EASY PRINT – Maundy Thursday – April 17, 2025

Welcome – Fr. Daniel

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Processional Hymn: (Tune #522) – "GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE"

Go to dark Gethsemane, you who feel the tempter's pow'r; Your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with Him one bitter hour; Turn not from His griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned; O the worm-wood and the gall O the pangs His soul sustained! Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; learn of Him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb there' adoring at His feet, Mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete: "It is finished!" Hear the cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.

▼ The Gathering of the Community

Deacon The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship

of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Deacon: 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, be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may

reign with him in heaven.

Deacon: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily

magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Please kneel or be seated

Deacon: Let us pray. 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.

Amen.

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▼ The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated

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 neighbour 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 judgements 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. Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14 People: Thanks be to God. A moment of silence is observed

The Choir sings the refrain, all repeat



Verse: I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. **REFRAIN**

Verse: I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted"; I said in my consternation, "Everyone is a liar." What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD; **REFRAIN**

Verse: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. **REFRAIN**

Verse: O Lord, I am your servant; am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. **REFRAIN**

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. Please be seated

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. 1 Corinthians 11.23-26
People: **Thanks be to God.** A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #442 – "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us"

The first two verses are sung before the Gospel.

Great God, your love has called us here as we, by love, for love were made. Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed. We come, with all our heart and mind, your call to hear, your love to find. Great God, in Christ you call our name and then receive us as your own not through some merit, right, or claim, but by your gracious love alone. We strain to glimpse your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.

The last two verses will be sung; after the Gospel.

The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People:

Glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord - and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of Christ. Priest:

John 13.1-17, 31b-35



Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

The last two verses will be sung; after the Gospel.

Then take the towel, and break the bread, and humble us, and call us friends. Suffer and serve till all are fed and show how grandly love intends to work till all creation sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Great God, in Christ you set us free, your life to live, your joy to share. Give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair and offer all that faith can do while love is making all things new.

Sermon – The Rev. Dr. James Leatch

Please be seated

Choral Anthem: #184 - "My Song is Love Unknown"

(CONGREGATION JOIN IN FOR THE LAST VERSE)

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine; never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine! This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

The Washing of Feet

Priest: 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."

At this time, all who wish may come forward to receive the washing of feet.

Foot washing Hymn: "AS I HAVE DONE FOR YOU" BY DAN SCHUTTE

The Prayers of the People.

Please kneel or be seated

Deacon: Let us pray. Merciful God, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. As we commit ourselves to following his example of love and service, teach us humility.

All: God of grace, hear our prayer.

Deacon: On this night, Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one. As we grieve for the divisions in the church, unite us.

All: God of grace, hear our prayer.

Deacon: On this night, Jesus prayed for those who would come to believe through the disciples' message. As we take up the mission of the church, renew our zeal.

All: God of grace, hear our prayer.

Deacon: On this night, Jesus commanded his friends to love, but he suffered rejection himself. As we open our hearts to the rejected and the unloved, fill us with your love.

All: God of grace, hear our prayer.

Deacon: On this night, Jesus reminded his people that, if the world hated them, it had hated him first. As we face our own fears, we pray for those who are persecuted for their faith; give us your peace.

All: God of grace, hear our prayer.

Deacon: On this night, Jesus loved his friends to the very end. As we open our hearts to all who face darkness tonight, we pray for the sick, those who mourn, those trapped by violence, addiction, or pain: let us pray for those whose cares weigh heavily on our hearts, either aloud or silence...(silent pause for people to pray)...give healing and hope.

All: God of grace, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Faithful God, these are the prayers of your Church. You offer them trust and hope. Hear and help us, challenge and change us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Deacon: Almighty God,

All: you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Please kneel or be seated

Deacon: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Deacon: Most merciful God,

All: 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 neighbours 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.

Priest: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your

sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal

life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Peace Please rise in body or spirit

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The ministry of the church depends on the generosity of it's members. We give in the thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

Offertory Hymn: (Tune #500) – "IN THIS ROOM, A TOWEL AND BASIN" All sing

In this room, a towel and basin stand as gifts we don't deserve.

Christ, you humbly knelt to use them; showing us the way to serve.

On a table, set for dinner are your gifts of wine and bread.

Christ, you give to every sinner, dood and love, till all are fed.

From you, Lord, we hear a teaching: "Now I give a new command.

Love as I have loved, out-reaching! Then the world will understand!"

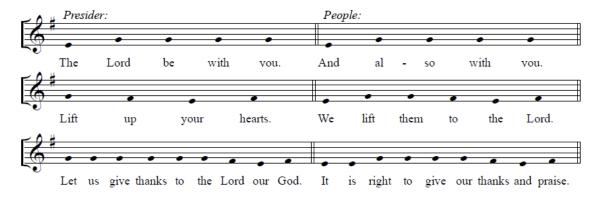
Basin, supper, word and witness —then a cross — revealed your Way.

