

GRACE CHURCH

IN PROVIDENCE

*The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God,
a loving and joyful community which lives the Gospel
through worship, proclamation, and service to each other,
to downtown Providence, and beyond.*



MAUNDY THURSDAY

CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST WITH THE WASHING OF FEET,
PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE,
& THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR
RITE II

APRIL 6TH, 2023
7:00 PM



WELCOME!

Welcome to Holy Week at Grace Church! We are thrilled you can join us as we walk together the final days of our Lord's life. We are live-streaming these services, so we hope that those who can't be here in person can join us via the internet for this most sacred week of the Church year. We pray that these services will connect you with Grace, and, even more importantly, with Christ. Most of all, we pray that the joy of his resurrection will lift your hearts as we look to a new birth for our world that awaits deliverance with hope and expectation.

The Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck+
Rector

Please turn off or silence all mobile devices prior to the service. Thank you and welcome!

VOLUNTARY

Le Jardin suspendu *from* Trois Pièces

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

Please stand as you are able, as the Cross, Choir, and Clergy enter the Church.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant

HEAR WHAT OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST SAYS: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

KYRIE ELEISON

Sung by the Choir

KYRIE ELEISON.

Christe Eleison.

Kyrie Eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Setting: Mass for Four Voices, William Byrd (c 1543-1623)

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.**

Please be seated for the readings from Holy Scripture.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 12:1- 4, 11-14

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus

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

Sung by the Choir

- 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.

Music: Plainsong, Tone VIII.1

Reader A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

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.

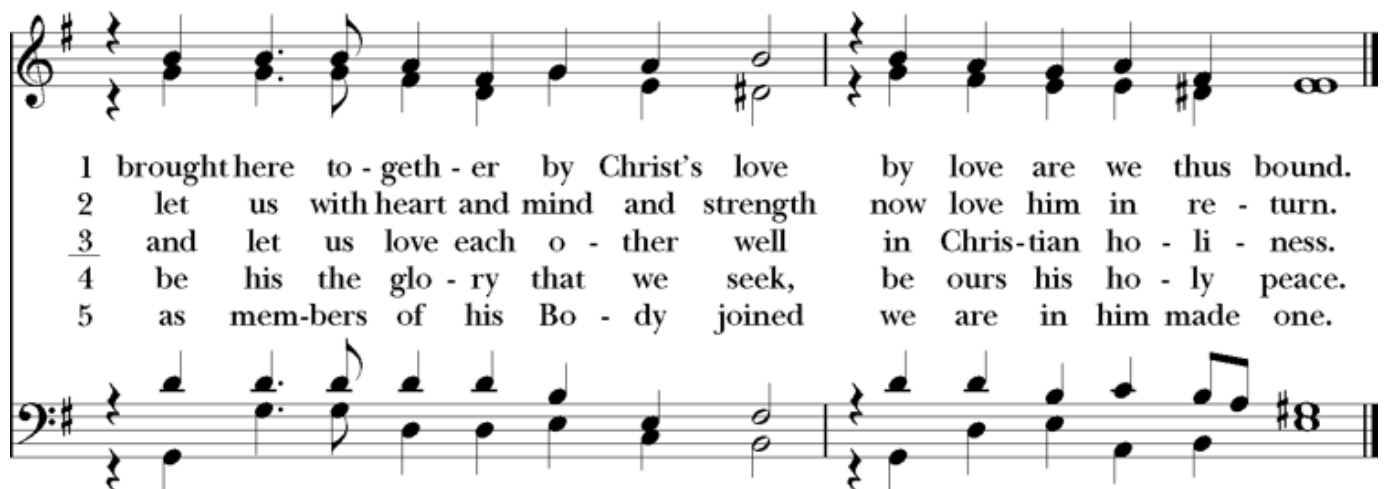
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

AT THE SEQUENCE, HYMN 581



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found;
 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn;
 3 For - give we now each o - ther's faults as we our faults con - fess;
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease;
 5 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells God's be - got - ten Son;



1 brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.
 2 let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in re - turn.
 3 and let us love each o - ther well in Chris-tian ho - li - ness.
 4 be his the glo - ry that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.
 5 as mem-bers of his Bo - dy joined we are in him made one.

