

MAUNDY THURSDAY — March 28, 2024 • 7:30 PM

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# Solemn Service of the Institution of the Lord's Supper

aundy Thursday (from the Latin, mandatum, meaning "commandment" as found in John 13:34) serves with Good Friday and Easter Sunday as one continuous service commemorating the passion and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Because of the continuity of the service over multiple days, there is no benediction pronounced until Easter. Clergy wear stoles which signify the servant towel worn by Christ as he washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper. Red reminds us of the blood of Christ shed for our sin. As the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus Christ is read from John 17, the church will be "stripped" to signify Christ's moving from the celebratory meal of Passover toward the barrenness of Calvary where, as the Lamb of God, he takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29). The crown of thorns recalls Christ's trial and crucifixion, and the bare church reminds us of the grave into which Christ descended on Good Friday. Most portions of this service are adapted from John Calvin's 1542 Geneva order of worship for Holy Communion. John Calvin (1509-1564) was a French theologian, church reformer and pastor, whom Protestant churches in the Reformed tradition (such as Park Street Church) regard as a significant influence. Other portions of this service are derived from Reformed practices over the centuries.

¶ The congregation enters in silence.

#### THE PRELUDE

Adagio for Strings

Samuel Barber (1910–1981)

¶ At the conclusion of the Prelude, the People stand.



Music: Intercessor, 1904 | C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918) 11 10. 11 10

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This hymn explores the dramatic irony woven into our redemption story, in which Evil is the unwitting captain of its own demise. This idea is distilled at the cross itself, where the greatest evil Evil could muster achieved the greatest good that will ever be.

#### SILENT PROCESSION

#### THE NEW COMMANDMENT

John 13:31-35

#### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Minister God spoke these words and said: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods but me.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

*People* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister You shall not murder.

*People* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister You shall not commit adultery.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister You shall not steal.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister You shall not covet.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you.

#### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

¶ The People kneel or sit, confessing their sin, first silently then aloud.

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

¶The Peace is omitted, remembering that Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss.

#### HYMN

¶ The People stand.

Nº 248 Ah, Holy Jesus

Herzliebster Jesu

¶ The People sit.

#### THE OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 12:1-4; 11-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>24</sup>This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup>And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb.

"In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. "For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and 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 are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute for ever, you shall keep it as a feast."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

#### THE PSALM

116:12-17

How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his servants.

O Lord, 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 the Name of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Music: H. Howells (1892-1983)

Note: Chant is the singing of unmetrical text to very simple melodies—a form of heightened speech. Since there is no fixed rhythm, chant works well with texts that don't have a uniform syllabic meter (e.g. the Psalms). The chant of ancient Jewish synagogues evolved into the earliest Christian forms of chant (Roman chant, Gallican chant, and Jerusalem chant) which later developed into specific melodies called Gregorian chant (developed in the 6th—10th century Western Church). By 1700, churches in England began to add the innovation of full choral harmony to the melodies. If you're curious what Jesus and the apostles likely sounded like singing the Psalms, you can get some sense of it by listening to Gregorian or Byzantine chant.

#### THE EPISTLE

# 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>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.

#### ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas

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 in one.

Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur. *Let us rejoice, and delight in him.* 

Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum. Let us fear and love the Living God.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Let us love each other with a sincere heart.

Amen.

Words: 8th century | Music: 2018, Michael John Trotter (b. 1978)

¶ The People stand.

#### THE GOSPEL

John 13:1-17

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, <sup>4</sup>rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

¶ The People sit.

Randall Wetzig

#### THE NICENE CREED

## ¶ The People stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 & THE LORD'S PRAYER

¶ The People kneel or sit. Each invitation is followed by silent prayer, then is said

Leader Lord in your mercy: People Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Let us pray for all the ministers and people of our Congregation.

Let us pray for all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Let us pray for our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service.

