



ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Agape Meal

6p

Maundy Thursday

Thursday March 28, 2024

The congregation gathers around tables in Saints Hall. After the welcome and prayers we will eat dinner. The liturgy will end with a procession upstairs. This meal concludes as the Maundy Thursday Eucharist begins.

The Welcome

The Presider will welcome the congregation.

The Opening Prayer

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. **Amen.**

Blessing the Cup and the Bread

Each person will have their glass filled with either wine or with juice. As the priest blesses the cup, all raise their glasses.

Father, we give you thanks for the holy vine of your servant David, which you made known to us through Jesus your servant.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

All sip from their glass. As the priest blesses the bread, one person at every table lifts the basket of bread.

Father, we give you thanks for the life and knowledge you sent us through Jesus your servant.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

As grain was scattered across the hills,
then gathered and made one in this bread
so may your church,
scattered to the ends of the earth,
be gathered and made one
in your kingdom.

All glory and power are yours through Jesus Christ for ever and ever.

The basket of bread at every table is passed. Let each person take bread, break it and partake.

At the conclusion of the dinner, please take the centerpiece from your table and carry it with you as we follow the cross and the choir upstairs. Place your centerpiece at the Altar of Repose in Myll Chapel before entering the Nave to celebrate Holy Eucharist.

Processional chant: O Christe Domine Jesu

6:55p



Remember to turn off or silence all phones. Thank you.

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

Trisagion

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Collect of the Day

Presider

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Presider

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.**

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

The people are seated.

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.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

116:1, 10-17



1 I love you, O God, because you have heard the voice of my suppli- / cation,*
because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I / called upon you.

10 How shall I re - / pay God *
for all the good / things done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of sal - / vation *
and call upon the / Nāme of God.

12 I will fulfill my vows / to God *
in the presence / of all people.

13 Precious in your sight, / O God, *
is the death / of your servants.

14 O God, 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 thanks- / giving *
and call upon / your holy Name.

16 I will fulfill my vows / to you *
in the presence of / all your people.

17 In the courts of / God's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. / Praise God!

The Saint Helena Psalter translation

Second Reading

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

Gospel Hymn

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul

Hymnal 439
Wondrous Love

The people stand as able.

The Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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."

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

Sermon *Seated*

The Rev. Deacon Jan Scholtz

Washing of the Feet *Seated*

Presider 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."

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.**

Presider 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.

Presider

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

If you desire to participate in the foot washing, please come forward to one of the two stations during the hymns.

Jesu, Jesu

Tom Colvin, 1969, rev. 1994

Refrain Unison

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

Last time, end

The Servant Song

1/6. Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you,
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - lers on the road;
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time of your fear;
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
5. When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
We are here to help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor - row 'til we've seen this jour - ney through.
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

Prayers of the People

After each petition, the People respond **Hear our prayer.**

Peace

All stand as able.

Presider The peace of Christ 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.

Holy Communion

During the offertory, please consider the gifts God has given you, and give generously. Your gift will help us continue vital ministries. Our online giving works well, as does our text to give option. Please use this link for online giving.
<https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/5QFR9K/>

Offertory

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Kenneth Kosche

Doxology

143 v. 5

Representatives of the congregation bring the People's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or presider. The people stand while the offerings are presented.

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest, to thee be every prayer addressed, who are in three-fold name adored, from age to age, the only Lord.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Enriching Our Worship

The People remain standing.

Presider	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Presider	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Presider	It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

The presider continues the Eucharistic prayer

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

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Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of you daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The presider then says

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

People and Presider

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept

Fraction Anthem

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Hurd

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All who seek God and are drawn to God through Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please remain seated until guided by the ushers to communion. Return to your seat by the side aisles. If for any reason you do not desire to receive communion, you may come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. If you need gluten-free bread, please ask the priest giving out bread. You are welcome to receive both bread and wine, or just bread. Please use hand sanitizer if you will receive wine.

Communion Hymn

Come, ye disconsolate

LEVAS 147



1. Come, ye dis - con - so - late, where - e'er ye lan - guish,
 2. Hope of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,
 3. Here see the Bread of Life; see wa - ters flow - ing

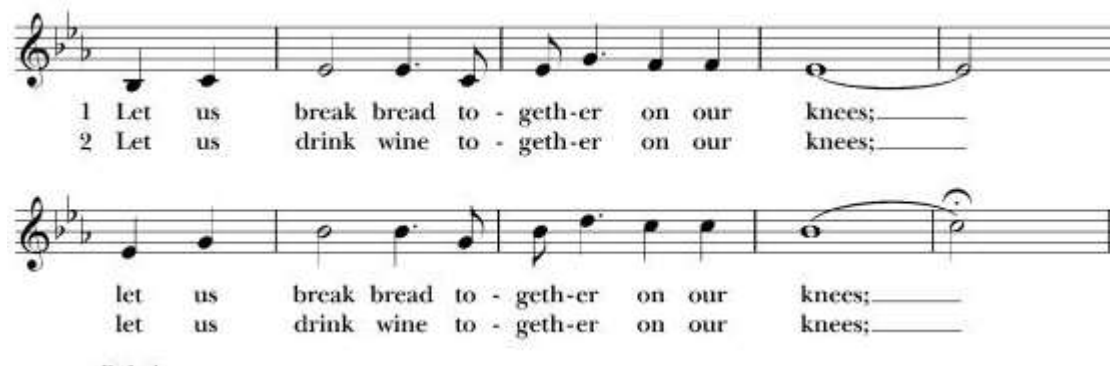
Come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
 Hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!
 Forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.

Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish.
 Here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
 Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing

Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.
 "Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."
 Earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

Let us break bread together

Hymnal 325
Let Us Break Bread



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;

Eucharistic Visitors may be commissioned.

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22

Seated



- 1 My God, my God, why have you for - saken 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 prais- / es of Israel.
- 4 Our forebears put their trust / in you; *
they trusted, and you / delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were de- / livered; *
they trusted in you and were / not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm, and less than / human, *
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 "You trusted in God for de- / liverance; *
let God rescue you, if God / delights in you."
- 9 Yet you, O God, are the one 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 en- / circle me; *
strong bulls of Ba- / shan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their / jaws at me, *
live 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 pot-sherd;
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 a- / round 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 God: *
you are my strength; hast- / en to help me.
- 19 Save me from / the sword, *
my life from the pow- / er 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 / people; *
in the midst of the congregation / I will praise you.
- 22 May all who fear you, O God, / give praise; *
may the offspring of Israel stand in awe
and all of Jacob's / line give glory.
- 23 For you do not despise no abhor the poor in their poverty,
neither do you hide your face / from them, *
but when they cry to / you, you hear them.

- 24 My praise is of you in the great as- / sembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those / who worship you.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek you shall / praise you: *
"May your heart / live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn / to you, *
and all the families of the nations shall / bow before you.
- 27 For yours is the royal power, / O God; *
you rule o- / ver the nations.
- 28 To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in / worship; *
all who go down to the dust / fall before you.
- 29 My soul shall live for you;
my descendants shall / serve you; *
they shall be known as / yours for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet / unborn *
the saving deeds / that you have done.

Processional Chant

Stay with Me



The congregation will now follow the choir as they process out of the nave into the narthex and the Altar of Repose in Myll Chapel.

Jesus' Agony in the Garden

Matthew 26:39-52

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, "I am 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? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand." While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword."

The congregation departs from the church in silence.

