



Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

White River Junction, VT

During periods of prayer, please stand or kneel as you are able.

A bell is sounded to begin the liturgy

Prelude

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the place on which we worship this evening is the unceded land of the Abenaki people. We are grateful for their stewardship of the earth and thankful for their example of creation care. We also acknowledge the tragic history lived out among our peoples and hope that as we share these neighborhoods we may live into greater justice and understanding.

A Collect for Diversity

O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord¹. Amen.

Opening Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #480

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

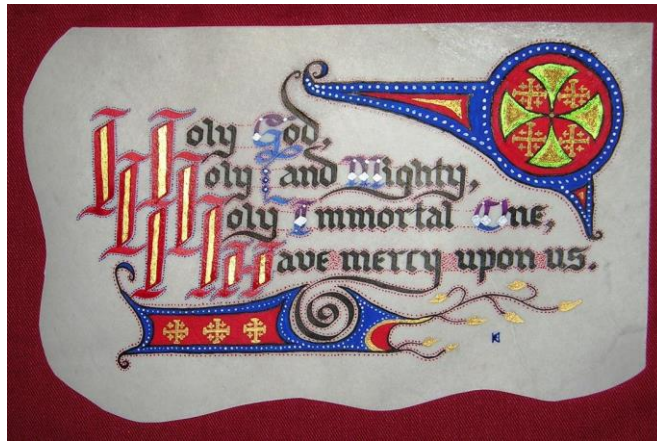
Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Presider Light and Peace in our Savior Jesus Christ.

People **Thanks be to God!**

¹ 1979 Book of Common Prayer. *Collect For the Diversity of Races and Cultures*



Trisagion *(sung three times)*

The Hymnal 1982, #S102

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Most holy God, 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 12:1-14*

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. 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.

A period of silence follows the reading.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence follows the reading.

Psalm 116: 1, 10-17

St. Helena's Breviary

I love you, O God, because you have heard the voice of my supplication,
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**because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I called upon
you.**

How shall I repay God *
for all the good things done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of God.

I will fulfill my vows to God *
in the presence of all people.

Precious in your sight, O God, *
is the death of your servants.

O God, I am your servant; *
**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon your holy Name.

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

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

The Second Reading *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

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.

A period of silence follows the reading.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence follows the reading.

The Gradual Hymn

Ubi caritas

Wonder Love and Praise - #831

Descant

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
 Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha

A

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 Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
 Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō.

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u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
 Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō.

Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is there.

Homily

A period of silence follows the homily.

Prayer of the People²

*The congregation is invited to add their own petitions and intercessions
in the silence after each bidding.*

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the
World: that in this time, she may speak words of truth and justice, act
with compassion and be a sign of Christ's love for all those who are
suffering.

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

Silence

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness we may preach the
gospel to the ends of the earth, God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Silence

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael our Presiding Bishop; for
Shannon our Bishop and Rob and Thomas her New Hampshire and
Maine colleagues; for Scott our priest and Jennie and Geof his local
colleagues; and for all spiritual leaders and guides of every faith, God in
your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Silence

For this holy house of God; for all who give money and work to support
this place, and for all who worship and study and serve here, God in your
mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Silence

For all who come this week to celebrate Christ's passion and resurrection,
and for their families and fellow-workers and friends, God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Silence

² The 1979 Book of Common Prayer. Form II adapted by the Rev. Scott B. Neal.

For those preparing for Baptism in every congregation of Christ's Holy Catholic Church, and for their teachers and sponsors, God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Silence

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples: for world leaders, that guided by integrity and wisdom, they may work together so that peace may flourish; for all those caught up in violence, remembering especially the people of Ukraine, Russia, Gaza, Israel, Syria and Haiti; that in this time of fear and conflict, they may know God's presence and peace, God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Silence

For this town and the entire Upper Valley community and for the welfare of all who live, work or visit here, God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Silence

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick and all who suffer, and for those who support them and care for them, God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Silence

For the unhoused and unhomed, refugees, prisoners, and all in danger, that they may be relieved and protected, God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Silence

For all whom we have injured or offended, and for those who harm us, God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Silence

For grace to amend our lives and to further God's reign of peace and love, God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Silence

In fellowship with Mary, Jesus' mother, and with all God's holy people in every time and place, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our lives through Christ to God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Almighty and ever-living God; in your tender love for the human race, you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Together **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen**

Presider says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 Christ be always with you

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #315

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D, BCP, p. 372

The 1982 Hymnal, #S120

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The first staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you." and the People, with the lyrics "And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts." and the People, with the lyrics "We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is right to give God thanks and praise." The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and accidentals.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

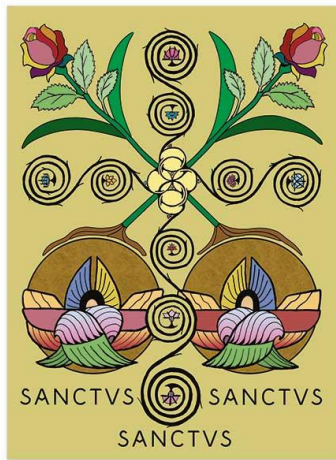
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.

