



# Holy Family Episcopal Church

**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 17, 2025**

## **Welcome!**

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References marked BCP are for pages in The Book of Common Prayer (red hardback book); those marked H or S refer to hymns in The Hymnal 1982 (blue hardback book); those marked G refer to hymns in the songbook Gather (teal paper- or hardback book); and those marked WLP refer to hymns in the songbook Wonder Love and Praise (green paperback book)

## **The Word of God**

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* **His mercy endures forever.**

## **Kyrie**

*Please kneel or be seated for Kyrie*

## **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.**

## **A Reading from the Book of 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**

- 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, Hallelujah!**

## **A Reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> Letter to the 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.**

## **The Holy Gospel**

*John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

*Celebrant* 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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Homily**

*Father Frank Impicicche*

## **The Foot-washing Mandatum**

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."

**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.**

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I  
have loved you.

**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.**

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

*The People are invited to come forward for the washing of  
feet.*

*After the foot-washing, the Celebrant says,*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to  
you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins,  
but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and

unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

## The Peace

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

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Anthem

*Come My Way, My Truth My Life* *H 487*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer D*  
*BCP 361*

*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 God thanks and praise.**  
*Then, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

*Celebrant and People*

**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*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your

mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who

share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Sean, Jennifer and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember \_\_\_\_\_.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with your Holy Family and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

BCP p.364

**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

*A period of silence is kept*

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

## The Invitation

*All persons are welcome to receive communion. If you wish only a blessing, please so indicate to the priest by crossing your arms over your chest. A gluten free option is available for those who need it, simply let the priest know at the time you are to receive the bread.*

## Communion Hymn

*Let Us Break Bread Together on our Knees* H 325  
*Stay Here and Keep Watch* G 166

## Post-communion Prayer

**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 Sacrament to be reserved is left on the altar and covered with a fair linen. All kneel for the hymn.*

## Dismissal Hymn 329:

*"Now, my tongue, the mystery telling* Pange lingua

*During the hymn, the Sacrament is taken to the place of  
Reservation*

## The Stripping of the Altar

*The symbolism recalls how Jesus was arrested and stripped of his clothing.*

## Psalm 22

*Prayed by all*

**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.

## **The Washing of the Altar**

*The congregation prays in silence. The following reflections may aid in the silent prayer of the congregation*

The altar symbolizes Christ.

The altar, after it is stripped of its linens and hangings, is ceremonially washed by the priest, using vinegar and water symbolizing Christ's body being prepared for burial.

The priest pours a small amount of white vinegar and a small amount of water in the shape of a small cross in each of the four corners of the altar, and pours a larger amount ceremonially likewise in the middle of the altar, again in the shape of a cross in commemoration of the five wounds on the body of Christ – his hands, feet, and his side.

The vinegar with water is symbolic of the astringents used 2000 years ago to wash the body of a person who had just died.

The priest ceremonially washes the altar. The action is done reverently, as if washing the body of a deceased person.

What is transpiring in this ancient ritual on this most holy night is summed up in the verses of Psalm 22: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

## **The Liturgy Concludes in Silence**

*It is customary for people to remain for a period of silent prayer. Some may wish to pray near the Altar of Repose. Please kindly refrain from conversation until you have left the sanctuary.*

## **Additional Holy Week Services:**

Good Friday services: 12 Noon & 7 PM

Easter Vigil service: 7 PM

Easter Sunday services: 8 & 10 AM