6 Love can exclude no race or creed
 if honored be God's Name;
 our common life embraces all
 whose Father is the same.

Words: Latin, tr. J. Clifford Evers (1916-1997)

Music: Cheshire, melody and bass from The Whole Booke of Psalms, 1592, alt.; harm. Hymns III, 1979

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

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

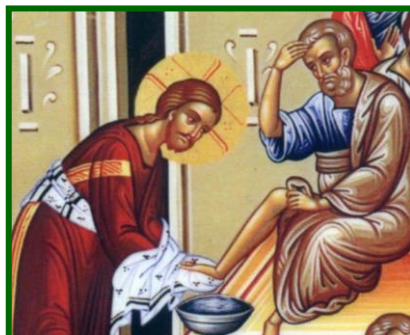
NOW BEFORE THE FESTIVAL OF THE PASSOVER, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper 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." 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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Right Reverend Andrew St. John,
Assisting Bishop of The Diocese of New York



THE CEREMONY OF THE WASHING OF FEET

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 life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service. We all need to remember his example, but none stand more in need of this reminder than those whom the Lord has called to the ordained ministry.

THE INVITATION

THEREFORE, I INVITE YOU who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that I may recall whose servant I am by following the example of my Master. But 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.”

If you would like to take part in the foot-washing, please come forward and sit in a chair and remove your socks and shoes to have water poured over your feet. Once your feet have been dried with a clean towel, you can put your shoes back on and then wash the feet of the next person.

AT THE WASHING OF THE FEET, ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir

ANTIPHON: *I give you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*

AFTER THE LORD HAD RISEN from supper, he poured water into a basin
And began to wash the feet of his disciples: he left them this example.
Jesus said to his disciples: I give you a new commandment . . .

The Lord Jesus, after eating supper with his disciples, washed their feet and said to them:
Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done for you?
I have given you an example, that you should do likewise.
Jesus said to his disciples: I give you a new commandment . . .

Lord, are you to wash my feet? Jesus said to him in answer:
If I do not wash your feet, you will have no share with me.
Jesus said to his disciples: I give you a new commandment . . .

So he came to Simon Peter and Peter said to him: Lord, are you to wash my feet?
Jesus said to him in answer: If I do not wash your feet, you will have no share with me.
What I am doing, you do not know for now, but later you will come to know.
Jesus said to his disciples: I give you a new commandment . . .

If I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet,
how much more should you wash each other's feet?
This is how all will know that you are my disciples: if you have love for one another.
Jesus said to his disciples: I give you a new commandment . . .

Let faith, hope, and charity, these three, remain among you, but the greatest of these is charity.

Jesus said to his disciples: I give you a new commandment . . .

