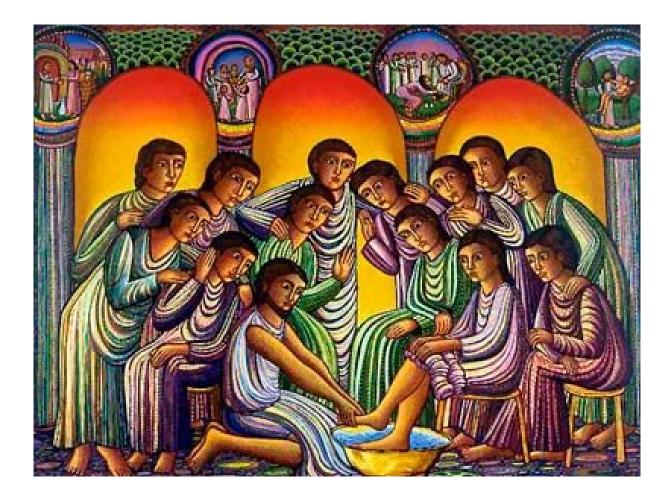
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II for Maundy Thursday with The Stripping of The Altar & The Washing of Feet



28 March 2024 at 7pm

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH HOUSTON, TEXAS

CONCERNING THE LITURGY

Maundy Thursday begins what is called the Easter Triduum (TRI-joo-um), the holiest days in Christianity and the heart of Holy Week. Beginning on the evening of Thursday and lasting until the evening of Easter Sunday, these days recall the betrayal, arrest, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. On these days, we recall the decisive moments of our salvation.

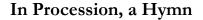
Tonight, we observe Maundy Thursday. Derived from the Latin for "command" or "commandment," *Maundy* Thursday recalls the new command which Jesus gives to the disciples he is soon to leave behind: they are to love one-another as he has loved them. This love is embodied in the act of foot-washing, which Jesus performs on his followers. Such an act would have been a shocking disruption of status in the ancient world, as topsy-turvy as a dinner guest cleaning your bathroom. Yet this act manifests the nature of God in Jesus Christ: God has come to serve those whom he has created. He has come to rescue them – and us – in an act of shocking love.

At the end of the service, the altar and chancel are stripped of their traditional hangings and adornments, a practice that reminds us of Jesus' own stripping after his trial, and the stripping away of illusions which occurs at the cross. At the crucifixion, gone are the pleasantries of a God far away in his heaven, gone also is the innocence with which we so often wish to view humanity. As the stripping of the altar lays bare the wood and stone of our church, so too the crucifixion lays bare the reality of God's love.

As we celebrate this service, we encourage you to lose yourself in the readings and music. Set your bulletin aside as often as you can, allow yourself to be caught up in the story of Jesus' last days with his followers, and use this time to ready yourself to walk through these last days with him.

Intercessor

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD





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Music: Interessor, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

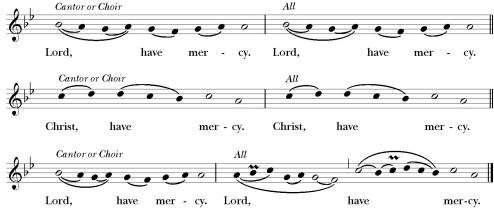
All standing, the Priest says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. *People* **God's mercy endures for ever.**

The Collect for Purity

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.**

Kyrie eleison



The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.*People* And also with you.*Priest* 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 Reading

All sit.

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.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Exodus 12:1-14

At the Gradual, Psalm 116:1,10-17

Sung by all.



- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my suppli/cation, * 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 sal/vation * 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.

Glory to the Father, and to the / Son, and to the / Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is / now. and will be for / ever. Amen.

The Second Reading

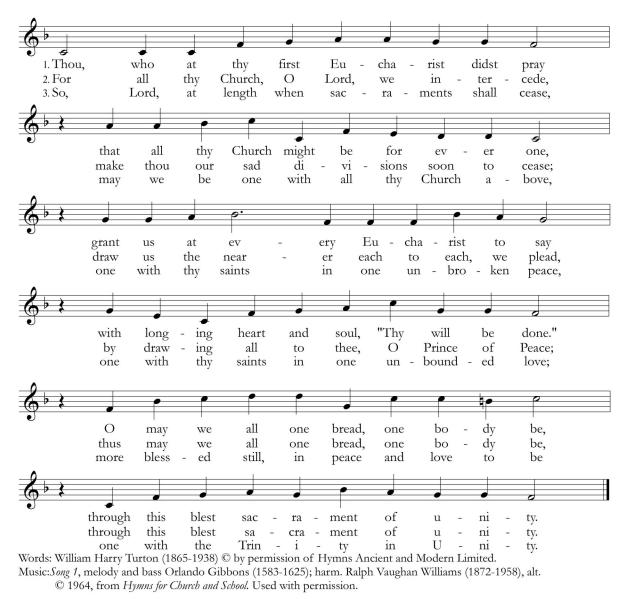
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

At the Sequence, a Hymn

All stand and sing.



