

MAUNDY THURSDAY

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ST. PETER'S
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

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We see to worship God, welcome all, and serve Christ in one another.

Welcome to St. Peter's Church! Our worship service can be found in the Red Book of Common Prayer, beginning on page 355. The hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal. Hymn numbers preceded by an "S" are service music, at the front of the hymnal.

The name Maundy Thursday is derived from the Latin mandatum, and refers to the new commandment (novum mandatum) in John 13:34, where Jesus tells his disciples to “love one another just as I have loved you”. This commandment was sung as an antiphon during the foot washing, and became known as “the Maundy” in medieval England. This liturgy celebrates the events of the Last Supper, the foot washing, and the institution of the Eucharist.

PRELUDE O World I Now Must Leave Thee Johannes Brahms

PROCESSIONAL Behold the Lamb of God SPH 8

LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES BCP 355

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

KYRIE ELEISON SPH 2

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

FIRST READING 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.

PSALM 116:1, 10-17

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.

SECOND READING

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.

HYMN 581

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Cheshire

THE GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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."

SERMON

The Rev. Mary Beth Mills-Curran

After the sermon, a bell will chime to institute a period of silent reflection. The bell will chime a second time to indicate the end of the reflection period.

WASHING OF FEET

HYMN DURING FOOT WASHING

Ubi caritas

Taizé Chant

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - - mor,
U - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

HYMN 602

Jesu, Jesu

Chereponi

AFTER FOOT WASHING

Celebrant The Lord Jesus, after he 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form I

BCP 383

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

PEACE

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

All who yearn to be transformed and fed by God are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ at the Lord’s Table. If you do not wish to receive communion but feel called to come forward for a blessing, please indicate so by crossing your arms across your chest. We have gluten free Eucharistic bread for people who are gluten intolerant.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Tis Midnight, and on Olive’s row

Bradbury

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS



Two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "We seek to wor-ship God, wel- come all, and serve Christ in one a- noth - er."

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

SANCTUS S 130

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. AMEN.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN 315 Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist *Song 1*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION BCP 365

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.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

PSALM 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;
by night as well, but I find no rest.
Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
Our forefathers put their trust in you;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
But as for me, I am a worm and no man,
scorned by all and despised by the people.
All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
"He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
They open wide their jaws at me,
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me;
they pierce my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.
They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

Be not far away, O LORD;
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
Save me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.
Save me from the lion's mouth,
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
I will declare your Name to my brethren;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

There is no formal dismissal. Everyone may quietly leave after the crucifer returns to place the veiled cross behind the altar.

Assisting in the service of worship today are:

Lector	Dan Bragg
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Marilyn Bragg
Second Chalice	Peter Henry
Altar Preparation	Penny Sullivan and Bev Adams
Usher	Terry Robinson
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