Maundy Thursday

The Holy Eucharist

April 9, 2020, 6:00 PM

The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin in the City of New York
Maundy Thursday 2020

We welcome you to the services of Holy Week and Easter Day. Today is Maundy Thursday. We will celebrate the Holy Eucharist at 6:00 PM in the Lady Chapel of the church. The space is large enough for safe distancing and intimate enough for the three resident priests and two Franciscan friars to be a community prayer at this difficult time in our city, our nation, and our world.

The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, presiding bishop and primate of the Episcopal Church, was to be with us tonight in this, our sesquicentennial year, of service to our neighborhood and the wider church. Bishop Curry very generously offered to record a sermon for us, even though he could not be with us. A link to that video is above the link that brought you to this service bulletin. We do not have the set-up to broadcast his sermon in its proper place. A short homily will be preached.

On Maundy Thursday, our practice is to welcome all members of the congregation to participate in the Washing of Feet. One sits to have one’s feet washed and then kneels to wash the feet of the next person. On Good Friday, two people kneel or stand to venerate the cross and then hold the cross for the next two persons. This year after the address that begins the ceremony, one of the four bowls and one of the four pitchers normally used will be placed for us to see. Water will be poured. Tonight, our congregation will sing one of the appointed anthems. The Sacrament for Communion on Good Friday will be reposed in the extension of the Lady Chapel before the Vault where the ashes of the departed are committed.

All are welcome to join us in prayer tonight. We have provided the texts of the music that will be sung tonight, but not all of the music itself. We do not want to infringe on any copyrights and time has not permitted us to make the arrangement for this.

Finally, the Reverend Thomas McKee Brown (1841–1898), the first rector was keen that Saint Mary’s would be a parish for a new neighborhood for “not only with the intention of preaching the comfortable Gospel of Christ, and of ministering the Holy Sacraments to His people, but also, of restoring to its proper place and importance the Worship of God—the rendering Adoration to Him as a Congregational and ceremonial act—, (made beautiful, majestic and impressive by all the outward adornments, which are called the Beauty of Holiness, springing from the heart-love, within); but, which in later times have been forgotten” (Newbury Frost Read, The Story of St. Mary’s [1931], 17). Since December 8, 1870, when the doors of the parish opened, the Eucharist has been celebrated daily. The resident priests and friars are blessed by being able to continue this ministry at this time.
**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**The Opening Acclamation**

*The Celebrant sings*

*Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

And bless-ed be his king-dom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

**Setting:** Louis Weil (b. 1935)

**The Song of Praise**

*The Congregation sings the song of praise, Glory to God in the highest. The setting is New Plainsong by David Hurd (b. 1950).*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant sings

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.

People AMEN.

The Lessons

All are seated for the Lessons. The first Lesson, Exodus 12:1–14, is now read. After the Lesson, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.


Cantor 14 He led them with a cloud by / day, *
All and all the night through / with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the / wilderness *
and gave them drink as / from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the / cliff, *
and the waters gushed / out like rivers.

17 But they went on sinning a-/gainst him, *
rebelling in the desert a-/gainst the Most High.
18  They tested God in their / hearts, *
    demanding food / for their craving.

19  They railed against God and / said, *
    “Can God set a table / in the wilderness?

20  True, he struck the rock,
    the waters gushed out, and the gullies over-/flowed; *
    but is he able to give bread
    or to provide meat / for his people?”

23  So he commanded the clouds a-/bove *
    and opened the / doors of heaven.

24  He rained down manna upon them to / eat *
    and gave them / grain from heaven.

25  So mortals ate the bread of / angels; *
    he provided / for them food enough.

The second Lesson, 1 Corinthians 11:23–26, is now read. After the Lesson, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People     Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation
All stand as the Cantor sings the appointed verse.

Cantor  Be faith-/ful unto death says the Lord,*

and I will give you the crown of l ife.
The Holy Gospel

A Minister proclaims the Gospel, first saying

Minister The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The appointed Gospel, John 13:1–15, is now proclaimed. After the Gospel, the Minister sings

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Stephen Gerth

The Washing of Feet

The Celebrant addresses the Congregation, saying

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. We all need to remember his example.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ to come forward, that we recall as we are able this evening whose servants we are by following the example of our Master. Let us remember his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for “a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”
The Anthems
This evening, one of the four bowls used for the washing of feet is filled with water from one of the four pitchers that are also normally used on Maundy Thursday. The following anthems are sung by the Cantor and the Congregation.

Antiphon
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.

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.

I give you a new commandment: 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.

Antiphon
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.

Setting: Plainsong, Mode 1, adapted by Bruce Ford (b. 1947) © 1985, Bruce E. Ford.

The Prayers of the People
All stand. A Minister bids the prayers of the assembly.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.
The Peace
The Celebrant sings

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may share with each other a sign of Christ’s peace.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Preparation of the Gifts

Hymn: Where true charity and love dwell, God himself is there
The Cantor sings the antiphon once. Then the Congregation repeats the antiphon and continues singing the verses.

Antiphon
Where true charity and love dwell, God himself is there.