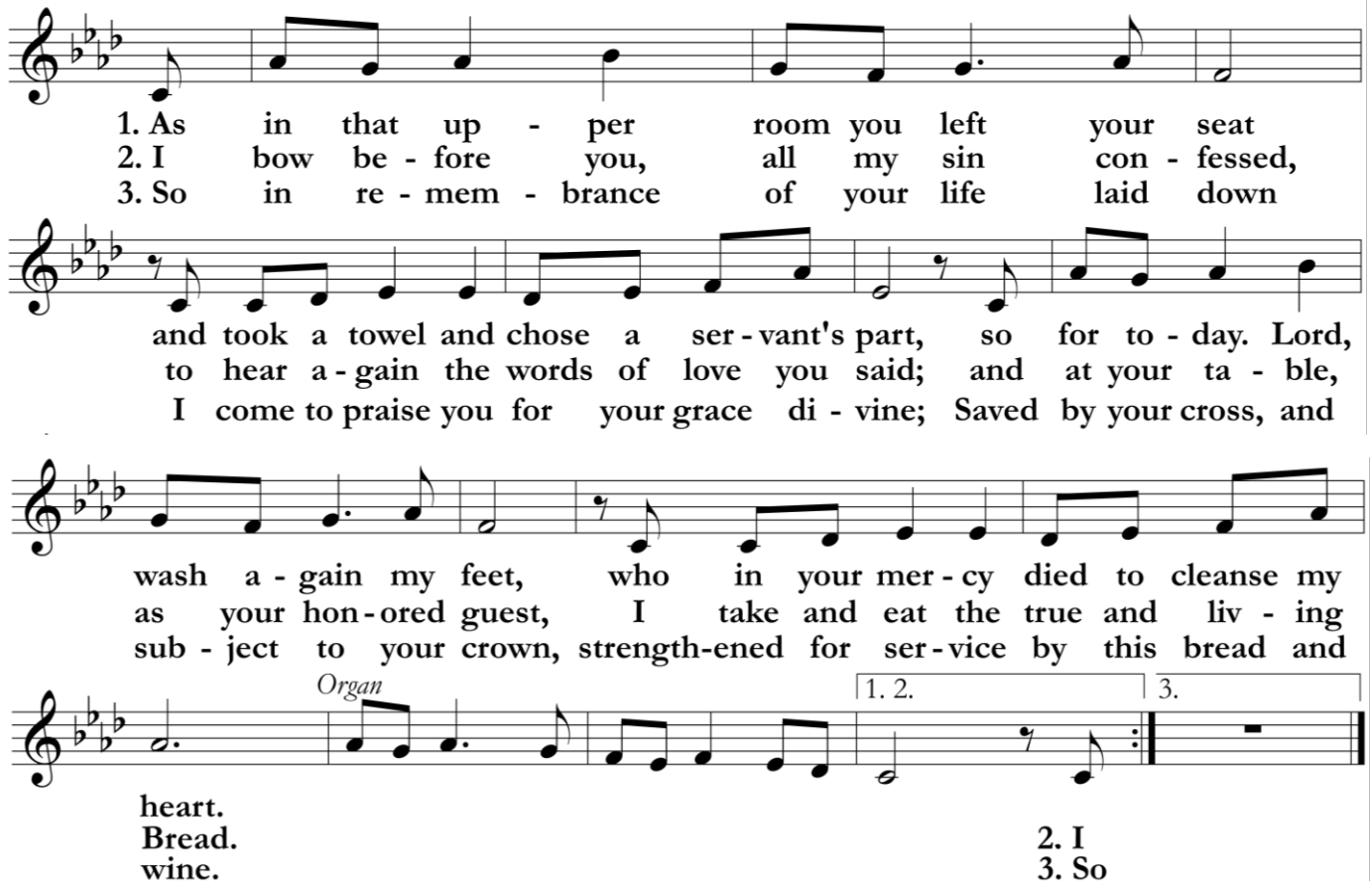
Words: Antiphons for the Washing of the Feet

Music: Peter Latona (b. 1968)

Please join in singing the hymn as the Altar Guild clears the foot-washing elements.

HYMN 730

from Wonder, Love, & Praise



1. As in that up - per room you left your seat
2. I bow be - fore you, all my sin con - fessed,
3. So in re - mem - brance of your life laid down

and took a towel and chose a ser - vant's part, so for to - day. Lord,
to hear a - gain the words of love you said; and at your ta - ble,
I come to praise you for your grace di - vine; Saved by your cross, and

wash a - gain my feet, who in your mer - cy died to cleanse my
as your hon - ored guest, I take and eat the true and liv - ing
sub - ject to your crown, strength - ened for ser - vice by this bread and

Organ

heart.
Bread.
wine.

1. 2. 3.
2. I
3. So

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

Music: Chappell, Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from Tunes for Grace

Please stand as you are able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

As we enter into the Passover of the Lord, let us intercede before God on behalf of all in the name of Jesus, our Teacher and Lord.