May we put our faith in practice, humbly serving you each day.

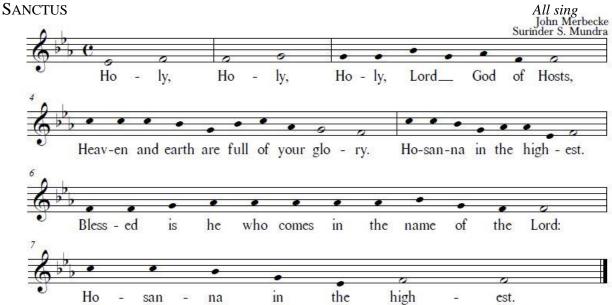
▼ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Priest: Father, 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.

All: Amen.



Priest: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself. By his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore with all the host of heaven who gather around your throne and the Lamb, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.



Priest:

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to be in your presence and serve you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

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

Priest:

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen.



Priest: We break this bread,

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Priest: 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 reign with him.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Priest: If you are worshipping with us from home, please join us in this act of Eucharist, by offering with me this prayer for Spiritual Communion:

The following is said by the Priest and those worshipping with us online.

Online: Holy One, in times of exile, you always remained close to your people,

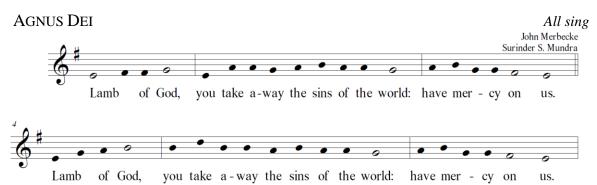
sustaining them in faith, by your Word and Spirit. Help me to feast on your Word, and uphold me by your Spirit, until I can again partake of your Body

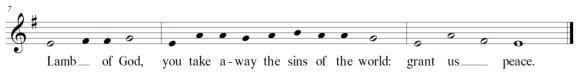
and Blood. I pray in Jesus' name.

People: Amen.

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.





The Communion

Those who have been baptized in any Christian church, including children, are welcome to receive communion. If you have not been baptized yet or do not wish to receive the bread and wine, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a blessing. Simply cross your hands over your chest to alert the priest you wish to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn: #49 – "DRAW NEAR AND TAKE..."

All sing

Draw near and take the body of your Lord, and drink with faith the blood for you outpoured.

Saved by his body, hallowed by his blood, with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.

Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son, by his dear cross and blood the victory won.

Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere, and take the pledges of salvation here. The Lord in this world rules his saints, and shields; to all believers life eternal yields;

with heavenly bread makes those who hunger whole; gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Before your presence, Lord, all people bow. In this your feast of love be with us now.

Communion Hymn: #64 – "AUTHOR OF LIFE DIVINE"

All sing

Author of life divine, who hast a table spread, furnished with mystic wine and everlasting bread, preserve the life thyself hast given, preserve the life thyself hast given, and feed and train us up for heaven.

Our needy souls sustain with fresh supplies of love, till all thy life we gain, and all thy fulness prove, and, strengthened by thy perfect grace, and, strengthened by thy perfect grace, behold without a veil thy face.

Prayer after Communion

Priest: Holy God, 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 commandent 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.

All: Amen.

Hymn: #50 – "Now My Tongue the Mystery Telling" All kneel and sing

Now, my tongue, the mystery telling, of the glorious body sing, and the blood, all price excelling, which the nations' Lord and King, once on earth among us dwelling, shed for this world's ransoming.

That last night, at supper lying with the twelve, his chosen band, Jesus, with the law complying, keeps the feast its rites demand; then, more precious food supplying, gives himself with his own hand.

Word made flesh, by word he maketh very bread his flesh to be, wine his blood for whoso taketh; and if senses fail to see, faith alone the true heart waketh to behold the mystery.

Therefore we, before him bending, this great sacrament revere; types and shadows have their ending, for the newer rite is here; faith, our outward sense befriending, makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing, to the Father and the Son; honour, thanks, and praise addressing while eternal ages run, and the Spirit's power confessing, who from both with both is one.

(The Sacrament is removed to the Font, where it will remain throughout the Garden Watch as the sign of Christ's presence in Gethsemane)

▼ Ceremonial Stripping & Washing of the Altar

(Matthew 26.30-46 is read, then the altar is stripped and washed)

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."

Deacon: Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God, who has shown us in the life and teaching of your Son that the path of love may lead to the cross, and the reward of faithfulness may be a crown of thorns. Grant us grace to take up our cross and follow Christ in the strength of patience and the constancy of faith, and to have such fellowship with him in his sorrow that we may know the secret of his strength and peace. **Amen.**

(The lights are dimmed, and all depart in <u>silence</u>)
There is no Dismissal at the end of this, or any other, liturgy in Holy Week.

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