Since the love of Christ has joined us in one body,
Let us all rejoice and be glad now and always.
And as we hear and love our Lord, the living God,
So let us in sincerity love all people. Antiphon

As we are all of one body, when we gather
Let no discord or enmity break our oneness.
May all our petty jealousies and hatred cease
That Christ the Lord may be with us all our days. Antiphon

Now we pray that with the blessed you grant us grace
To see your exalted glory, O Christ our God,
Our boundless source of joy and truth, of peace and love,
Forever and forever more, world without end. Antiphon

Words: Latin; translated by Joyce MacDonald Glover (1923–2013)
Music: Ubi caritas, plainsong, Mode 6
The Great Thanksgiving

Bread and wine are consecrated for the Communion of the Church tonight and for the Liturgy of Good Friday.

All remain standing. The Celebrant faces the People and sings

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.

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Choir sings Sanctus and Benedictus. The setting is by Hurd.

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.

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.

People AMEN.
The Celebrant says

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

All join in saying

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 following anthems are said.

Celebrant         Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People            Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant and People

    Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
        have mercy on us.
    Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
        have mercy on us.
    Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
        grant us peace.
The Invitation
The Celebrant invites the People to receive the Holy Communion.

If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth.

—The Book of Common Prayer

The Postcommunion Prayer
All stand. The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant Almighty and everliving God,

All we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.
The Transfer of the Holy Eucharist

A Minister carries the Sacrament for Communion on Good Friday to the altar of repose.

During the singing of Pange lingua gloriosi, the Sacrament is moved to a table before the Vault.

Now my tongue, the myst’ry telling
Of the glorious Body sing,
And the Blood, all price excelling,
Which the Gentiles’ Lord and King.
Once on earth among us dwelling
Shed for this world’s ransoming.

Giv’n for us, and condescending
To be born for us below,
He with men in converse blending
Dwelt the seed of truth to sow,
Till he closed with wondrous ending
His most patient life of woe.

That last night at supper lying
Mid the twelve, his chosen band,
He with men in converse blending
Keeps the feast its rites demand;
Then, more precious food supplying,
Gives himself with his own hand.

Word made flesh, true bread he maketh
By his word his Flesh to be,
Wine his blood; when man partaketh,
Though his senses fail to see,
Faith alone when, when sight forsaketh,
Shows true hearts the mystery.

Words: attributed to Thomas Aquinas (1225?–1274); ver. Hymnal 1940
Music: Pange lingua, plainsong, Mode 3, Zisterzienser Hymnar, fourteenth century
At the Altar of Repose

*After the Sacrament has been reposed, the Celebrant kneels. Then the final verses of the Pange lingua gloriosi are sung.*

Therefore, we before him bending,
this great Sacrament revere;
types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here.
Faith our outward sense befriending,
makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
honor, thanks, and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing
who from both with both is One. Amen.

Words: attributed to Thomas Aquinas (1225?–1274); ver. *Hymnal 1940*
Music: *Pange lingua*, plainsong, Mode 3, *Zisterzenser Hymnar*, fourteenth century

The Washing of the Altar and the Stripping of the Sanctuary

*When the Sacrament has been reposed, the Celebrant and other Ministers prepare for the washing of the Altar and the stripping of the Sanctuary. A Reader begins Psalm 22 with its appointed antiphon. Those who are able continue to kneel and join in the reading of the psalm.*

**Antiphon**

*Reader* They divide my garments among them; *
*All* they cast lots for my clothing.

**Psalm 22**

*Reader* 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
*All* and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?

*Epistle* 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
Gospel 3 Yet you are the Holy One, * 
entroned upon the praises of Israel.

Epistle 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; * 
they trusted, and you delivered them.

Gospel 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; * 
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

Epistle 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, * 
scorned by all and despised by the people.

Gospel 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; * 
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

Epistle 8 “He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; * 
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”

Gospel 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, * 
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

Epistle 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; * 
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.

Gospel 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, * 
and there is none to help.

[Pronunciation note for Verse 12: BAY-shan.]

Epistle 12 Many young bulls encircle me; * 
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

Gospel 13 They open wide their jaws at me, * 
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

Epistle 14 I am poured out like water; 
all my bones are out of joint; * 
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
Gospel 15 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.

Epistle 16 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.

Gospel 17 They stare and gloat over me; *
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.

Epistle 18 Be not far away, O LORD; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

Gospel 19 Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.

Epistle 20 Save me from the lion’s mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

Gospel 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

Epistle 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob’s line, give glory.

Gospel 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

Epistle 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

Gospel 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, 
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
“May your heart live for ever!”
Epistle 26  
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

Gospel 27  
For kingship belongs to the LORD; *  
he rules over the nations.

Epistle 28  
To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

Gospel 29  
My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; *  
they shall be known as the LORD’s for ever.

Epistle 30  
They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *  
the saving deeds that he has done.

Antiphon  
All  
They divide my garments among them; *  
they cast lots for my clothing.

After the Psalm, the People remain kneeling until the stripping of the Altar is completed.

The Greater Silence  
Silence is observed in the Church, as much as possible, until the Good Friday Liturgy.

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