

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Maundy Thursday  
Thursday, March 28, 2024 • 7:00pm  
*Celebrating: The Rev. Noah H. Evans*  
*Preaching: The Rev. Laura Di Panfilo*  
*Assisting: The Rev. Erin Morey*

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**Prelude: Gabriel's Oboe, from *The Mission***  
**Preston Shimer, oboe**

**Ennio Morricone**

## Welcome and Greetings

**Opening Hymn: God is Love, let Heaven adore Him**

**Hymnal 379**

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

## The Collect

*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 Lesson

**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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **The Second Lesson**

### **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.

### **Sequence Hymn: Bless the Lord, My Soul**

*(Please stand and join in singing)*

**Jacques Berthier**

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name;  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

## **The Gospel**

### **John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

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. 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Laura Di Panfilo

## **Foot Washing**

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, and he commanded them to follow his example by washing one another’s feet. Therefore, I invite all of you that we may follow Jesus’ example, remembering the new commandment that he gave this night, “Love one another as I have loved you. By this shall the world know that you are my disciples; that you have love for one another.”

*All are invited to come forward to one of the stations. After your feet have been washed and dried, you may wash the feet of the next person in line.*

## Music during Foot Washing:

Jesu, Jesu

Ghanaian Folk Song, adapt. Tom Colvin

### *Refrain:*

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

*Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet;  
Master who pours out himself for them.*

*Neighbors are rich folk and poor, varied in color and race;  
Neighbors are nearby and far away.*

*These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;  
All these are neighbors to us and you.*

*Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet;  
This is the way we should live with you.*

## The Servant Song

Richard Gillard

*Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too. (1,6)*

*We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road;  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load. (2)*

*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. (3)*

*I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through. (4)*

*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. (5)*

## The Prayers of the People

*The Prayers of the People are Form II, on page 385 of the Book of Common Prayer. The response is silence.*

### The Peace

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

*People* And also with you.

## Announcements

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**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Anthem: Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All**  
Eileen Minnitte and Mike Plaskett, duet

**Frederick William Faber**

**Presentation Hymn: Don't Be Afraid**

**Words and Music: John L. Bell**

*Don't be afraid, my love is stronger  
My love is stronger than your fear  
Don't be afraid, my love is stronger  
And I have promised, promised to be always near*

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**  
*The people may stand or kneel.*

*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 our thanks and praise

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 forever 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.

**Hymnal S 130**

*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.*

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

### **Agnus Dei**

**Hymnal S 164**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the people of God.

***Everyone is welcome to receive communion.*** Please come forward to receive through the center aisle, returning through the side aisles. You are welcome to receive just the bread, or the bread and the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please take the bread in your hand and sip the wine from the chalice. For sanitary reasons, we ask you not to dip the host in the wine. If you would like communion brought to you, please let a greeter know.

### **Communion Music: In Remembrance**

**Ragan Courtney, Buryl Red**

**St. Paul's Chancel Choir with Paul Golebie, guitar, and Kyle Chauvette, flute**

### **Post Communion Prayer—said together**

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 Stripping of the Altar**

*During the singing of the hymn, the altar in the church is stripped by members of the Altar Guild and others.*

*The congregation departs in silence.*

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