

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 6, 2023 + 7:00 PM + Christ Church + Greenville, South Carolina

WHY WE NEED

Holy Week

Stories shape our lives in profound ways. From the whimsical bedtime stories of childhood to the significant family narratives that are shared over celebratory meals and holiday gatherings each year, these stories become part of us. The retelling of important stories satisfies a deep need to remember that which we hold dear. Whether we are remembering beloved people in our lives, deeply held beliefs, or momentous occasions, stories help us keep these things alive and fresh in our memories.

Since the 4th century, the church has set aside a week each year for profound story telling. At their core, the celebrations of Holy Week are an elaborate, theatrical, and beautiful way of retelling our most important story. The story we tell each year during Holy Week is nothing less than the most magnificent love story ever told. Each chapter of the story, while adding new dimensions and perspectives, continues to underpin the theme of God's relentless, extravagant, and boundless love for us.

Good story telling involves the careful use of drama. Nowhere else in the church's liturgical year is this more evident than Holy Week. The colorful and elaborate rituals of the Holy Week liturgies have a significant purpose. The embellishment of the liturgy, particularly during the Triduum ("The Three Days" of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday),

is intended to help us enter into the story in tangible and meaningful ways. The ancient patterns of these reenactments connect us to our past as a Christian people.

The prospect of attending all or most of these Holy Week services can seem daunting and perhaps even fanatical. I can fully appreciate that sentiment. But I would also submit to you that, if we are honest with ourselves, we need to enter into this journey. Not because God needs our worship – God certainly desires and commands our worship, though God does not need our worship – but because we need to worship. We need to be assured of the forgiveness of our sins. We need to learn how to love and serve others. We need to know that death is not the end, but the beginning. We need to hear that ancient story of God's unyielding love for us. This is why we need Holy Week.

Donald W. Duncan
Director of Liturgy & Music

WELCOME

In the name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to Christ Church Episcopal.

Known as the “Parish in the Heart of the City,” Christ Church is blessed by the beauty of its church, chapel, and setting, which have been preserved and expanded by the energy and vision of faithful stewards, both past and present.

Now into our third century, we have been gathering to worship God and demonstrate our faith in our daily lives. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are inspired to be *a joyful community sharing life in Jesus Christ.*

We hope you will experience God’s blessings during this service as we have been blessed by your presence.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Good Friday, April 7

12:00 PM - The Good Friday Liturgy, Church

3:00 PM - Stations of the Cross, Churchyard

Easter Eve, April 8

4:00 PM - Easter Eve Baptism Service, Church

7:00 PM - The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter, Church

Incense will be used at this service.

Easter Sunday, April 9

7:30 AM - Quiet Sunrise Eucharist, Markley Chapel

9:00 AM & 11:15 AM - Family Eucharist, Markley Chapel

9:00 AM - Festal Eucharist with Choir, Organ & Brass, Church

11:15 AM - Solemn Eucharist with Choir, Organ, Brass, Incense & Chant, Church

5:00 PM - Evening Eucharist with Choir, Organ & Harp, Church

Incense will be used at the 11:15 AM Solemn Eucharist.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

In preparation for the service, we invite your quiet prayers and ask that you please silence your cell phone.

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Donald W. Duncan, Director of Liturgy & Music

The congregation stands at the sound of the tower bell for the hymn in procession.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION, NO. 331

Now, my tongue, the mystery telling

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

*Given for us, and condescending to be born for us below,
he with us in converse blending dwelt, the seed of truth to sow,
till he closed with wondrous ending his most patient life of woe.*

*That last night at supper lying mid 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, the bread he taketh, by his word his Flesh to be;
wine his sacred Blood he maketh, though the 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,
honor, thanks, and praise addressing, while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing who from both with both is One.*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND EXHORTATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sin.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant Beloved in the Lord: Our Savior Christ, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood as a sign and pledge of his love, for the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of his death, and for a spiritual sharing in his risen life. For in these holy mysteries we are made one with Christ, and Christ with us; we are made one body in him, and members one of another.

Having in mind, therefore, his great love for us, and in obedience to his command, his Church renders to Almighty God our heavenly Father never-ending thanks for the creation of the world, for his continual providence over us, for his love for all mankind, and for the redemption of the world by our Savior Christ, who took upon himself our flesh, and humbled himself even to death on the cross, that he might make us the children of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, and exalt us to everlasting life.

But if we are to share rightly in the celebration of those holy Mysteries, and be nourished by that spiritual Food, we must remember the dignity of that holy Sacrament. I therefore call upon you to consider how Saint Paul exhorts all persons to prepare themselves carefully before eating of that Bread and drinking of that Cup. For, as the benefit is great, if with penitent hearts and living faith we receive the holy Sacrament, so is the danger great, if we receive it improperly, not recognizing the Lord's Body. Judge yourselves, therefore, lest you be judged by the Lord.