Let us pray for all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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 coming day's bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into trial, but deliver us from the Evil One.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

#### ANTHEM

# Ave Verum Corpus

Ave, verum corpus cujus latus perforatum Hail, true body, whose pierced side

natum de Maria Virgine, unda fluxit et sanguine.

born of the Virgin Mary, flowed with water and blood.

vere passum immolatum

who, having suffered, was sacrificed
in cruce pro homine

Esto nobis prægustatum

May it be for us a foretaste

[of the heavenly banquet]

in cruce pro homine,

on the cross for mankind,

in mortis examine.

in the trial of death.

In the Sacrament of Communion, we feed on Christ in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving, just we are nourished physically by food and drink. See Jesus' words in John 6:32,55.

Words: 13th century | Music: Egil Hovland (1924-2013)

# ¶ The People stand.

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

Minister The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

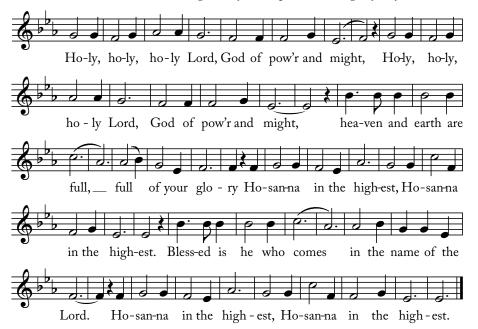
Minister Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the LORD.

Minister Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power through Jesus Christ our Lord. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; and on the night before he suffered, he instituted these holy mysteries; that we, receiving the benefits of his passion and resurrection, might be made partakers of his divine nature. 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:



Music: from Deutsche Messe, 1826 | Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

#### THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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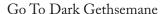
¶ All baptized believers, along with their baptized children, are invited to partake of the Sacrament by proceeding up to the front (as directed by the ushers) to receive the elements. Gluten-free wafers are available. The People sing these hymns:

 $N^{\circ}$  429 Let Thy Blood In Mercy Poured  $N^{\circ}$  422 Twas On That Night

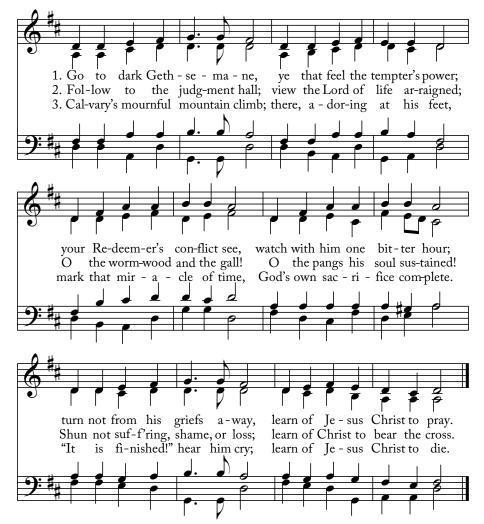
Jesus, Meine Zuversicht Rockingham

¶ The People Stand.

#### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER



REDHEAD



Words: 1820, James Montgomery (1771–1854) | Music: Petra, 1853; Richard Readhead (1820–1901) 77. 77. 77

¶ The People kneel or sit.

# THE HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER & THE STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

John 17

 $\P$  The People depart the church in silence, or may remain in prayer.

#### SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

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A complete staff directory can be found parkstreet.org/about-us/staff/

#### NEW?

Welcome to Park Street Church! We're glad you're here, and we invite you to become a part of this community of Jesus' disciples. Wherever you're coming from and whatever questions you are asking, we welcome you to join us as we seek to become more like Jesus.

 If you would like to connect with us, fill out a Connect card in the pews and hand it to an usher or drop it in the offering plate. You can also complete the form digitally by scanning the QR code to the right.
 We'll be in touch!



### UPCOMING HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Good Friday Worship Services

March 29 Noon & 7:30 pm

Easter Day Worship Services

March 31 9:00 am & 11:00 am | Music by choir & orchestra

4:00 pm | Music by Sunday Night Band