We pray for the church, the household of faith: May it celebrate this Paschal Triduum as a festival of deliverance and new life.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world God loved so much that he gave his only Son: May the Lord execute judgement on the false gods of power and greed.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Continued over the page. →

We pray for those enslaved by powers without or by forces within: May they find freedom in Christ's love and support from his disciples.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick and homebound of this community and for those who take the Eucharist to them: May their communion with us in Christ be a source of healing and strength.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose works of charity in this community fulfill Christ's example of humility and service: May Christ's gift of the Eucharist sustain their gift of love to others.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those ordained to preside at the altar of Christ's sacrifice and supper: May they fulfill by lives of service the love they celebrate in these mysteries.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of Ukraine, that they may be delivered from the tyranny and violence of their oppressors, so that they may live in peace and safety.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray this evening for: *James Busby, Janet Heinze, Kenneth Scanlan, Adrienne and Michael Musson, Fr. Allen Warren Lucas, the repose of the soul of Peter Rossi, the family and friends of Father Livy Merchant, Victoria Jerine Gordon, James Rollins, Doris Crocker, Wally, Laura, Connie, Maya, and Erinn Huetteman.* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have departed this world to go to the Father: May they come to share fully in Christ's paschal victory.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, including those we name now either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Silence may be kept

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.**

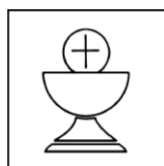
THE ABSOLUTION

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.
People **And also with you.**

WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY, MOTET

IN MONTE OLIVETI AD PATREM ORAVIT:
Pater si fieri potest transeat a me calix iste.
Spiritus quidem promptus est
caro autem infirma.
Vigilate, et orate, ut non intretis
in tentationem.

*On the Mount of Olives he prayed to his Father:
“Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me.
The spirit indeed is willing,
but the flesh is weak.”
Watch and pray, that you enter not
into temptation.*

*Words: Responsory for Matins on Maundy Thursday & Matthew 12:39
Music: Juozas Naujalis (1869-1934)*

Please stand as you are able, to sing the Doxology as the offering is brought forward.

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise — God from whom all — bles-sings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be-low,
Praise him a - bove ye hea-ven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

*Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
Music: Erhalt uns, Herr, melody from Geistliche Lieder, 1543*

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir

SANCTUS, SANCTUS, SANCTUS
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.*

*Blessed is he that cometh
in the Name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the Highest.*

Setting: Mass for Four Voices, William Byrd

Celebrant

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."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant

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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

AGNUS DEI, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us Thy peace.*

Setting: Mass for Four Voices, W. Byrd

THE COMMUNION

To receive communion, extend your hands to the Priest, who will place the wafer in your hand (if you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask for one). If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, simply cross your arms over your chest when you come to the Altar. All are welcome at The Lord's Table!

AT THE COMMUNION, MOTET

AVE VERUM CORPUS,
natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.
O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie,
O Jesu, fili Mariae.
Miserere mei. Amen.

*Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
who having truly suffered,
was sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
flowed with water and blood:
May it be for us a foretaste
[of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death.
O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy upon me. Amen.*

Words: attributed to Pope Innocent VI (1282-1362)

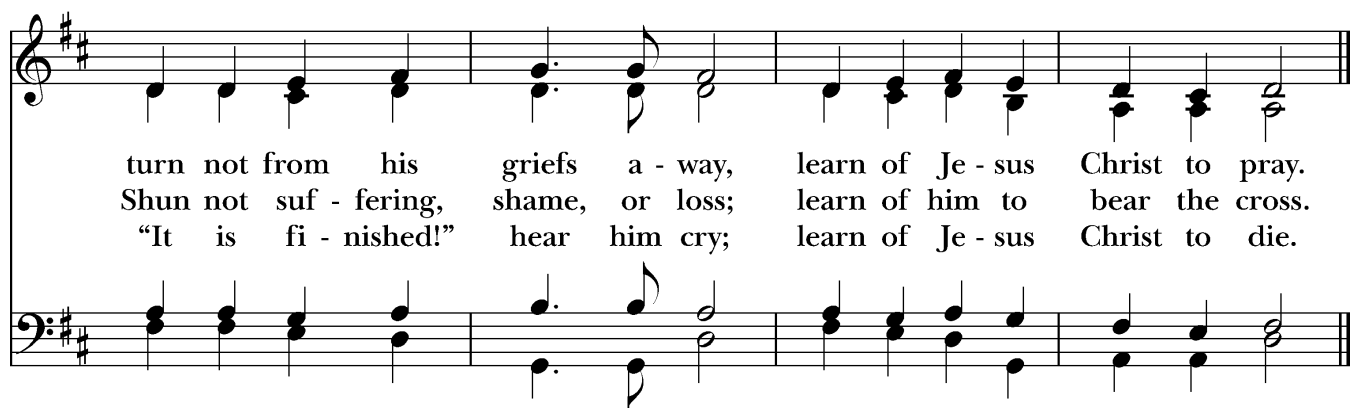
Music: William Byrd (c 1543-1623)