Examine your lives and conduct by the rule of God's commandments, that you may perceive wherein you have offended in what you have done or left undone, whether in thought, word, or deed. And acknowledge your sins before Almighty God, with full purpose of amendment of life, being ready to make restitution for all injuries and wrongs done by you to others; and also being ready to forgive those who have offended you, in order that you yourselves may be forgiven.

To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory in the Church evermore. Through him let us offer continually the sacrifice of praise, which is our bounden duty and service, and, with faith in him, come boldly before the throne of grace and humbly confess our sins to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant 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 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.**

Celebrant 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.
All Amen.

The congregation stands to sing the Kyrie.

THE KYRIE ELEISON, S-91

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

THE COLLECT FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

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.

People **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Lector A reading from 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. 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Chanted by the Parish Choir

Psalms 116:1, 10-17

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.

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.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the LORD'S house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Lector A reading from the 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands for the Sequence Hymn.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN, NO. 315

Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray

*Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.*

*For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.*

*So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love;
more blessèd still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.*

THE GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Priest 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.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The congregation is seated for the sermon.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Kellie Wilson

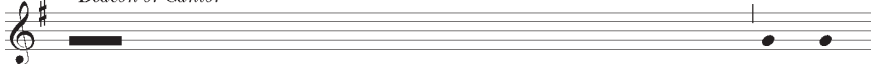
The congregation kneels for the prayers.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form I

Tonight the Prayers of the People will be sung in a contemplative fashion similar to the prayers at the Taizé community. Led by a cantor, the congregation joins the choir in the simple refrain printed below.

Deacon or Cantor




With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, say - ing,




“Lord, have mer - cy.”

Deacon or Cantor



For . . . , let us pray to the Lord.


People




Lord, have mer - cy.

(This response is sung after each petition)

Deacon or Cantor concludes




In the communion of [] and of all the] saints, let us commend



ourselves, and one an - o - ther, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People



To thee, O Lord our God.
 you,

Silence

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles,
 “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.”
 Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church,
 and give to us that peace and unity of that heavenly City,
 where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The congregation stands for the peace.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

*On this evening when we celebrate the Institution of the Sacrament of the Altar, we also honor the ministry of our Altar Guild.
 This evening’s collection will be directed to the work and ministry of the Christ Church Altar Guild.*

THE ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Ave verum corpus
 William Byrd (c. 1539 – 1623)

Translation of Latin text:
*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered,
 sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
 from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:
 Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death!
 O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on us. Amen.*

The congregation stands.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

O saving Victim

*O saving Victim, opening wide the gate of heaven to us below,
 our foes press on from every side, thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.
 All praise and thanks to thee ascend for evermore, blest One in Three;
 O grant us life that shall not end in our true native land with thee.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Staff 1: Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And al - so with you.

Staff 2: Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them to the Lord.

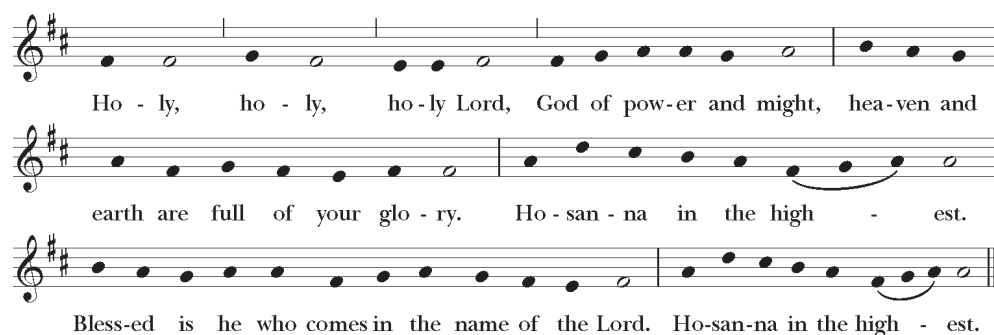
Staff 3: Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Staff 4: People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant 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 congregation kneels.

Celebrant We acclaim you, holy Lord, 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.

Father, 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, he 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 he 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 him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him 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 he 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."

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

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

Celebrant Lord, 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 your Son 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.

