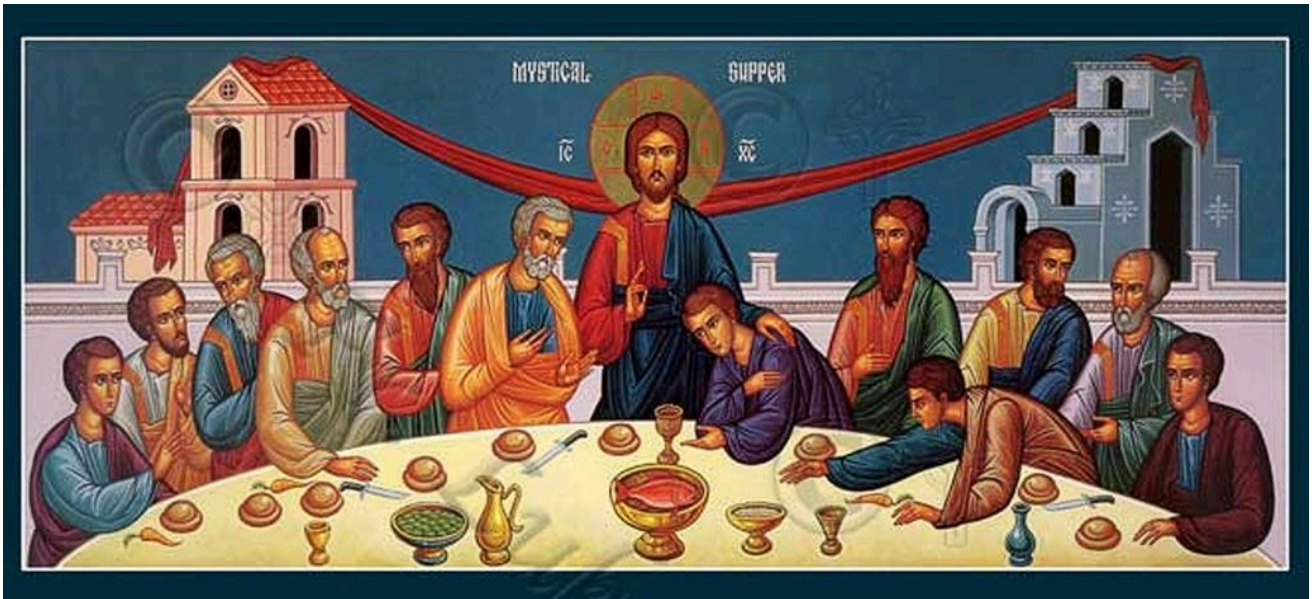


MAUNDY THURSDAY



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH NATICK, MASSACHUSETTS

Gathering Hymn, Blue Hymnal #439

“What wondrous love is this”

Officiant Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.
People **God's mercy endures forever. AMEN.**

Trisagion, Green Hymnal #845

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, 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.**

A reading from the book of 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 judgements: 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 God. **Thanks be to God.**

We will read Psalm 116: 1, 10-17 responsively by whole verse

¹ I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice
and my supplications.

¹⁰ **I kept my faith, even when I said, 'I am greatly afflicted';**

¹¹ I said in my consternation, 'Everyone is a liar.'

¹² **What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?**

¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,

¹⁴ **I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.**

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.

¹⁶ **O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of
your Serving-maid. You have loosed my bonds.**

¹⁷ I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.

A reading from the 1st letter to the 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.

The Word of God.

Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn #602

"Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love"

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (13:1–17, 31–35)

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 our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Becky Binns

The Foot (or hand) Washing Liturgy

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." **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.**

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

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.

By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

We will now wash one another's feet as Jesus taught us to do. If you would like to come forward simply leave your socks and shoes in your pew and come forward barefoot. When you arrive, have a seat so that your feet can be washed. Then stay up front, so that you can wash the feet of the next person, after which, you may return to your seat for a time of reflection.

If you would prefer to leave your shoes on and have your hands washed, simply go to the center washing place rather than the foot washing places; and likewise, be washed and then stay to wash the next person's hands.

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

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The Prayers of the People

Jesus, as we walk through this Holy Week by your side, our hearts call out for God's conspicuous presence to show up where healing and accompaniment are most needed. We pray to you saying, God of Great Love, **have mercy upon us.**

For the Church as it is expressed in every corner of this world, that those gathered may feel your true presence and be fueled as your agents of love in this world. God of great Love, **have mercy upon us.**

That all those who hold power in the nations of the world, wield it with care, compassion, and courage, doing what needs to be done to heal our systemic sinfulness. God of great love, **have mercy upon us.**

That all people are fed, loved, protected, housed, seen, and respected; and that we don't turn away from the suffering that comes from lack of basic needs, but rather turn toward one another with mutual love and care. God of Great love, **have mercy upon us.**

That all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit know themselves to be accompanied by a God who suffered in body, mind, and spirit too; and that through the hands of those around them, they know themselves to be touched by Christ. We pray especially for those on our parish Prayer list and those we name now.... God of Great Love, **have mercy upon us.**

That all who have died find themselves in your everlasting light and love. We pray for those we love but see no longer, especially those we name now....God of Great love, **have mercy upon us.**

The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

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

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

Offertory Anthem

“Sending You Light” by Melanie DeMore

The Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer A
Sanctus, Koning

Book of Common Prayer, page 361
Green Card found in pews

All are invited to partake of communion. You may come forward and hold out your hands for the bread, or cross your arms over your chest if you would prefer a blessing. If you need a gluten-free communion wafer, simply ask the priest. There will be two different vessels for the wine depending on whether you prefer to drink it (chalice) or dip your bread in it (bowl).

Communion Hymn, Blue Hymnal #325 “Let us break bread together on our knees”

Post Communion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer, page 365

The Stripping of the Altar

*As our altar guild members remove all of the items from the altar area,
Psalm 88 is chanted by the choir.
All are invited to sit or kneel in prayer.*

*After the altar area has been cleared, we will hold silence as the consecrated
elements are returned to the empty altar for the night.*

*We then chant “Stay with me;” articulating our heart’s intention to keep watch
with Christ through this night.*

... the chant can be found on the next page

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and

pray, watch and pray.

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We return to the night in silence.

...our service continues with the Good Friday Liturgy at noon tomorrow.

Worship through this week
 Good Friday, 12pm
 Easter Vigil, 7pm
 Easter Morning, 9am & 11am