The Holy Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Priest 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."

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

The Sermon

All sit.

The Invitation to The Washing of Feet

Dear friends in Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle but by such service.

Therefore, I invite you to come forward and join me, that we may recall whose servants we are by following the example of Jesus, our teacher and friend.

The Ceremony of The Washing of Feet

Each removes shoes and socks and comes forward to a foot washing station, receiving the washing of feet from clergy.

At the Washing of Feet, an Anthem

Sung by the choir.

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.

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you. By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

Plainsong, Tone

The Rev. Clint Brown

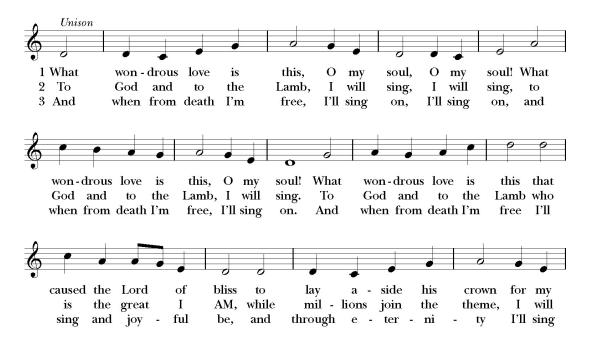
At the Washing of Feet, a Hymn

Sung by all.

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Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23 Music: St. Columba, Irish mlody; harm. Hymnal 1982

Wondrous Love



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Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835 Music: Wondrous Love, from The Southern Harmony, 1835

The Prayers of the People - Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation; For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our presiding bishop; Andy, Jeff, Héctor, and Kai, our bishops and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those on our parish prayer list. *Silence The People may add their own petitions.*

For all who have asked for our prayers, Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Sharon, the Kelly family, Catherine, Gary, Chase, Dorethea, Jeanne, and Karen.

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Silence The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King; And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for Ricky, John, and Michael, and all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence may be kept.*

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

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 Peace All stand.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.*People* And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION Giving to St. Andrew's

To make a contribution to the ministry of St. Andrew's, please drop your offering in the plate or scan this QR code to give securely online.



At the Offertory, an Anthem

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Words: John 3:16

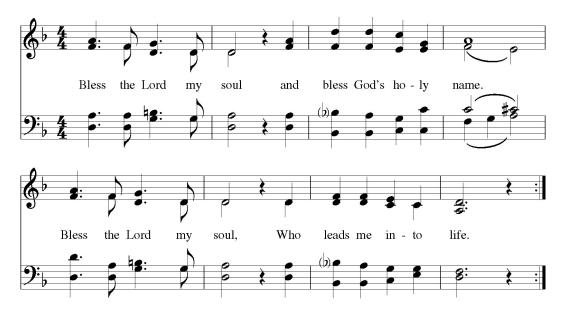
Music: Bob Chilcott

Taizé

Plainsong

At the Presentation, a Hymn

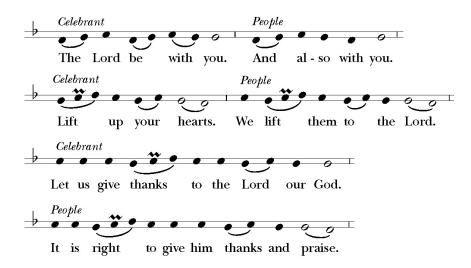
All stand and sing as the offering is brought forward.



The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

Sursum Corda

The Priest proceeds

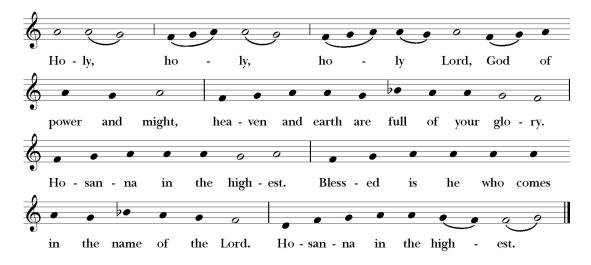


It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus et Benedictus

Plainsong



The people stand or kneel

The Priest 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 Priest 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**.