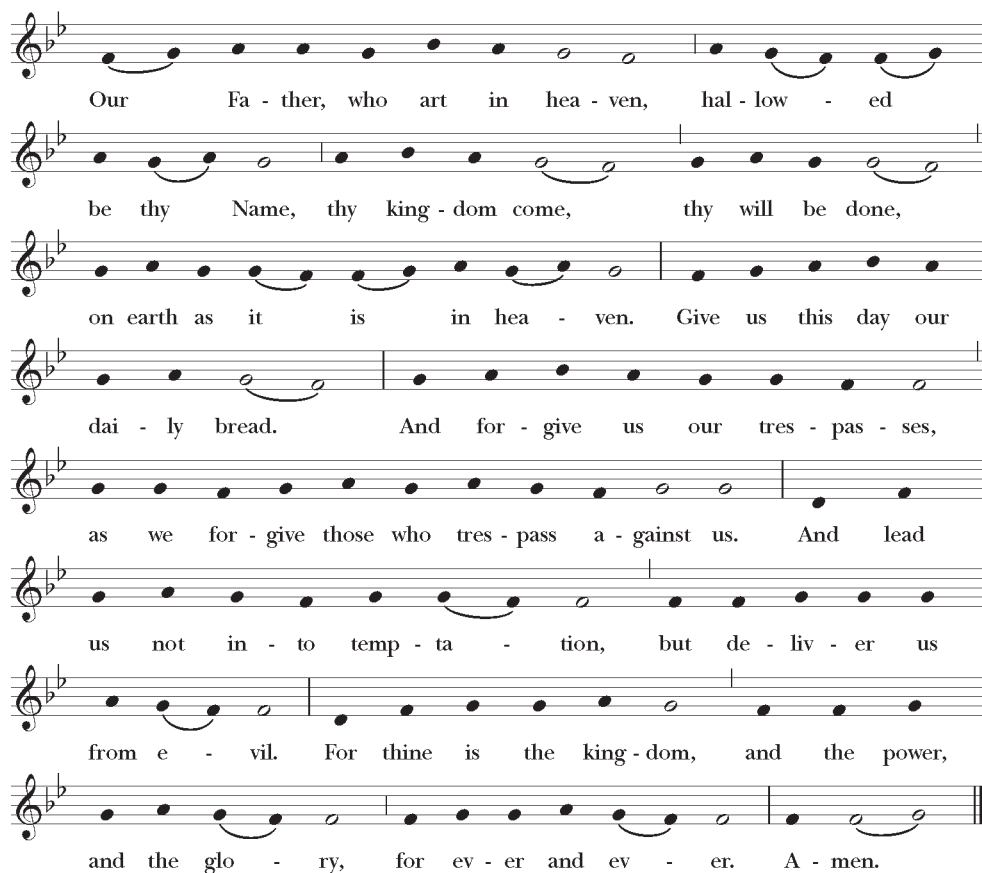
And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Sung responsively by cantor & choir:

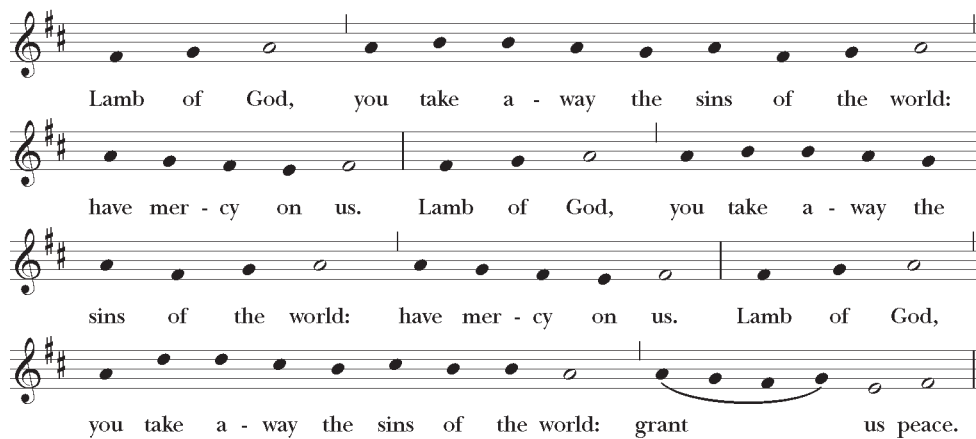
Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

THE MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this Church. If you are receiving communion, you are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers and receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hands. (For those with special dietary needs, gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the priest at the altar rail.) The wine which follows may be received either by drinking from the chalice as it is extended to you, or by retaining the wafer and dipping it lightly into the chalice. You are also welcome to receive the bread only. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing.

THE AGNUS DEI



THE COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymn No. 314

Hymn No. 318

Humbly I adore thee

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face

The congregation kneels.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The congregation remains kneeling for the Stripping of the Altar.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

During the stripping of the altar Psalm 22 is chanted by a cantor.

THE CONCLUDING HYMN, NO. 171

Go to dark Gethsemane

*Go to dark Gethsemane,
ye that feel the tempter's power;
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 wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
learn of him to bear the cross.*

*Calvary's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at his feet,
mark the miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete;
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
learn of Jesus Christ to die.*

The congregation leaves in silence.

***The Holy Triduum liturgy will continue with the Good Friday service tomorrow
and will conclude with the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening.***



CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY

The Reverend Dr. Harrison McLeod, Rector
The Reverend Kellie Wilson, Senior Associate Rector
The Reverend Scott Fleischer, Associate for Pastoral Care
The Reverend Lindy Bunch, Associate for Parish Life

The Reverend Wallace Adams-Riley
Christ Church Episcopal School Chaplain

MUSICIANS FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Christ Church Parish Choir
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SHARING LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST