



ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Maunder Thursday

March 28, 2024



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The People of the Parish

The Rev. Christy Laborda Harris

The Rev. Kate Sefton

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Jun Kim

The Gathering of the Community

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

439 What Wondrous Love is This

please stand

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

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

TRISAGION

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
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The Liturgy of the Word

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord, you are always breaking apart our communities, our identities, our images of you: open hand and heart to receive this uncalled for gift, this fractured food, this feast where untouchables meet, human and divine; through Jesus Christ, the passion of God. **Amen.**

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:1, 10-17

- 1 **I love you, O God, because you have heard the voice of my supplication, *
because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I called upon you.**
- 10 **How shall I repay God *
for all the good things done for me?**
- 11 **I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of God.**
- 12 **I will fulfill my vows to God *
in the presence of all people.**
- 13 **Precious in your sight, O God, *
is the death of your servants.**

**14 O God, 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 your holy Name.**

**16 I will fulfill my vows to you *
in the presence of all your people,**

**17 In the courts of God's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

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A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

please stand

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

People **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.

"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 Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Kate Sefton

please be seated

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon

FOOT WASHING

please stand

Presider 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."

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.**

Presider 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.**

Presider By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

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. I invite you to come forward, that we may recall whose servants we are and remember his teaching, that what is done for us is also to be done for others.

please be seated

Those who desire to participate in this Gospel action may come forward as a seat becomes available. If you wish to change places and wash another person's feet, simply touch the shoulder of the person who washed your feet and take their place. Continue until you are replaced, or you may request to be replaced.

HYMN

Ubi Caritas

**Ubi caritas et amor,
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

please stand

On this holy night we dine together as the body of Christ, and at the table commit ourselves to love and serve one another. Let us then pray for the church and all humankind.

God our provider, you feed us with the bread of life and lift for us the cup of salvation, on this night Jesus gave us this holy feast: may all who gather at your table receive a foretaste of the eternal banquet. God of love, **grant our prayer.**

Servant God, on this night Jesus washed his disciples' feet: may we follow this example of love and service. God of love, **grant our prayer.**

God, our companion, we pray for those unable to eat at the Lord's Table or at any other table, for those who betray and for those betrayed, and for all innocent victims. God of love, **grant our prayer.**

God of hope, remember all those in need, especially those we name before you now... God of love, **grant our prayer.**

God of life, we remember all those we love but no longer see, those who live in you, especially those we name before you now... God of love, **grant our prayer.**

Holy God, you give us this meal of bread and wine in which we celebrate your great compassion; grant that we may work with you to fulfill our prayers, and to love and serve others as Christ has loved us; this we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

please stand or kneel

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

ABSOLUTION

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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

*You are invited to pass the peace
distanced and respectfully.*

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY HYMN

Servant Song

please be seated

D G Em7 D

1.,6. Will you let me be your ser - vant,
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney,
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you
4. I will weep when you are in weep - ing;
5. When we sing to God in heav - en

3 Bm Em7 A G D

Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may
We are trav - 'lers on the road; We are here to
In the night - time of your fear; I will hold my
When you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your
We shall find such har - mo - ny, Born of all we've

6 G D Em G A7 D

have the grace to help each other hand out to you, joy and sorrow known to - geth - er Let you be my ser - vant, too. Walk the mile and bear the load. Speak the peace you long to hear Til we've seen this jour - ney through. Of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

please stand

All things come of you, O Lord,
And of your own we have given you.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Presider The Lord be with you.
 People **And also with you.**
 Presider Lift up your hearts.
 People **We lift them to the Lord.**
 Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 People **It is right to give God 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:

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.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.

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All are welcome at the Lord's table. You are invited to come forward when the ushers indicate and stand or kneel at the communion rail. Please extend your hands together to receive the bread. Our bread is gluten free. To receive the chalice, please help guide it to your lips. We are no longer intincting (dipping the bread). If you do not wish to receive the chalice, cross your arms and the chalice bearer will still say the words but not expect you to sip. If you prefer not to receive either bread or wine and would like a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN

576 God of love, and where true love is

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.

BLESSING

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.**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Stay With Me

please be seated

**Stay with me, remain here with me,
Watch and pray, watch and pray.**

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After the altar is stripped and lights dimmed, you are invited to leave the church in silence.

Holy Week & Easter Services

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

March 29 at 12:30pm - Outdoors

Good Friday Service

March 29 at 6:30pm - Sanctuary

The Great Vigil of Easter

March 31 at 6:15am - Outdoor Sacred Space

Easter Day Service

March 31 at 9:30am - Outdoor Sacred Space