Please join in singing the hymn.

THE COMMUNION HYMN, 171

1 Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt-er's power;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of life ar - rained;
3 Cal-vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

your Re-deem - er's con-flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour;
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete;



Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)
 Music: Petra, Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

We stand and say together

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

ALMIGHTY AND EVER-LIVING GOD,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

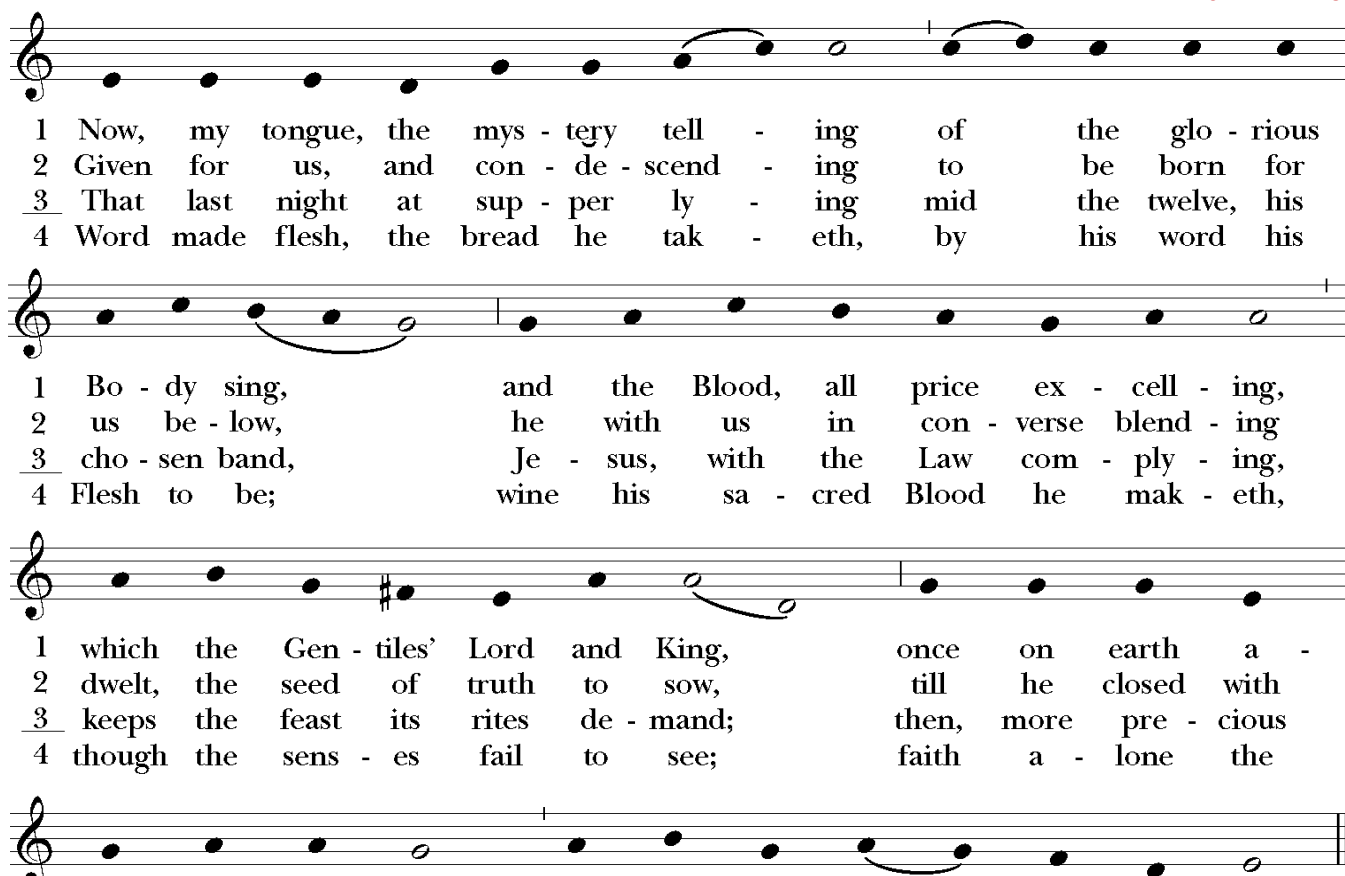
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