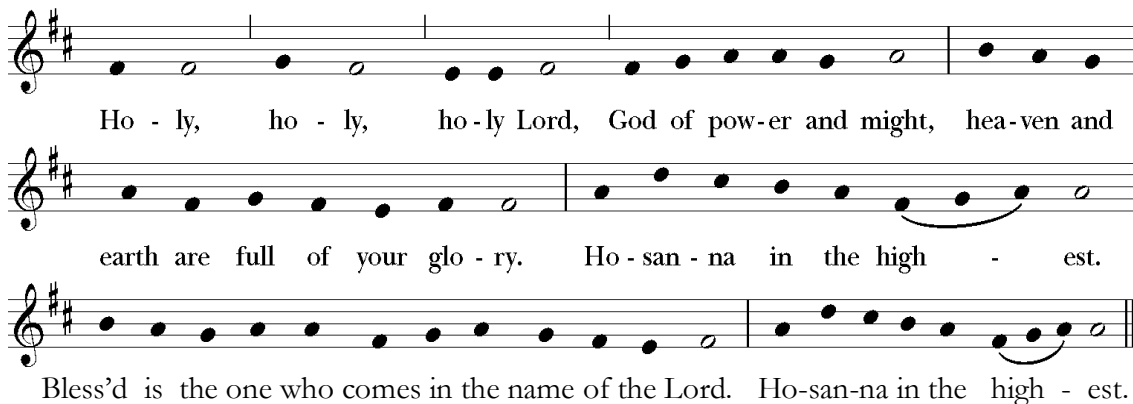
Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,



The Sanctus

S124

The Hymnal,



Following the Sanctus, the people may stand or kneel. The Presider continues

We acclaim you, holy God, 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.
Holy God, 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,
Jesus 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 Jesus 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 Christ who died
and rose
for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe,
to
complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the
sanctification of
all.

When the hour had come for Jesus 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 Jesus 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 Jesus took the cup; 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 for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's 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.

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

God our Creator, 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 our Savior 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.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, 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 Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

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

All **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.**

Fraction Anthem

Presider This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

All **Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

About Communion: *This is God's Altar - All are welcome.*

- *All who come to this place seeking God are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The bread is gluten-free and we use grape juice in individual cups in a celebration of radical hospitality.*
- *If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please let an usher know, and we will be happy to bring Communion to you in your seat.*
- *Those who do not wish to receive Communion are always welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Holy Food for Holy People.

Communion Music

Post Communion Prayer

Presider

We thank you, holy One, for your name that you enshrined in our hearts.
We thank you for the knowledge, faith and immortality that you have revealed to us through your servant Jesus.

People

Glory to you forever and ever.

Presider

Almighty God, you created all things for the sake of your name; you gave us food and drink to enjoy so that we might give you thanks. Now you have favored us through Jesus your servant with spiritual food and drink as well as with eternal life. Above all we thank you because you are mighty.

People

Glory to you forever and ever.

Presider

Remember, O God, your Church and deliver her from all evil. Perfect her in your love; and, gather her together from the four winds into the kingdom that you have prepared for her.

People

Glory to you forever and ever.



Hymn

The

Hymnal 1982, #602

The Holy Gospel *John 13:3a, 4-6, 12-17*

NRSV

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus knew the Father had given everything into his hands and that he had come from God and was returning to God. So he got up from the table and took off his robes. Picking up a linen towel, he tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he was wearing. When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

After he washed the disciples' feet, he put on his robes and returned to his place at the table. He said to them, "Do you know what I've done for you? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you speak correctly, because I am. If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet. I have given you an example: Just as I have done, you also must do. I assure you, servants aren't greater than their master, nor are those who are sent greater than the one who sent them. Since you know these things, you will be happy if you do them.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

The Washing of Hands

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 life of the Kingdom of God comes not by power, authority or even miracle, but by such lowly service.

This year, we will move to washing of hands connecting us both to Jesus' presence among us and the call of Jesus to be a servant of all. Therefore, I invite you to share in the royal priesthood of Christ, and to wash your or another's hands as a symbolic washing of the feet.

(said after the washing of the hands)

Presider

Our Savior 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.**

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.

**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.**

The instrumental music is now silenced.

The Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose

At this Eucharist, extra bread is consecrated for use on Good Friday. During the singing of the following Taizé, the Blessed Sacrament is carried to the Altar of Repose where a watch is kept, in the 'garden' or at home, until

Good Friday morning. This is done in remembrance of our Savior's words: "Could you not watch with me one hour?"

Stay With Me (sung a capella)
Taizé

Stay with me, re - main here with me; watch and

pray, watch and pray.

The musical score is written for four staves, two in treble clef and two in bass clef, in a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily in the treble staves, with the bass staves providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words spanning across multiple staves. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

The Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22

On the return of the clergy and acolytes from moving the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose, the high altar and church are stripped of all vestments, hangings and decorations during the recitation of Psalm 22. The church becomes an empty, lifeless tomb in preparation for Good Friday.

The Last Gospel and the Watch

Following the Stripping of the Altar, the Last Gospel (Matthew 26:30-45) is read from the Altar of Repose.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

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.

Deacon Go in peace.
 Watch and pray.
 Please depart in silence.

The congregation departs in silence.

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In observance of the Holy Silence, you are invited to be in the sanctuary for silent meditation throughout the evening of Maundy Thursday and throughout the day on Good Friday.

Schedule of Services for Holy Week

Good Friday, March 29

12 noon at St. Paul's, White River Junction and St. John's, Randolph
5:30 PM at St. Barnabas', Norwich and St. Martin's, Fairlee
Good Friday Liturgy
~ followed by Holy Silence ~

Holy Saturday, March 30

10 AM - Holy Saturday Liturgy - St. Paul's, White River Junction
~ waiting in the tomb ~ followed by Holy Silence ~

The Great Vigil of Easter - March 31

"From Darkness to Light, From Death to Life"
8 PM - St. Paul's, White River Junction
~ Lighting of the fire ~ Paschal Candle ~
~ The first Eucharist of Easter ~ Reception following ~

Easter Sunday - March 31

9 AM - at St. Paul's, White River Junction and St. John's, Randolph
11:30 AM - at St. Barnabas', Norwich and St. Martin's, Fairlee
The Day of Resurrection

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