

MAUNDY THURSDAY



THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

7:30 P.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO AND THE
STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

THE WORD OF GOD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *The Orgelbüchlein*

O Mensch, beweine dein Sünde gross

O Man, thy grievous sin bemoan

Johann Sebastian Bach

(1685-1750)

The Prelude is the first act of worship and sets the tone for all that follows in the service. You're invited to pause from the busyness of life and connect with God during this sacred time.

WELCOME FROM THE RECTOR

OPENING HYMN 606 "Where true charity and love dwell"

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: **His mercy endures for ever.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

KYRIE, Hymnal S-91

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 274

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **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.

THE SECOND LESSON

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 602 "Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love"

Verses 1-2

THE GOSPEL

John 13:1-18, 31b-38

Celebrant: 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. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, 'The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.'

"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."

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward." Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN 602 "Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love"

Verses 3-4

THE HOMILY

Benjamin Miller

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 392

THE ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION



An offering is taken at this time. You may place your offering in the plate as it is passed or use the QR code to donate securely on-line.

THE OFFERTORY *Ave verum*

Text attributed to Pope Innocent VI (d.1362)

*Camille Saint-Saëns
(1835-1921)*

*Ave verum corpus
natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum immolatum
in Cruce pro homine,
Cujus latus perforatum
unda fluxit et sanguine
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.*

*Hail true body
born of the Virgin Mary,
Who truly suffered
sacrificed on the Cross for man,
Whose pierced side
overflowed with water and blood,
Be for a us a foretaste
in the test of death.*

DOXOLOGY, HYMN 380, stanza 3

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.**

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

PROPER PREFACE OF HOLY WEEK

BCP 379

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.

SANCTUS, Hymnal S-129

*The Congregation may remain standing or kneel
after the singing of the Sanctus.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

AGNUS DEI, Hymnal S-163

Sung while the Clergy prepare the communion vessels.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the consecrated bread and wine at St. Elizabeth's. Those who are not baptized, or those who do not wish to receive communion, are invited to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward. Gluten-free hosts (bread) are available upon request. When directed by the Ushers, the Congregation is invited to receive the Eucharist at the altar rail or at the station on the floor. After you receive communion, return to your pew via the side aisles. If you need communion brought to you, please let the Ushers know.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

HYMN 329 "Now, my tongue, the mystery telling"

HYMN 315 "Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

HYMN 171 "Go to dark Gethsemane"

A READING FROM MATTHEW'S GOSPEL ACCOUNT: 26:36-46

The congregation may be seated during the reading of this Gospel

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Now the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

TAIZÉ CHANT

After the organ introduction, the congregation and choir will join in repeating the chant, seated, as members of the Altar Guild assist in the stripping of the altar area.

“Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom”

SILENT PROCESSION OF THE CRUCIFER, ALTAR GUILD, CHOIR, AND ALTAR PARTY

THE CONGREGATION DEPARTS IN SILENCE

On this day there is no spoken Blessing, Dismissal, or Postlude

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Crucifer: Mary Wynn Seiter

Lector: Mary Wynn Seiter

Eucharistic Ministers: Joan Cooke, Mary Wynn Seiter

Ushers: Don Chappell, Wendy Weiler Chappell

Altar Guild: Sherry Kock, Wendy Lorenz, Mary Wynn Seiter, Sue Reid

Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman

Celebrate Easter

Friday, April 3rd

Good Friday 12:00 & 5:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 4th

Easter Egg Hunt – Front Lawn 10:00 AM

Easter Sunday, April 5th

Family Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM

Festive Holy Eucharist 11:30 AM



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