



# Holy Family Episcopal Church

Maundy Thursday  
March 28, 2024

## Welcome!

If you would like more information about Holy Family or otherwise want to communicate with the clergy or office, you can fill out a Guest Information Card and drop it in the offering plate or give it to one of the clergy: cards may be found on clipboards throughout the building. We'll get information to you as soon as possible. Thank you for being part of the community this evening!

References marked *BCP* are found in *The Book of Common Prayer* (red hardback book in the chair back racks).

### The Word of God

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* **His mercy endures forever.**

*Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity*

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.  
*People* **Christ, have mercy.**  
*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

### The Collect of the Day

*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 First Reading

*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, Hallelujah!**

### **The Second Reading** *1 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.**

### **The Holy 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.**

### **Homily**

*The Rev. Bruce Gray*

### **The Ceremony of the Washing of Feet**

*Celebrant:*

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus 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 lowly service. Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that we may recall whose servant we are by following the example of our Master. But, come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others.

*The People are invited to come forward for the washing of feet.*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer A  
BCP 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, 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.

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*BCP p.364*

**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*

*Celebrant*    Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People*        **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## **The Invitation**

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion. If you wish only a blessing, please so indicate to the priest by crossing your arms over your chest. A gluten free option is available for*

*those who need it, simply let the priest or deacon know at the time you are to receive the bread.*

## **Post-communion Prayer**

**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.**

## **Removal of the Sacrament to the Altar of Repose**

*During the service, a sufficient number of hosts were consecrated for the congregation to receive communion during the Good Friday service tomorrow. The Eucharist is not celebrated on Good Friday, but Communion will be provided from the Reserved Sacrament.*

*At this time, the Sacrament is carried in solemn procession to an Altar of Repose, set up to the side of the High Altar. Members of the congregation will sit in vigil with the Sacrament throughout the night. This commemorates for us the disciples being asked to watch and pray with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before he was crucified.*

## **The Stripping of the Altar**

*Once the Sacrament has been moved to the Altar of Repose, the Clergy and Altar Guild will strip the altar and the congregation shall remain seated. All altar linens, candles, communion vessels, altar books, symbols or hangings of any kind are removed to the sacristy, so that nothing remains. This is an ancient tradition of the church which is meant to symbolize Christ being arrested, stripped, and beaten before his crucifixion. It sets the stage for a somber Good Friday service.*

*No final blessing or dismissal is given at this service.*

***All depart in silence.***

*Some may wish to remain behind to pray near the Altar of Repose. Having no final blessing or dismissal symbolizes the confusion and fear of the unknown, which the disciples experienced on this night.*

## **Additional Holy Week Services:**

Good Friday services: 7 PM

Easter Vigil service: 7 PM

Easter Sunday services: 8 & 10 AM