

St. John's Episcopal Church

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Maundy Thursday

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

April 2, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Welcome!

It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you need to participate in the service is found in this bulletin and in the blue hymnals in each pew.



Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to sjparish.net/newcomer

Our ushers are here to create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. They have hearing assist devices available for those who need them. We're glad you're here!

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Children are always welcome to be in church with their families. We encourage you to sit up front, as children will be more engaged if they can see and hear what's going on. Children are welcome here just as they are; please don't feel you must leave every time your little one makes a sound! We have children's bulletins, books, and other quiet activities available in the narthex (the entrance with the red doors) for children's use during the service. The Education Wing and nursery have changing tables and seating that parents/caregivers may use as needed.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY *Le jardin suspendu*

Jehan Alain (1911–1940)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 321 *My God, thy table now is spread*
All stand and sing.

ROCKINGHAM

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE TRISAGION

All sing the hymn three times.

Music: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

THE 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:1-4,11-14

All sit.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 116:1, 10–17**The people are invited to chant the verses in **bold**.**Jerome Webster Meachen (1930–2015)*

- 1 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.
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

THE EPISTLE

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN An upper room did our Lord prepare

O W A L Y W A L Y

All stand and sing.

1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he loved un - til the end:
 2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his bread, his lov - ing cup.
 3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice, too, is sac - ra - ment.
 4 No end there is! We de - part in peace, he loves be - yond the ut - ter - most:

and his dis - ci - ples still gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.
 What - ev - er bur - dens may bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.
 In Christ our joy shall be made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.
 in ev - ery room in our Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

Text: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Music: English traditional

THE GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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

All **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."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Katherine Leary

All sit.

THE WASHING

Celebrant 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 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 you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ to come forward, that we may follow the example of our Master, 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."

Those who wish to have their feet or hands washed may come forward to sit in the front pew facing the altar rail. Afterward, you may either stay to wash another person's feet/hands or return to your seat. You may also go to the baptismal font in the rear of the nave to pray with a healing prayer minister, either in addition to or instead of going forward for washing.

THE ANTHEM AT THE WASHING Ubi caritas

Victor Johnson (b. 1978)

Text: Latin hymn

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
 Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
 Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
 Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
 Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
 Christ's love has gathered us into one.
 Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
 Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
 And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

THE HYMN AT THE WASHING Ubi caritas

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

Music: Jacques Berthier, from *Songs and Prayers from Taizé*

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people say the words in bold.

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to God, through Christ the savior of the world.

O God, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service. Lord, hear us; **Lord, humble us.**

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church. Lord, hear us; **Lord, unite us.**

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your Church. Lord, hear us; **Lord, renew our commitment.**

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved. Lord, hear us; **Lord, fill us with your love.**

On this night, he reminded his disciples that if the world hated them, it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, hear us; **Lord, give us your peace.**

On this night, he accepted the cup of death and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom. We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ. Lord, hear us; **Lord, welcome all your children into paradise.**

Celebrant Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All remain standing or kneel.

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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Into the woods my Master went

David Ashley White (b. 1944)
Text: Sidney Lanier (1842–1881)

Into the woods my Master went, clean forspent;
into the woods my Master came, forspent with love and shame.
But the olives they were not blind to him,
the little gray leaves were kind to him,
the thorn tree had a mind to him,
when into the woods he came.

Out of the woods my Master went, and he was well content;
out of the woods my Master came, content with death and shame.
When death and shame would woo him last,
from under the trees they drew him last,
'twas on a tree they slew him last,
when out of the woods he came.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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. 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 SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Setting: New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)

All remain standing or kneel.

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.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All **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 FRACTION ANTHEM

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed: the gifts of God for the people of God.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's. To receive, please kneel or stand at the altar rail. You may choose to receive bread only, intinct (dip) your wafer in the wine, or drink from the cup.

If you would like a blessing instead of receiving Communion, cross your arms over your chest.

If you have mobility limitations and would like a priest to bring Communion to you in your seat, please let an usher know.

Confidential prayers are available with a trained healing prayer minister at the back of the church near the baptismal font. If you would like to pray with someone about life's challenges or joys, go to the font after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Bread of the world

John Abenour (b. 1962)

Text: Reginald Heber (1783–1826)

Bread of the world in mercy broken,
 wine of the soul in mercy shed,
 by whom the words of life were spoken,
 and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
 look on the tears by sinners shed,
 and be Thy feast to us the token
 that by Thy grace our souls are fed.

THE COMMUNION HYMN Eat this bread

All sing.

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THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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 BLESSING

Celebrant Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 22

Chanted by the choir.

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.

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

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.

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

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.

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

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

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

Please leave the church in silence.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Preacher and Seminarian:** Katherine Leary**Assisting Clergy:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald, The Reverend Mary Lynn Dell**Crucifer & Layreader:** Betsy Chicares**The St. John's Choir School****Organist & Choirmaster:** Nick Capozzoli**Organ Scholar:** Elijah Morris**Ushers:** Eleanor Barnes, Enid Oberholtzer**Healing Prayer Ministers:** Annabel Clapp, Wes Winterbottom**Livestream Oversight:** Ray Giolitto**Altar Guild:** Kate Eikel, Buffy Ineson, Lauren Mascola

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Holy Week & Easter Services

All are welcome to worship at St. John's

Palm Sunday

Services at 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Eucharist at 5:30 p.m., Compline at 7:15 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

Service at 7 p.m.

Prayer vigil 8 p.m. to midnight

Good Friday

Prayer vigil 6 to 10 a.m.

Children's walk through Holy Week at 10 a.m.

Service at 12 noon

Holy Saturday

The Great Vigil of Easter at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Services at 8 & 10:30 a.m.



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Note: Those planning to attend the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday are invited to bring bells with you (any kind you can hold in your hand) to ring at the appropriate time in the service.

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Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.: Spoken Holy Eucharist

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