

The Anglican Parish of Christ Church



Maundy Thursday March 28, 2024

Prelude: Variations on A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth - Gerhard Krapf

Hymn: #500 Servant Song

Introduction

Celebrant This is the day that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

This is the day that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the day that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

This is the day that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

The Collect

Celebrant O God, your son Jesus Christ has left to us this meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and his blood. May we who celebrate this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The First Reading: Exodus 12: 1-14

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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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 Second Reading: I 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 Gradual Hymn: #553 Ubi Caritas

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

Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell with you.

The Gospel Reading

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John (13:1-17, 31b-35).

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Homily

The Reverend Ruth Sesink Bott

The Ceremony of the Washing of the Feet

The Invitation

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.

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."

Hymn: #504 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Anthem: Adoramus Te Christe – Giovanni Palestrina

Hymn: #585 Lord, Whose Love and Humble Service



The Prayers of the People

Leader As we place ourselves in the presence of God, let us pray to the Lord, saying, Lord, hear our prayer.

For all Christians, that each of us may be a true and faithful servant of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For peace in our communities and in our world, that the Lord guide all people in justice and in understanding, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For our family members and friends, that the Lord will bring them grace and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For all who are lonely, sick, or suffering, that the Lord will comfort them, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For all who have recently died, that the Lord will welcome them into his heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Lord, we pray and trust you to hear all our prayers, now and forever.

All Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: #610 Before I take the Body of My Lord

The Prayer over the Gifts

(Please stand)

Celebrant God of love,

All we spread this table to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ, your Son. Accept all we offer you this day. Bind us together in his love and in the love he has commanded us to bring one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer #3 BAS, pg. 198

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.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth...Therefore, we raise our voices to you in praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

Iona Community

Musical score for Sanctus, Iona Community. The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, hea - ven and ea - rth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Bless-ed is the one - who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - san - na in - the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation...Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all...all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray,

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread,

All Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall remain with him.

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

Please come forward to receive communion. You may receive both the bread and the wine, or if you prefer, you may receive in one kind only, the bread.

Intinction (dipping the bread) is not permitted. A gluten free option is available. To receive a blessing from the priest in place of communion, please come up to the communion rail and cross your hands over your chest.

Music During Communion

Lamb of God

Iona Community

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

Choir: Ave Verum – Stephanie Martin

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side flowed water and blood:

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 on me. Amen.

Hymn: #190 Go To Dark Gethsemane (tune #522, REDHEAD No. 76)

The Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Holy God,

All source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Stripping of the Altar

The stripping of the altar symbolizes the abandonment Jesus experienced in the Garden of Gethsemane and the despair of the disciples at his arrest.

The Gospel: Matthew 26: 30-46

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Hymn: #194 Stay with Us

Stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ, night will soon fall.
Then stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ, light in our darkness.

Psalm 22, plainchant, Walter Deller, soloist Jessica Heine

There is no formal closing to this service. You are invited to remain in prayer and leave when you are ready. Those wishing to keep a vigil may find this to be a place for silent prayer and meditation in the hour following tonight's service.

Good Friday Children's Service, March 29

Interactive Stations of the Cross 10:00 am (in person)

Good Friday Solemn Service, March 29

1:00 pm (in person and live streamed)