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Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024, 7:00 PM

Holy Eucharist II

Maundy Thursday, the name given to the day, derives from the Latin “mandatum novum,” from the new commandment proclaimed in the Gospel, “A new commandment I give you, that you love one another even as I have loved you.” (John 13:34).

The moving service for Maundy Thursday includes four main elements: *The Foot Washing*, when we follow the actions of Jesus by humbly serving one another and washing each other's feet; *The Consecration of the Eucharist*, when we remember the institution of the Eucharist through Jesus sharing communion with the disciples at the Last Supper; *The Stripping of the Altar*, when we remove moveable objects, hangings and ornaments, symbolically preparing for laying Jesus in the tomb; and *Keeping Vigil through the Night*, when we are still before the presence of God, reminding us that we really do have nothing to say. We need to listen to the voice of God who prays in us.

Derived from the Latin word for “shadows,” Tenebrae refers to a worship service designed to recreate the emotional and spiritual aspects of the passion story. The most conspicuous feature of the service is the gradual extinguishing of candles and other lights in the church until only a single candle, considered a symbol of our Lord, remains.

Silent Procession

Opening Collect

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 274

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, on God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 116:1, 10-17 *(Read responsively by half verse)*

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 759

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.
 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?
 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.
 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.
 O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,
 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

The Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (13:1-17, 31b-35)
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.”

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

Homily

The Rev. Vicki Hesse

The Foot Washing

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 service.

If you would like to participate and wash the feet of the person in front of you, and in turn have your feet washed by the next person, please remove shoes and socks at your pew and come forward. May we recall whose servant we are by following the example of Christ.

“The Servant Song”

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the faith to let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey; we’re together on this road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ Light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I’ll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow, ‘til we’ve seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we’ve known together of Christ’s love and agony.

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.

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Tenebrae – Litany and Prayer

Celebrant Tonight we gather to remember what was accomplished on the cross.

People **The light shines in the darkness but the darkness did not understand it.**

Celebrant: Tonight we remember the circumstances that led Jesus to the cross.

People **The light shines in the darkness but the darkness did not understand it.**

Celebrant Tonight we remember the love that kept Jesus on the cross.

People **The light shines in the darkness but the darkness did not understand it.**

Celebrant Tonight we remember the redemption given through the cross.

People **The light shines in the darkness but the darkness did not understand it.**

Celebrant Almighty God, look with mercy upon your children for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was sent to redeem. Just as you graced the disciples in the upper room with your cleansing touch, grant, O Lord, your cleansing in our lives. **Amen**

Narrator: Tonight, we gather to remember, to recall the light of Christ's life and the depths of his love, to ponder the suffering he endured as we journey through the growing darkness to the foot of the cross. Tonight, as we remember Calvary we worship Christ who willingly gave his life for our sins.

Here I Am to Worship

Choir begins and congregation joins:

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.

Narrator: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 1: 4-5)

Narrator: From his birth in Bethlehem to his final breath on Calvary, Christ's days were spent fulfilling God's plan – leading his disciples, teaching, performing miracles, and sharing the promise of

eternal life. Tonight, as we reflect on the events surrounding his death, let us not forget the impact of his life.

We Remember

Choir begins and congregation joins:

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Narrator: On the night before he was crucified, Jesus gathered with his disciples to observe Passover and to remind them of his purpose and their role in his legacy.

He knew his fate, and he knew his trusted disciples would deny him before the night was through, but he sat with them and broke bread for the Last Supper.

Bread of Life

Choir

(The Altar is set for Holy Eucharist)

Narrator: While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." Matthew 26:26-29

Please stand as you are able.

The Blessing of the Bread

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and on this night you have given us the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. We bless this bread in remembrance of the One who died for us. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Blessing of the Wine

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and on this night you have refreshed us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Glory to you for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood for the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive communion at St. Michael's. At the altar rail, you may kneel or stand, and place one hand in the other, like a manger or bowl. Once you receive the bread, you may consume it, or wait for the cup. When the wine comes to you, you may dip (instinct) your wafer into the wine and then consume it and return to your pew. If you would like to sip from the common cup, please assist the chalice bearers by guiding the chalice to your lips with one hand. If you would like to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms in an X form across your chest and a priest will offer you a blessing.

Celiac friendly: Please come to the left side (as you face the altar) and let the clergy know if you would like to receive a gluten free host and wine.

Communion Hymns

“Jesus, remember me”

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

“Ubi Caritas”

Ubi caritas et amor. Ubi caritas; Deus ibi est
Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell with you.

“Eat this bread”

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you shall not thirst.

Please remain seated

Narrator: And Jesus told them, “I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father’s kingdom.” (Matthew 26:29)

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

Choir begins and congregation joins:

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

First candle is extinguished.