The Clergy process from the Low Altar to the Chapel of the Messiah with the consecrated Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ to place it on the Chapel Altar. The Cross and Choir processes from the Chancel.

During this, please join in singing the hymn on the following page.





1 Now, my tongue, the mys - tery tell - ing of the glo - rious
 2 Given for us, and con - de - scend - ing to be born for
 3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing mid the twelve, his
 4 Word made flesh, the bread he tak - eth, by his word his

1 Bo - dy sing, and the Blood, all price ex - cell - ing,
 2 us be - low, he with us in con - verse blend - ing
 3 cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,
 4 Flesh to be; wine his sa - cred Blood he mak - eth,

1 which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, once on earth a -
 2 dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, till he closed with
 3 keeps the feast its rites de - mand; then, more pre - cious
 4 though the sens - es fail to see; faith a - lone the

1 mong us dwell - ing, shed for this world's ran - som - ing.
 2 won - drous end - ing his most pa - tient life of woe.
 3 food sup - ply - ing, gives him - self with his own hand.
 4 true heart wak - eth to be - hold the mys - ter - y.

Words: *Att. St. Thomas Aquinas (c 1225-1274); ver. Hymnal 1940, rev.*
 Music: *Pange lingua, plainsong, Mode 3, Zisterzienser Hymnar, 14th cent.; acc. Jackson Hill (b. 1941)*

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

While the Cantors sing Psalm 22, the High Altar, Sanctuary, and all other altars in the Church are stripped of all remaining ornament, reminding us that Jesus was stripped of his garments before he was crucified. When all is completed and the High Altar Cross is removed, the chanting of the psalm stops.

PSALM 22

Dens, Deus Mens

Mode II

- 1 O 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.
- 16 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.

At the conclusion of the Stripping of the Altar and the singing of the psalm, the Celebrant reemerges from the Vestry and reads the following verses of Holy Scripture (Matthew 26:48-56) from the Sanctuary Gate:

NOW THE BETRAYER HAD GIVEN THEM A SIGN, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.” At once he came up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you are here to do.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?” At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

The lights go out and the Clergy, Acolytes, and Choir scatter as did Jesus’ disciples.

Following the liturgy of Maundy Thursday until 12 Midnight, a night watch is kept at the Altar of Repose , in The Chapel of the Messiah. The Chapel has been transformed into a garden-like setting to represent the Garden of Gethsemane and to be an intentional place of prayer to “stay awake with Christ” until his resurrection is proclaimed at the Easter Vigil.

All are welcome to come and keep watch by quietly praying or meditating in the presence of the consecrated Body and Blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, either for a few minutes or all three hours.

