

Holy Week 2024: Pilgrimage to the Promise

MAUNDY THURSDAY

*Agape meal with Foot washing and Holy Eucharist
followed by the Stripping of the Altar*

March 28, 2024

6:30 PM



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GREETING

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

Presider introduces the liturgy

Leader: For the joy of human company, shared stories, friendly laughter and conversations that change us,

People: **thanks be to God.**

Leader: For a place that spans the ages and is home to all who gather,

People: **thanks be to God.**

Leader: For the wonder of life, and the decision of God to come among us,

People: **thanks be to God.**

Leader: How can we keep from singing?

People: **Nothing can keep us from singing.**

ANTHEM

I give to you a new commandment

Peter Nardone

Choir of All Saints'

I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another,
as I have loved you.

Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

[Where charity is true, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be glad in him. Let us fear and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.]

Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Let us pray for all people according to their needs.

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed,
your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet.
We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.

Lord, hear us
People: **And humble us.**

Celebrant: On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one.
We pray for the unity of the church.

Lord, hear us
People: **And unite us.**

Celebrant: On this night,
he prayed for those who were to believe through the disciples' ministry.
We pray for the mission of your church.

Lord, hear us
People: **And renew our zeal.**

Celebrant: On this night he commanded them to love,
but suffered rejection himself.
We pray for the rejected and unloved.

Lord, hear us
People: **And fill us with your love.**

As our Savior has taught us, so we pray

People and Celebrant

**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, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 13: 1-11 (NRSV)

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

Isca-ri-ot 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."

FOOT WASHING

Servers will be available to wash people's feet. If you prefer to receive a prayer rather than have your feet washed, please cross your arms over your chest.



HYMN Jesu, Jesu

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet:
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*

Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away. *Refrain*

These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;

all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*

Loving puts us on our knees,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you. *Refrain*

HYMN What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
To lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

HYMN Ubi Caritas

Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is dwelling there; God is dwelling there.

AFTER THE FOOT WASHING

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 13:12-15 (NRSV)

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.

ANTHEMS

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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God.
In one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you:

People: **And also with you.**

The peace is exchanged.

THANKSGIVING OVER MEAL

Celebrant: Let us pray.

We love you, Holy God.

We love you for the feast that is life:
Friendships and laughter, intimacy and trust,
Moments of discovering deep truth,
Hidden potentials we never knew we had,
And beauty –
The world you have crafted, and the words, the sounds, the colors

With which people reflect and explore life.

People: **We love you, holy God, for not leaving us alone,
Because in Jesus you became tangible: hands touched him,
Tears touched him, generosity touched him.**

Celebrant: And he has touched us. That is why we are here.
God, we have been gathered by you, caught in your net,
Summoned to your table.

People: **As we open ourselves to your generous hospitality,
Let your Spirit move among us.**

MEAL

EUCCHARIST

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. (*Matthew 6:6-8*)

Recalling now his suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption.

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

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.**

We offer our neighbor the bread saying, 'The Body of Christ' and the wine saying 'The Blood of Christ'.

COMMUNION

AFTER COMMUNION

SCRIPTURE READING

MARK 14:26-28 (NRSV)

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after that, I am raised up, I will go before you into Galilee."

The table candles are extinguished.

Silently follow the crucifer into the church and have a seat in a pew.

SONG Stay with me

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

SCRIPTURE READING

MARK 14:32-42 (NRSV)

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial, the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

PSALM 22

During the chanting of this psalm, the altar is stripped.

- 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 potsherd; 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 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.

*The Prayer Vigil begins immediately following this service and will continue
through the night and into morning, ending at Noon.
Staying as long as you wish, please exit through the main red doors in silence.*

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday	March 28	6:30 PM	Dinner and MT Liturgy	Parish Hall & Nave
			All-Night Prayer Vigil	Nave
Good Friday	March 29	10:30 AM	Stations of the Cross for Children	Parish Hall
		Noon	Good Friday Liturgy	Nave
		3:30 PM	Stations of the Cross	Grace Lutheran
		7:00 PM	The Last Words of Christ	Nave

EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Saturday	March 30	7:00 PM	Family Easter Vigil	Parish Hall
		8:30 PM	Choral Easter Vigil followed by Revels	Columbarium, & Nave
Easter Sunday	March 31	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist <i>with Handbell and St. Nicholas Choirs</i>	Parish Hall
		11:10 AM	Choral Holy Eucharist <i>with Brass Quintet</i>	Nave
2nd Sunday of Easter	April 7	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Parish Hall
		10:00 AM	Parish Celebration & Egg Hunt	Parish Hall Outdoors
		11:10 AM	Holy Eucharist	Nave

A NOTE ON TONIGHT'S LITURGY

Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church. Tonight's Eucharist on the eve of Good Friday begins the Sacred Triduum or Three Sacred Days of our redemption. This is a celebration: a celebration of our Lord's institution of the sacrament of his Body and Blood – but it is pervaded by the shadow of the Cross.

This Thursday evening service of Holy Communion is very different from our Sunday morning one. We are not gathered facing the altar, but rather sitting around tables. Jesus was often found at meals; the Gospels record over twenty instances. It was there he deepened friendships, heard stories and challenged assumptions in the giving and receiving of hospitality. On the night before he died, Jesus gathered with his disciples in the context of the greatest of all events in Israel's redemption: the Exodus and Passover. The normal joy of such an evening was muted by betrayal, failure of his friends to understand what he was doing, and his own fear of what was to come. It was a farewell dinner in which Jesus, by washing his disciples' feet, sought to illustrate one final time the character of love and ministry which is central in the life to which he calls us: self-giving love to the point of dying for one's friends.

It is in this sense of hospitable community we draw on this evening. We hear the ancient instructions for celebrating the Passover; Paul's account of the institution of the Eucharist; and John's account of the moment when Jesus washed his disciples' feet. As you gather, please feel free to speak to those around you allow this place of prayer to be place of welcome. After Holy Communion tonight, the liturgy does not "end." It continues tomorrow, Saturday, and Easter Sunday concludes in celebration.

You are invited to keep vigil here tonight in response to our Lord's question: "Could you not watch with me one hour?"

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