



Maundy Thursday

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Winchester, VA

Maundy Thursday with Stripping of the Altar

Prelude

Hymn # 329

Now, my tongue, the mystery telling

Pange lingua

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

S-96*

Lord, have mercy (*Kyrie*)

Richard Proulx

* “S” hymns are found in the front section of the hymnal.

Collect of the Day

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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 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116: 1, 10-17 (*Dilexi, quoniam*)

(*responsively, by whole verse*)

- 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 Second Reading

1 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn # 439

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

Wondrous Love

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."

The Homily

The Rev. Webster Gibson

Ceremony of Foot-Washing

Celebrant continues:

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. As lay and ordained people of the Church, we all need to remember his example in both word and deed.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that we may recall whose servant we are by following the example of our Master. Come remembering 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.” So you too are invited to participate in the action of washing one another’s feet.

All who would like to participate in the foot-washing are welcome to come forward at this time. You may wash another’s feet, have others wash your feet, or both.

Please be careful on the marble floor as it is slippery from the water.

Hymn

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

Je - su, _____ Je - su, _____ fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you. _____

Fine

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2. Neigh - bors are rich _____ and poor, neigh - bors are black _____ and
3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave _____ to them. _____
2. white, neigh - bors are near _____ and far _____ a - way. _____
3. love; all these are neigh - bors to us _____ and you. _____
4. slaves, this is the way we should live _____ with you. _____
5. feet, this is the way we should live _____ with you. _____

D.C.

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Prayers of the People

We gather as the household of God, apostles, prophets, martyrs, servants, to pray for the church and all humankind, saying: Come, Lord Jesus.

For refugees, for the homeless, and for all who have nowhere to lay their head, we pray:

Come, Lord Jesus

For those unable to eat at the Lord's Table or at any other table we pray:

Come, Lord Jesus

For the body of Christ fractured in a world of violence and war, we pray:

Come, Lord Jesus

For those who betray, and for those whom they betray, we pray:

Come, Lord Jesus

For all in any need, especially those on our parish prayer list, we pray:

Come, Lord Jesus

For ourselves, who gather to celebrate the Lord's Passover in the bread we eat and the cup we drink, we pray:

Come, Lord Jesus

Almighty God, we recall the wonders you worked for our ancestors, and we marvel at the love shown us by your Son. Hear us as we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

The Peace

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The Holy Communion

Offertory

Choir Anthem

Peace is my Last Gift to You

Robert J. Powell

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus

Robert Powell

The Lord's Prayer

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Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God

Richard Proulx

The Invitation

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The Communion of the People

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Baptized Christians are invited to receive bread and wine; all others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Kneel or stand as able.

Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the rail with pulpit side (right) filling rail from right to center, and lectern side (left) filling rail from center to left. If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher.

As the clergy distributes the bread, hold both hands out and up.

To receive the wine:

- *To sip from the chalice: Gently take the base of the chalice and guide the chalice to your mouth. Do not grab the main part of the chalice.*
- *To intinct: Hold your wafer up to indicate intinction to the chalice. The chalice will take the wafer from you, dip the edge into the wine and return it to your hand.*

Those who wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

During Communion

Hymn # 171

Go to dark Gethsemane

Petra

Post Communion Prayer

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Stripping of the Altar

The clergy and members of the Altar Guild strip the altar and sanctuary while the following is sung. The choir will sing it once, then the congregation joins and repeats:

***“Within our darkest night, you kindle the fire that never dies away,
never dies away.”***

After the altar is stripped, the cross is put into place. The clergy will return to their seats.

Psalm 22 (*Kneeling as able, responsively by whole verse*)

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- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 “He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.
- 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.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 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.
- 6 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.
- 17 They stare and gloat over me; *
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.
- 18 Be not far away, O Lord; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 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.

The Congregation leaves in silence after the clergy exits.

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher — The Rev. Webster Gibson

Lay Readers – Sarah Celec, Marjorie Prochaska

Lay Eucharistic Ministers – David Wingenbach, Katy Schain

Ushers – Ron Bellows, Stacy Talbott

Acolytes – Lelia Wingenbach, Madison Truong

Altar Guild – Sue Jarvis, Pat Shaner, Leslie Harper, Susan Duhring, Ginny North

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