

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Waretown, NJ**  
**The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two**  
**Thursday, April 1, 2021**  
**Maundy Thursday**

**Prelude** *(Remain Seated)*

**Processional** *(Stand)*

**The Word of God**

*Celebrant* Blessed the LORD who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*Celebrant*  
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.*

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

**Collect**

*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**

**First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14**

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat 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 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.**

## Psalm 116:1, 10-17

- 1 O 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.

## Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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.**

## Gradual Hymn

### The Gospel John 13:1-17, 31b-35

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our LORD Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

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

than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I will give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

*Celebrant*           The Gospel of the LORD.  
*People*               **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

### **The Nicene Creed** *(all stand)*

*Celebrant and People*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate  
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People, Form III**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve  
you;  
***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the  
world;  
***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence -- The People may add their own petitions.*

*Celebrant*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:  
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do  
your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Confession of Sins**

*Celebrant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence. Minister and People*

**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 Pries stands and says*

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** *(all stand)*

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

*People* **And also with you.**

## **Offertory Hymn**

### **The Great Thanksgiving -- Eucharistic PrayerA**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

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 him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is a right and good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give  
thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Arch-  
angels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this  
hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

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 of 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 in memory 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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. **Amen**

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Silence*

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Bread is given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant*  
Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and**

courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Procession to altar of Repose

### Psalm 22

1 My 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 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 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,\*

    Live 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 was.

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.

21 I will declare your name to my brethren;\*

    In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him;\*

    Stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;

    All you of Jacob’s line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;

    Neither does he hide his face from them;\*

    But when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise of him in the great assembly;\*

    I will perform my vows in the presence of those who

**Worship him**

**25 the poor shall eat and be satisfied,**

**And those who seek the Lord shall praise him:\***

**“May your heart live for ever!**

**26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,\***

**And all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

**27 For kingship belongs to the Lord;\***

**He rules over the nations.**

**28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;\***

**All who go down to the dust fall before him.**

**29 My soul shall live for him;**

**My descendants shall serve him;\***

**They shall be know as the Lord’s forever.**

**30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn\***

**The saving deeds that he has done.**

**The Stripping of the Altar**

**Congregation departs in silence**

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