~ **SERVING THIS EVENING** ~

Celebrant & Preacher: The Right Reverend Andrew St. John

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Crucifer: Jim Mahoney

Lectors: Andrew Shapiro-Zysk, Jim Mahoney

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Altar Guild: Andrew Shapiro-Zysk, Barbara Hughes

Audio/ Visual: Clinton Crocker

**THE GUEST CELEBRANT & PREACHER FOR THIS EVENING’S SERVICE:
The Right Reverend Andrew St. John**



Bishop Andrew St. John was formerly Assistant Bishop of Melbourne, Australia before relocating to New York City in 2003. After two years as Interim Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity on East 88th Street he was appointed Rector of the Church of the Transfiguration on East 29th Street until his retirement in 2016. At present he acts as an Assisting Bishop in the Diocese of New York and serves as Bishop-in-Residence at Saint Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue. *Bishop St. John will also preach on Good Friday. He is a friend and mentor of Fr. Jonathan’s, and was the Officiant at the marriage ceremony of Fr. Jonathan and his wife Anne.* **Welcome Bishop Andrew!**

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About the Holy Hour Watch in the Garden

This devotion developed from the custom of keeping vigil in a chapel where the Blessed Sacrament was reserved during the time between the Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper and the Good Friday Liturgy. These reflections can be used to guide your prayer as part of your keeping watch during those profound and holy hours. It can be a time of worship and adoration with meditation on this aspect of our Lord's Passion.

DEVOTIONS & PRAYERS FOR THE GARDEN WATCH



I. GOD'S PRESENCE: ADORATION

Dear Jesus, I Believe that you are the eternal Word,
that by you all things were made, you have made me and given me everything.
I believe that you love me and that you know and understand me
better than I can know myself.

I believe that you are here, because you love me and would not leave me alone;
because you know my sorrows and failings
and would not leave me in isolation;
to strengthen me so that I can serve you in those around me.

I believe that you are here, so that I can find solace in your presence;
so that I can acknowledge my guilt and find forgiveness;
to help me on the path that leads to eternal joys.
Lord, I believe; help thou my unbelief.

II. FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS: PENITENCE

O Blessed Jesus, in your presence I know the full glory of a human life
and the distortions and destruction caused by sin;

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give me grace to see my sins, things done and things left undone;
give me grace to know how my words have been dishonest or hurtful,
how my habits have disfigured my soul,
and how I have failed in the face of temptations, great and small.
Let me confess them honestly and with genuine sorrow
that I have added to the burden of the world's suffering that falls on you.

III. INTERCESSIONS

Trusting that God's will is for peace and well-being, I pray ...

For an end to violence between peoples and nations,
And an end to oppression and injustice;
For a right use of the riches of creation and an end to poverty and hunger;
For this nation, its people and leaders;
For the Church throughout the world, its unity, witness, and service;
For my own parish, and those who encourage me in faith, service, and prayer;
For those who are ill, those who grieve, those troubled in mind or spirit.
For the particular needs of those closest to me that I name now...
For the departed, remembering those dear to me,
and those for whom no one prays.

IV. FOR MYSELF, PETITION

First I ask for my spiritual needs:

For light and grace to know and do what is good;
For faith to believe and to trust in God;
To grow in love and to be strong in service;
To develop virtues and to know the fruits of the Spirit;
To continue in the Christian faith and life,
and finally to die a good and holy death.

V. CLOSING DEVOTIONS, THE LORD'S PRAYER, & RESOLUTION

Open my eyes to all the ways you come toward me in grace.

Strengthen my feet to follow where you lead
and my hands to serve as you served.

As you stand before the Father, pray for me and teach me to pray

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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2023

AT GRACE CHURCH

Maundy Thursday, April 6th

The Garden Watch *in* The Chapel of the Messiah
8:00 PM – 12:00 Midnight

Good Friday, April 7th

The Solemn Liturgy of The Passion
12:00 Noon

The Way (Stations) of the Cross *with* Music
6:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 8th

The Great Vigil, Holy Baptism,
& The First Eucharist of Easter
(Followed by a festive champagne & sweets reception in The Pavilion.)
8:00 PM

The Feast of the Resurrection: Easter Day

Sunday, April 9th

Spoken Holy Eucharist
8:00 AM

Festal Choral Eucharist *with* Brass & Timpani
10:00 AM

On Easter Day, all children are most welcome to participate in

The Easter Egg Hunt

during Coffee Hour following the 10 AM Eucharist!



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