



Maundy Thursday

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Anointing with Oil and
Stripping of the Altar

April 2, 2026 7:00 p.m.

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Organ Prelude Improvisation on *Ubi caritas*

Choral Introit If Ye Love Me Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)
text John 14:15-17

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever; even the spirit of truth.

Processional Hymn 171 Go to dark Gethsemane *Petra*

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

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 Lessons

Reader: A Reading from the Book of 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **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 Epistle

Reader: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

11:23-26

For 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.**

Sequence Hymn 315 Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray

Song 1

The Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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.

“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.”

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

Sermon

The Rev. Greg Farrand

The Invitation to Anointing

Dear friends in Christ, on this night we remember a moment that must have surprised the disciples. Their teacher — the one they called Lord — knelt before them with a towel and basin. And one by one he washed their feet.

It was not simply an act of kindness. It was a revelation of who God is. The God we meet in Jesus is not a God who clings to power, but a God who kneels in love.

And then Jesus said something that echoes through the centuries:

“I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.” (John 13:15)

The heart of this night is not really about feet. It is about love that is willing to kneel.

Love that serves. Love that takes the lowest place for the sake of another.

Tonight, instead of washing feet, we will invite you to be anointed with oil. In the ancient world, oil placed on the head was a sign of blessing, a sign of belonging, and a sign of being set apart for God’s work. As the oil touches our heads, we remember two things at the same time. First, that we are beloved children of God — claimed and blessed before we have done anything to deserve it. And second, that those who are blessed by Christ are also sent by Christ.

So tonight the oil becomes our reminder of the basin and towel. The blessing placed on our heads flows outward into our lives. Just as Jesus knelt in love before his friends, so we are sent to kneel in love before the world. Because the call of Christ is not simply to admire his humility — but to follow his example.

Prayer Over the Oil

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Loving God, you revealed your heart to the world in Jesus Christ, who knelt before his friends and showed us the way of love. Bless this oil, we pray, that as it touches our heads we may remember who we are: your beloved children, called to walk in humility, and to reflect the compassion of Christ in the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Anointing

(All are invited to come forward)

Ubi caritas

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

(Repeat as needed)

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

Text: Latin, 8th Century. Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is there.

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1979, from *Songs and Prayers from Taizé* © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.

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Prayer After the Anointing

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Holy God, you have claimed us as your own
and called us into the way of Christ.

Send us now into the world

with hearts that are gentle,

spirits that are courageous,

and lives that reflect your mercy.

May we walk in the humility of Jesus,

who loved without counting the cost

and served without seeking reward.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Intercessions for Maundy Thursday

Leader: On this holy day we dine together as the Body of Christ, called to love and serve one another and the world in Jesus' name. On this holy day, then, let us pray for the church and the world, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the whole church of God, that it may grow in unity and servanthood.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For our congregation, that in these holy days we may grow in love for one another and for all people.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those who will be baptized at Easter, that they may rejoice in their passage through death into new life.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For all the leaders and people of the world, that reconciliation, justice, and peace may overcome conflict and oppression.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the hungry in body or spirit, that they may be fed.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the sick and those in pain, for the lonely and the forgotten, for the dying and all who mourn, that they may know the full extent of God's love for them.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for the saints and martyrs and for all the faithful departed who join us at your table of grace: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Concluding Collect

BCP 395

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

Celebrant

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.

Please stand as you are able for the Peace.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: God is love, and where true love is *Mandatum*
Richard Proulx (1937-2010), text: Latin, tr. James Quinn (1919-2010)

Text found at hymn 576

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP p. 361)

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a proper preface is said.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth -
- in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Sanctus, Hymnal S-114, from *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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 for ever.

AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Be known to us, Lord Jesus,
People **in the breaking of the Bread.**

Sharing of the Bread and Wine

Please make your way forward for communion. If you are unable to come forward, signal to the clergy or let another worshipper know, and communion will be brought to you.

Communion Anthem Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle *Pange lingua*, plainsong
text: Venantius Fortunatus (530-609)

Text found at hymn 166

Postcommunion Prayer *(Please stand as you are able.)*

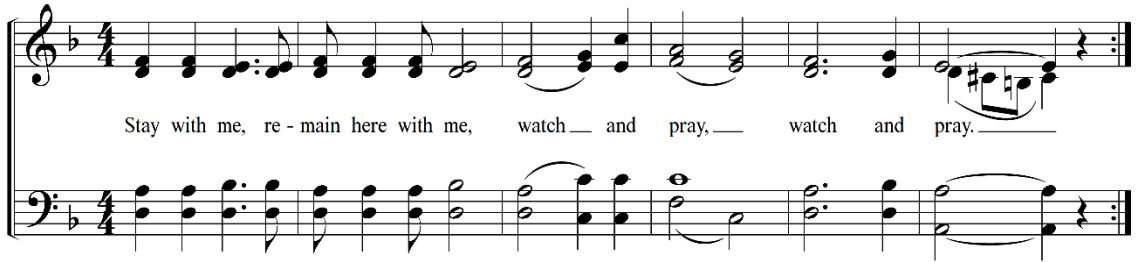
BCP 365

**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.**

Please continue to kneel or sit and join in this ostinato chant..

Stay with me



Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch — and pray, — watch and pray. —

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Psalm 22

(BCP page 610)

Please kneel or sit in silence while the psalm is chanted and the altar is stripped.

There is no blessing or dismissal at this service. After the altar has been stripped, the congregation departs in silence. Anyone wishing to stay and keep vigil with the Blessed Sacrament in the side chapel for a time is welcome to do so.

Worship Leaders

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Greg Farrand
The Rev. Monnie Riggin, Deacon
Crucifer-acolyte: E. June Santa
Reader: Martha Engelke
Intercessor: Babs Wise
LEM Chalice: Randy Griffin, Cherie Wilson
Organist and Choir Director: David Arcus
Cantors: David Arcus, Annette Medlin
Usher: Bill Mahony

Notes about tonight's music

The service will begin with Thomas Tallis's motet *If ye love me*, published in 1565, which is sung in many churches as a choral introit to the Maundy Thursday liturgy. During Communion, the choir will chant a 14th-century plainsong setting of the *Pange lingua*, a medieval Latin hymn text by poet and hymn writer Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (530-609), who was also a bishop in the early Church. The Latin text was translated into English by 19th-century English hymn writer and clergyman Edward Caswall. At the Stripping of the Altar, you will hear the unaccompanied plainsong chanting of Psalm 22.

The Women of the Cross

Good Friday, April 18, 6 p.m.

Join us for this powerful version of the Stations of the Cross—each station describing a Biblical woman's relationship with Jesus. This quiet, meditative liturgy brings to life the man we call Jesus and the women who knew him. Please bring friends and spread the word. This will take place in the nave.

St. Luke's Pantry—please remember to donate

We are grateful to be able to offer non-perishable groceries to our neighbors who are often in need of food for their families. We are currently low on the following: peanut butter, jelly, sandwich crackers, soup, fruit, toothpaste, feminine products, hand soap. Personal and household items are also helpful: laundry or dish detergent, shampoo and conditioner, toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, cleaning supplies, body lotion. *No glass containers, please.*

Thank you for helping to feed our hungry neighbors.



St. Luke's Holy Week Schedule:

The Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)

March 29, 8 and 10:30 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist
with Anointing of Oil and Stripping of the Altar**

April 2, 7 p.m.

Good Friday

April 3

12 p.m. Holy Eucharist

6 p.m. *The Women of the Cross*

Easter Sunday: The Day of Resurrection

April 5, 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Easter Brunch between services

Monday, April 6

Parish office closed

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