

Maundy Thursday

Evening Prayer Rite II

In preparation for our service tonight, we suggest having a few things on hand - a few candles, which you can light at the beginning of the service; a basin, a pitcher of water and a towel.

Musical Prelude Chopin Prelude in E Minor, Op. 28. No. 4

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures forever.**

Opening Sentences

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, "out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give us the light of revelation--the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Presider Dear Friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All **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 Presider offers and absolution

Presider O God, make speed to save us.

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Phos Hilaron sung by Motomi Tanaka

O gladsome Light, O grace of God the Father's face, the eternal splendor wearing; celestial, holy, blest, our Savior Jesus Christ, joyful in thine appearing.

Now, ere day fadeth quite, we see the evening light, our wonted hymn outpouring; Father of might unknown, thee, his incarnate Son, and Holy Spirit adoring.

To thee of right belongs all praise of holy songs, O son of God, Life-giver; thee, therefore, O Most High, the world doth glorify, and shall exalt forever.

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

read in unison

Dilexi, quoniam

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. Hallelujah!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Read by Belinda DiGiambattista

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.

After the reading

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

Read by Karan Merry

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."

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily

Deacon John Musco

The Mandatum: The Foot Washing

It is an ancient tradition that we wash feet at this service. If you are with someone else, we invite you to wash each other's feet, pouring warm water over the other person's feet and drying them gently with a towel. If you are by yourself, we invite you into a meditation on the Gospel.

Servant Song sung by Motomi Tanaka

The Prayers

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

All together

**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.**

Presider That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Presider That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Presider That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Presider That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Presider That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Presider That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of the Holy Apostles and all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

People **We entreat you, O Lord.**

The Collect

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.

As this hymn begins, you can lower your lights at home.

Hymn: Go to Dark Gethsemane

Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away, learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,
Mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete;
"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.

Psalm 22 sung by Motomi Tanaka

My God, my God, O why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips and wag their heads: "He relied on the Lord; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him.

Indeed, many dogs surround me, packs of evil doers close in upon me; They have pierced my hands and feet; I can count all my bones.

They divide my garments among them; and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O Lord, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.

I'll proclaim your name to my brethren; in assemblies I will praise you. "You will fear the Lord, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel.

After the Psalm, we leave in silence.

Join us tomorrow at 12noon for our Good Friday service via Zoom.