

Welcome to St Paul's

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

### Institution of the Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

April 17, 2025



Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Tonight's Eucharist on the eve of Good Friday begins the Sacred Triduum or Three Sacred Days of our redemption. This is a celebration: a celebration of our Lord's institution of the sacrament of his Body and Blood – but it is pervaded by the shadow of the Cross. Jesus gathered with his disciples in the context of the greatest of all events in Israel's redemption: the Exodus and Passover. Yet the normal joy of such an evening was muted by betrayal, failure of his friends to understand what he was doing, and his own fear of what was to come.

It was a farewell dinner in which Jesus, by washing his disciples' feet, sought to illustrate one final time the character of love and ministry which is central in the life to which he calls us: self-giving love to the point of dying for one's friends. We hear the ancient instructions for celebrating the Passover; Paul's account of the institution of the Eucharist; and John's account of the moment when Jesus washed his disciples' feet. After Holy Communion tonight, the liturgy will not end (it continues tomorrow, Saturday, and Sunday when it comes to its conclusion). In many churches, we will take the Sacrament which remains tonight and place it on the Altar of Repose where it will be available for Holy Communion on Good Friday. You are invited to keep vigil there tonight in response to our Lord's question: "Could you not watch with me one hour?"

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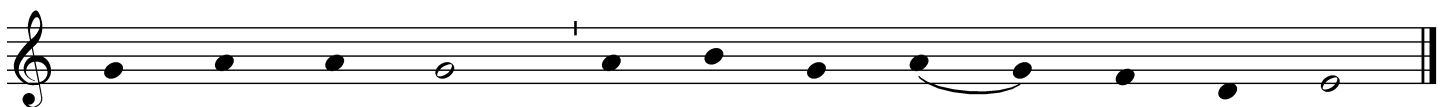
1 Now, my tongue, the mys - tery tell - ing of the glo - rious  
 2 Given for us, and con - de - scend - ing to be born for  
 3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing mid the twelve, his  
 4 Word made flesh, the bread he tak - eth, by his word his  
 \*5 There - fore we, be - fore him bend - ing, this great Sac - ra -  
 \*6 Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



1 Bo - dy sing, and the Blood, all price ex - cell - ing,  
 2 us be - low, he with us in con - verse blend - ing  
 3 cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,  
 4 Flesh to be; wine his sa - cred Blood he mak - eth,  
 5 ment re - vere; types and sha - dows have their end - ing,  
 6 and the Son, hon - or, thanks, and praise ad - dress - ing,



1 which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, once on earth a -  
 2 dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, till he closed with  
 3 keeps the feast its rites de - mand; then, more pre - cious  
 4 though the sens - es fail to see; faith a - lone the  
 5 for the new - er rite is here; faith, our out - ward  
 6 while e - ter - nal a - ges run; ev - er too his



1 mong us dwell - ing, shed for this world's ran - som - ing.  
 2 won - drous end - ing his most pa - tient life of woe.  
 3 food sup - ply - ing, gives him - self with his own hand.  
 4 true heart wak - eth to be - hold the mys - ter - y.  
 5 sense be - friend - ing, makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.  
 6 love con - fess - ing who from both with both is One.

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## The Word of God

### Prelude

*Mazurka op.17, no. 4*

*Frédéric Chopin  
(1810-1849)*

## Liturgy of the Word

### Processional (Please see page 2)

Hymnal 329

*Now My Tongue the Mystery Telling*

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

*The Celebrant may say*

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.*

*All Standing*

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

### The Collect For Maundy Thursday:

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* *And also with you.*  
*Celebrant* Together, 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 Old Testament

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

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**            **(Read in unison by half verse at the \*)**

*Dilexi, quoniam*

*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.*

**The Epistle:**

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

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 people stand as they are able.*

*Thou Who at Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray*

**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. 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.*

The Sermon:

The Rev. Gretchen Zimmerman

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*Unison or harmony*

1 Thou, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray  
2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;  
3 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,

that all thy Church might be for ev - er one,  
make thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease;  
may we be one with all thy Church a - bove,

grant us at ev - ery Eu - cha - rist to say  
draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,  
one with thy saints in one un - bro - ken peace,

with long - ing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."  
by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;  
one with thy saints in one un - bound - ed love;

O may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,  
 thus may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,  
 more bless - ed still, in peace and love to be

through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 one with the Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.

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### Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Santosh; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Members of the congregation may add prayers or thanksgivings.*

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

### **Confession of Sin**

*All kneel as they are able. The Deacon then says:  
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

*A period of silence is observed.*

*Celebrant and People together say:*

*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.*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Anthem**

*Come, Holy Ghost, Who Ever One*

*Robert J. Powell  
(b. 1932)*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer A**

*The people remain standing.*

*The Celebrant faces them and sings or says*

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 him thanks and praise.*



*Then, facing the Holy Table, 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.

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**

*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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant 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 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.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

*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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.  
A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast.*

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 Music**

## Post Communion Prayer

*After Communion, 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.*

## Blessing for Maundy Thursday

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

Let us bow down before the Lord. +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.*

## The Stripping of the Altar

*Stay with Me*

WLP 826

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and  
No - ho pū, no - ho mai me ia'u, ki - a'i a

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

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

## Silent Departure by Ministers and Congregation

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**2027**

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**2028**

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