The Priest then continues

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

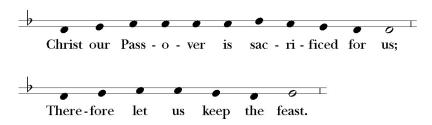
People and Priest

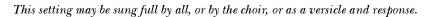
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem





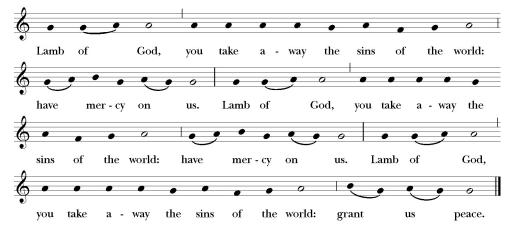
The Invitation

The Priest says

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.

Agnus Dei

Plainsong



The Sharing of Communion

If you desire to receive communion, step into the center aisle when prompted by the usher and approach the priest. You may elect to dip (intinct) your wafer in the wine. If you desire to receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would prefer to receive gluten-free wafers, let the priest know when you approach. If you require communion be brought to you, please let the usher know.

At the Distribution, an Anthem

The Ballad of the Judas Tree

In Hell there grew a Judas Tree Where Judas hanged and died Because he could not bear to see His master crucified Our Lord descended into Hell And found his Judas there Forever hanging on the tree Grown from his own despair So Jesus cut his Judas down And took him in his arms "It was for this I came," he said, "And not to do your harm. My Father gave me twelve good men And all of them I kept Though one betrayed and one denied Some fled and others slept.

In three days' time I must return To make the others glad But first I had to come to Hell And share the death you had My tree will grow in place of yours Its roots lie here as well There is no final victory Without this soul from Hell." So when we all condemn him As of every traitor worst Remember that of all his men Our Lord forgave him first.

Words: Dorothea Ruth Etchells

Music: Richard Lloyd

At the Distribution, a Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together



Words: Afro-American spiritual. Music: Let Us Break Bread, Afro-American spiritual; harm. David Hurd (b. 1950) Copyright ©1985, David Hurd. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

All stand. The priest says, Let us pray.

Priest and people together,

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 Blessing

THE PROCESSION

It is customary to reverence the cross as it passes. Once the procession has ended, the People may be seated for The Stripping of the Altar.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

All may sit or kneel in silence.

In Reflection, a Hymn

Were You There?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Words: African-American Spiritual Music: Spiritual, arr. Francis Brotherton Westbrook;

David Ogden (vs. 3)

Please observe the solemnity of this act by departing in silence and maintaining silence around the church doors.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT ST. ANDREW'S

March 28 Maundy Thursday

The Holy Eucharist with The Washing of Feet & The Stripping of the Altar at 7 pm

Altar of Repose 8 PM until Noon

We will keep vigil with the reserved sacrament in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd throughout the night.

March 29 Good Friday

The Liturgy for Good Friday at Noon A solemn service that recounts the crucifixion and death of Jesus through Scripture, music, and the adoration of the cross.

The Way of the Cross for Families at 4 PM The Stations of the Cross are presented in pictures and language appropriate for young children.

March 30 Holy Saturday

The Great Vigil of Easter with Holy Eucharist at 8 PM Hear the story of salvation, partake in the kindling of new fire, and celebrate the Resurrection with the first Eucharist of Easter.

March 31 Easter Sunday

Festive celebrations of Holy Eucharist at 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM and Rhythms of Grace at 2:30 PM

Festivities on Easter Day

Flowering of the Cross following the 9 AM service Easter Egg Fest following the 11 o'clock service

ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER LIST

"Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family."

Please keep these individuals in your prayers this week:

Sarrah Moseley, parishioner at St. Andrew's Lynette Edwards, parishioner at St. Andrew's Gary Moseley, parishioner at St. Andrew's Sharon Klander, parishioner at St. Andrew's The Kelly Family, friends of Lisa Moore Catherine Whitney, friend of Priscilla Burroughs Gary Burton, parishioner at St. Andrew's Chase Authement, cousin of Lisa Moore Dorethea Mosely, friend of Debbi Van Etten Jeanne Ingraham, parishioner at St. Andrew's Karen Webb, sister in law of Laura Mergens

We pray for the repose of the soul of:

Ricky Garrett John Longnecker, *friend of Michael Mergens* Michael Cottingham, *cousin of Jimmy Grace*

If you would like to add someone to the published parish prayer list above, please notify Carrie Conti, Office Manager, at cconti@saecheights.org. If you would like your prayer request to be confidential, please let Carrie know.

Names remain on Parish Prayer List for four Sundays unless the request is renewed.



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