



Maundy Thursday: *The Institution of the Lord's Supper*

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church ☩ Richmond, Virginia

A note about this evening

The story of this night – Jesus' last night with his disciples and friends – is filled with beauty and contradiction. It is a story of great tenderness and love, made manifest in the simple rituals of a shared meal and a selfless act of service. It is also a story of heartbreak, as the drama of that night descends into betrayal and cruelty. By recalling and re-enacting these events, we bring our own hearts and lives into the story of our Savior. By sharing in his Passion, we make space to share in his resurrection.

This Maundy Thursday liturgy ends with the stripping of the altar, followed by its ritual washing and anointing. When the sanctuary is stripped bare and the altar stands completely unadorned, we recall the desolation and abandonment that Jesus knew at the time of his arrest, trial, and crucifixion. The altar is then washed, as a body would be washed for burial in the Jewish tradition, and the five crosses in the top of the altar, which symbolize the five wounds of Christ from his crucifixion (hands, feet, and side), are anointed with oil, as a body would be anointed according to Jewish custom.

Finally, the reserved sacrament of consecrated bread and wine, which recalls Christ's presence, is processed to the Chapel of the Holy Spirit (an altar of repose), which represents the Garden of Gethsemane. It was here that Jesus went when he was deeply troubled and asked his closest friends to wait, watch, and pray. When Jesus found them sleeping, he asked, "Could you not stay awake for one hour?"

An all-night vigil is kept in the chapel with the reserved sacrament, and parishioners come and go throughout the night, taking turns staying awake and praying for at least one hour. We pray that what you experience in this time and place will awaken you more completely to the unfailing love of God and to God's dream for the world – a dream that not even death could unravel.

Opening Voluntary *Ubi caritas*

Julie Ainscough

The Word of God

Introit

Ubi caritas

Sung by the choir. The congregation may remain seated.

Paul Mealor

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Where charity and love are, God is there.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Christ's love has gathered us into one.

Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.

Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.

Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.

Let us fear, and let us love the living God.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Hymn 379

God is Love, let heaven adore him

Sung by all, standing as you are able.

Abbot's Leigh

Opening Sentences

Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant

Blessed be the God of our salvation;

People

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

The Collect for Purity

Said by all.

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

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.

Kyrie

Sung by all.

William Trafka

All: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son,
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. *Cantor or choir sings "Christe eleison."*
 All: Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e e - lei - son.

Translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book, page 220

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

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.**

The Lesson 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 *Please sit.*

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of Paul 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.** *A period of silence is kept.*

Psalm 116:1, 10-17 *Said responsively by whole verse, seated.*

Prayer Book, page 728

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.

Silence is kept.

Hymn 314 Humbly I adore thee *Sung by all, standing.*

Adoro devote

The Gospel John 13:1-17, 31b-35 *Please remain standing and face the reader of the Gospel.*

Deacon 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 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon The Rev. William L. Sachs

The Nicene Creed *Said by all, standing.*

Prayer Book, page 358

**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

Celebrant On this night, when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, we pray to God for the church and the world saying: God of salvation, have mercy on us.
You may stand or kneel.

Leader Holy God, open our hearts to your presence in the world and in one another. God of salvation,
People **Have mercy on us.**

Leader Holy God, guide the leaders of the world that they may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. God of salvation,
People **Have mercy on us.**

Leader Holy God, help people of different faiths, as they seek to worship you, to honor and respect one another. God of salvation,
People **Have mercy on us.**

Leader Holy God, teach us to love our neighbors, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the imprisoned, and tend the sick. God of salvation,
People **Have mercy on us.**

Leader Holy God, comfort and heal those who are sick in body or spirit. Dry the tears of the lonely and troubled, especially those who suffer from violence and every shade of oppression. God of salvation,
People **Have mercy on us.**

Leader Holy God, have compassion on the dying, and console their loved ones, that all may find hope in the promise of the resurrection. God of salvation,
People **Have mercy on us.**

Celebrant Gracious God, as we gather this night to watch with Jesus in his last hours, draw us to your Son as he is lifted up on the cross of salvation. Through Christ our Savior we pray. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand.

Prayer Book, page 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

All comes from God, so from what God has given, we offer gifts to sustain God's work in the world. If you wish to make your offering electronically, please scan the QR code.



At the Offertory Greater love hath no man *Sung by the choir.* John Ireland
Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

At the Presentation *Sung by all, standing.*

Gardiner

The fruits of our labor are presented to God, along with gifts for our food ministry.



All things are thine; no gift_ have we, Lord of all gifts, to of - fer thee; and



hence with grate - ful hearts to - day_ thine own be - fore_ thy feet_ we lay.

The people remain standing.

