's alluring harms,
beneath his watchful eye,
thus in the circle of his arms,
may we forever lie.*

*When Jesus into Zion rode,
the children sang around;
for joy they plucked the palms and strowed
their garments on the ground.
Hosanna our glad voices raise,
hosanna to our King!
Should we forget our Saviour's praise,
the stones themselves would sing.*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures forever. Amen.**

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The Holy Eucharist

Holy God *Trisagion*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

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 First Lesson

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

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. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm

Psalms 116:1, 10-17

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.

How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.

Lord, I am your servant; *

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn 313, vv. 1-2 *Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured*

***Let thy Blood in mercy poured,
let thy gracious Body broken,
be to me, O gracious Lord,
of thy boundless love the token.***

Refrain:

***Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.***

***Thou didst die that I might live;
blessed Lord, thou cam'st to save me;
all that love of God could give
Jesus by his sorrows gave me.*** (Refrain)

The Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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." 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn 313, v 3-4 *Let thy Blood in mercy poured*
By the thorns that crowned thy brow,
by the spear-wound and the nailing,
by the pain and death, I now
claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing.

Refrain:

Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.

Wilt thou own the gift I bring?
All my penitence I give thee;
thou art my exalted King,
of thy matchless love forgive me. (Refrain)

The Sermon

The Rev. Jamie Samilio

Meditation on Foot Washing

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: O Lord of love,
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. O Lord of love,
have mercy upon us.

Clarify your church's insight into your presence in the world, and enable every human being to see in our fellowship the sign of your new covenant. O Lord of love,
have mercy upon us.

Reconcile the divided Christians churches, and grant peace to nations and religious groups hostile to one another. O Lord of love,
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. O Lord of love,
have mercy upon us.

Heal the bodies of the wounded and sick. O Lord of love,
have mercy upon us.

Forgive the sins of this people which calls on you; let the bread we break and the cup we drink save us from evil and free us to your word. O Lord of love,
have mercy upon us.

We pray for the members of the Armed Forces and others serving at home and abroad.

Celebrant God our Savior, hear the prayers of your family, gathered to proclaim the death of your Son until he comes. Pour forth on all humankind your blessings of life, harmony, and true freedom, through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Offertory

Doxology

***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. Amen.***

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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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 God thanks and praise.*

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

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

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:

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 forever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.***

Please be seated

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.

When you come forward for communion you must wear your mask. After you receive the bread in your hand, please return to your seat. Once you are seated, you may remove your mask to consume the communion wafer. Please put your mask back on for the rest of the service. Thank you.

Act of Reception (For those receiving virtually.)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you were already there, I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you; never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn 171

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Organ

***Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away, learn of Jesus Christ to pray.***

Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned;

***O the wormwood and gall! O the pangs his souls sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.
Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,
mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete;
"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.***

Post Communion Prayer

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.

The Blessing

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

Stripping of the Altar

Closing Hymn

Taize 8

***Stay with me, remain here with me,
Watch and pray, watch and pray.***

(sung until finished stripping altar, as many times as necessary, last time, just one voice)

The people depart in silence.