Narrator: “When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. There, Jesus told his disciples, ‘this very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: I will strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’

(Music begins)

Narrator: Peter replied, ‘Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.’ ‘I tell you the truth,’ Jesus answered, ‘this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.’ But Peter declared, ‘Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.’ And all the other disciples said the same.” (Matthew 26:30-35)

Change My Heart, O God

Choir

Second candle is extinguished.

Narrator: Jesus went with his disciples up to Gethsemane and asked them to sit while he went into the garden to pray. “Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, ‘My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.’” (Matthew 26:39)

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

Choir begins and congregation joins:

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o’er my being absolute sway!
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

Narrator: Twice Jesus returned to find his disciples sleeping, and twice he returned to pray. The third time he returned, he awoke them and said, “Enough! The hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.”

Third candle is extinguished.

Narrator: Shortly after praying in the garden, Jesus was arrested and taken away. His disciples fled. Even after the chief priests, Herod, and Pilate found no reason to convict him of a crime, the angry mob prevailed. With a cross on his back, battered by scorn and mockery, he was led away...to be crucified.

The Old Rugged Cross

Choir begins and congregation joins:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

Fourth candle is extinguished.

Narrator: A trio of crosses stood at the place called The Skull. With a criminal on either side, Jesus hung in the center – tortured, deserted, dying. One of the criminals asked Jesus, “If you are the Son of God, why don’t you save yourself and us?” But the other rebuked him and then looked at Jesus and said, “Surely, you are the Son of God...remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”

Lord, Remember Me

Choir begins and congregation joins:

Just as I am without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd’st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come. I come!

Fifth candle is extinguished.

The Crucifixion

Narrator: Even though it was about noon, darkness swept over the land. Jesus cried out, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” And then he breathed his last breath. When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away.

The soldiers came and took Jesus from the cross. They pierced his side with a sword, and he was taken to a nearby tomb where his body was placed and the tomb was sealed with a stone. The empty cross stood there as a grim reminder of Christ’s sacrifice and it still stands today, etched in our minds, as a symbol of his undying grace.

“Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.” (Isaiah 53: 2-5)

Near the Cross

Choir

Sixth candle is extinguished.

Narrator: As we remember Christ’s life, his journey, his death...as we remember Calvary...

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”
(Hebrews 12:2)

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Choir

Amazing Grace – verse 1

Final Candle is extinguished.

Stripping of the Altar

After the Last Supper, less than 24 hours remained in Christ’s earthly life. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, beating, the trudge to Golgotha and execution. As His life was stripped from Him, so we strip our altar of the signs of comfort and life to symbolize His suffering, death, and absence.

“Stay with me”

Taizé

Stay with me, remain here with me,
watch and pray, watch, and pray

Please remain seated

(The lights are dimmed, silence is held)

Washing of the Altar

(After the washing of the altar, please kneel in body or spirit)

Thirty-three bells toll, one for each year of Jesus’ life.

Closing Hymn

“Were you there?”

Hymn #172

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| 1. 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? | 3. 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? |
| 2. 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? | 4. 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? |

You are invited to observe silence. You may leave when you are ready.

The Garden Watch begins.

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Upcoming Events & New Announcements

Friday, March 29

Reading the Gospels - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (*RSVP*)

Good Friday Liturgy - 2:00 PM* (*with Nursery*)

Stations of the Cross - 3:00 PM (Outside)

Saturday, March 30

Holy Saturday Service - 10:00 AM (Columbarium)

Easter Vigil Service & Baptisms - 7:00 PM* (*with Nursery*)

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunrise Spoken Service - 6:30 AM

Easter Service with Brass & Choir - 8:00 AM

Egg Hunt - 9:30 AM (Outside)

Easter Service with Brass & Choir - 10:30 AM*

Monday, April 1

Church Office Closed

Parenting Small Group – Sunday, April 7 & May 5, 9:15

Sunday Forums at 9:15AM *

Clergy Q&A – April 7

Creation Justice – April 14

God's Children (Youth Sunday) – April 21

A Holy Pause – April 28

Building an Interior Chapel – May 5

Women in the Bible – May 12

Unpacking Pentecost – May 19

Nursery Families Brunch – Sunday, April 14, 12:00 PM

The Space Between Us – Friday, April 19, 4:00 PM – 8 PM & Saturday April 20, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

40s & 50s Outing at Whisky Baron - Friday, April 19

Newcomer Lunch – Sunday, April 21, 12:00 PM

Great American Cleanup – Saturday, April 27, 9:00 AM

Spring Parish Work Day – Saturday, May 11, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Last Sunday of Education for the Program Year – Sunday, May 19

* Live Streamed



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