

Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024

7:00 PM



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Priest in Charge*

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26

We welcome you to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and to this service, the first of the "Great Three Days" (in Latin, *Triduum sacrum*), which refers to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, and end with the Easter Vigil.

The name 'Maundy Thursday' comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, and refers to the new commandment in John 13:34, "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."

Jesus knows his hour has come and he demonstrates this 'love for one another' by washing the feet of his disciples. We are to follow the servanthood love of Jesus as we care for each other with deep humility. Following the homily, you are invited to come forward for the Foot Washing. This action may make us feel uncertain, as did Peter and the disciples, but we are reminded by this story that we too are to embrace a servanthood nature of ministry as we serve our neighbors in the name of Christ and the love of Christ.

Following the Eucharist, the liturgy continues with the stripping of the High Altar and a procession to the Altar of Repose where the Reserved Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood will remain until we will share it on Good Friday. The liturgy concludes abruptly after the stripping of the altar, and we may feel thrown off by this, ill at ease, troubled in our souls as we continue to stay present to the story as it unfolds. If we remain open to the darkness and confusion and sorrow, we will find ourselves greatly changed and more able to embrace the gift of what lies ahead.

You are invited to stay near the Altar of Repose in silent prayer, even if just briefly, to offer your own soul's response to Jesus' question to his disciples, "Could you not keep watch with me one hour?"

Faithfully, Mather Dina

Maundy Thursday
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 7:00 pm

(Directions to stand, kneel, etc., in our services should always be considered an invitation. If you find any of these to be challenging, please worship in whatever pose may work for you, knowing you are fully in God's presence.)

The Ringing of the Bells

We ring the sacristy bells five minutes before each service to invite us into the silence and reflection that helps to settle our souls for this time of shared and Spirit-filled worship.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Processional Hymn #439, The Hymnal 1982
“What wondrous love is this”

The people standing, the Celebrant says
Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures forever.**

The people and Celebrant say together
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.

The Kyrie S-91, The Hymnal 1982
“Lord, have mercy upon us”

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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 *The people sit.*

A Reading from the Book of Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response: Psalm 116:1, 10-17 (*Said in unison*)

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.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Church at Corinth 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

#306, The Hymnal 1982

"Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest"

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

Mother Dina

A time of silence after the homily is held for reflection.

Celebrant 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.**

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.

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. We all need to remember his example, but none stand more in need of this reminder than those whom the Lord has called to the ordained ministry. Therefore, we 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 the Master. But come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for “a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

You are all encouraged to come forward for the foot washing. Please sit in one of the chairs provided and remove the shoe and sock of the foot you would like to be washed. If you are wearing pantyhose, this will not present a problem for the foot washing. Just come forward and remove your shoe. If you would prefer to have your hands washed (which is a beautiful choice), please hold out your hands once you have sat down.

Two Hymns during the Footwashing:

“Ubi Caritas” (Pronounced “ooh-bee-car-ee-tas, et ah-mor, day-oos-ee-bee-est)

Descant

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - - mor,
 Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha

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u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i ³ - bi est.
 Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō.

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

Words: Latin, 8th c., tr. Malcolm Naea Chun (b. 1954). Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

“Jesu, Jesu” #602, The Hymnal 1982

The Prayers of the People

Leader Father, on this night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples’ feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of servanthood ministry, love, and service. Lord, hear us.

People Humble us.

Leader On this night, Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church. Lord, hear us.
People **Unite us.**

Leader On this night, Jesus prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your Church. Lord, hear us.
People **Renew our zeal.**

Leader On this night, Jesus commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved. Lord, hear us.
People **Fill us with your love.**

Leader On this night, Jesus reminded his disciples that, if the world hated them, it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, hear us.
People **Give us your peace.**

Celebrant Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands are unclean, our hearts are unprepared; we are not fit even to eat crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share the food and drink of life with your broken and hungry people. So cleanse and feed us with the precious Body and Blood of your Son that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom.
People **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. **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.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP 360

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Anthem “Watch and pray” Carol McClure
St. Matthew’s Choir; Fran Zartman, *flute*

**THE HOLY COMMUNION AND CONSECRATION OF THE
RESERVED SACRAMENT**

Eucharistic Prayer 2

from Enriching our Worship

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.**

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

The Sanctus

S-114, The Hymnal 1982

“Holy, holy, holy”

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make

us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with **St. Matthew** and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:
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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Fraction Anthem

S-161, The Hymnal 1982

“Lamb of God”

The Celebrant 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.

Communion Hymn

#171, The Hymnal 1982

“Go to dark Gethsemane”

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People 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 Priest blesses the People. The choir recesses in silence.*

The Dismissal *The Priest dismisses the People*

Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Stripping of the Altar and Procession to the Altar of Repose

Please kneel or stand as may be possible while the Altar Party goes in procession to move the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose (the side altar.)

“Stay with me”

#826, Wonder, Love, and Praise

(Sung repeatedly, growing softer until it fades away and silence prevails.)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The vocal line (treble clef) and piano accompaniment (bass clef) are shown. The lyrics are: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and No - ho pū, no - ho mai me ia'u, ki - a'i a". The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line with chords in the right hand.

pray
pu - le, watch kiai and a pray.
pule.

Words: Matthew 26, tr. Malcolm Naea Chun (b. 1954). Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

On this night we leave in silence. You are invited to stay and pray before departing as long as feels right to your soul.

Serving today's liturgy

The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Celebrant and Preacher*
Patrick Ishler, *Music Minister*; Fran Zartman, *flute*

St. Matthew's Choir

Mary Ann Loftus, *Thurifer*; Roy Casey, *Eucharistic Minister*

Anissa DeCapria-Sanduta, *Lector*

Barry Treon, *Greeter and Usher*

Members of our Altar Guild