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. *Here a proper preface is said.*

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

Sung by all.

William Traftka

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You may stand or kneel.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and 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. **AMEN.**

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

Celebrant and People

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**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

William Trafka



Cantor: Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mercy on us. Je - sus, Re - deemer, Re -



deemer of the world, *All:* Do - na no - bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis



pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Translation: Give us your peace.

Celebrant

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.

At the Communion of the People

All are welcome at the altar in this place. Communion is distributed only at the base of the chancel steps, standing. The altar also extends to your pew if you need us to bring the sacrament to you; just let an usher know. To receive Communion, cross your hands, palms up. You may consume the bread and then drink from the wine in the larger chalice. If you prefer to "intinct" or touch the edge of your bread to the wine, please use one of the smaller cups, available at all stations. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms against your chest.

Music at Communion

Anthem *Ave verum corpus*
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.

Sung by the choir.

Translation: Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary:
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed
on the cross for the sake of man.
From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood:
Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Hymn 329 Now, my tongue, the mystery telling

Sung by all, seated.

Pange lingua

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. *You may stand or kneel.*

All **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.**

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The lay ministers and clergy depart before the Stripping of the Altar begins.

The Stripping, Washing, and Anointing of the Altar

You may sit or kneel.

Motet

O salutaris hostia

Sung by the choir.

Ēriks Ešenvalds

*O salutaris Hostia, quae caeli pandis ostium:
Bella premunt hostilia, da robur, fer auxilium.
Uni trinoque Domino sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino nobis donet in patria. Amen.*

O saving Victim, who expands the door of heaven,
Hostile wars press: give strength; bear aid.
To the Lord One and Three, may there be everlasting glory;
that he may give life without end to us in our homeland. Amen.

Hymn

O sacred head, sore wounded

Herzlich tut mich verlange

Sung by all as the altar is washed.



1. O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn; O
2. Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight; thy
3. In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry, with
4. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend, for
5. My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power, to



king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn: what
power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light. Ah
thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die. Ah,
this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end? Oh,
hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour; that



sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower? O
me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace: show
keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath, to
make me thine for ev - er! and should I faint - ing be, Lord,
I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife to



coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
me, O love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

At the Procession to the Altar of Repose

Jacques Berthier

During the procession of the sacrament to the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, the refrain will be sung by the cantor, then repeated by all as the cantor sings the verses.

The image shows a musical score for a refrain. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff: "Stay with me, re-main here with me, watch and pray watch and pray." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties.

An all-night vigil of prayer is kept in Chapel of the Holy Spirit, commemorating our Lord's time of prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane and his question to the sleeping disciples, "Could you not stay awake with me one hour?" You are welcome to remain in prayer for a time at the conclusion of this service and to return at any time through the night.

Please depart in silence.



The Chapel of the Holy Spirit

The flowers and plants in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, recalling the Garden of Gethsemane, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gay Georgina Fraser by her family.

Participants

CELEBRANT: The Rev. William S. Stanley; **DEACON:** The Rev. Cate Anthony; **SUBDEACON:** Barbara Massey; **READER:** Abigail Moore; **PREACHER:** The Rev. William L. Sachs; **INTERCESSOR:** Meg Eckman; **ASSISTING PRIESTS:** The Rev. John W.A. Jenkins, the Rev. John D. Rohrs; **CHALICE BEARERS:** Charlie Caldwell, Scott Finn, Braxton Hill, Elizabeth Spell; **ACOLYTES:** Rosie Ferrell, Wyatt Hobbs, Abigail Moore; **MUSICIANS:** St. Stephen's Choir, Chris Edwards and Brent te Velde, *directors;* Vicky Hamrick, *oboe;* Diana Chou, *organ;* **VERGERS:** Kathy Brock, Beth Smith



Good Friday at St. Stephen's Church

8:10 a.m., Morning Prayer and Communion from the reserved sacrament+

Noon, The Liturgy for Good Friday+

Stations of the Cross following the Good Friday service;

1:30 p.m. guided; self-guided between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Icons representing 14 places on Jesus' journey to the cross are placed on easels around the church. Booklets will be available with prayers for each station.

5 p.m., Good Friday Musical Offering+

Soprano Lauren Clay and countertenor Quinn Bitsas, with Baroque instrumentalists Janelle Davis, Chris Johnston, and Brady Lanier, will present Giovanni Pergolesi's Stabat Mater, a powerful setting of the 13th-century hymn commemorating Mary's suffering during the crucifixion. Solo organ music will also be offered by Brent te Velde.

+ Livestreamed

The parish office will close at noon on Good Friday and re-open Tuesday, April 22.

Read about services for Easter Eve and Easter Day at ststephensRVA.org/easter.

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