

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Holy Eucharist
March 28, 2024



*Welcoming all in community;
joyfully doing God's work in
the world.*

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WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith,
you are welcome at God's table to receive the bread made holy.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures forever.**

THE OPENING DIALOGUE

Presider This is the day

People **This is the day**

Voice 1 That Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

People **This is the day**

Voice 2 That Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

People **This is the day**

Voice 3 That Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done for us.

People **This is the day**

Voice 4 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 and be partakers of his resurrection and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray together, saying:

People **God, you are always breaking apart**

our communities,

our identities,

our images of you:

open hand and heart to receive this uncalled for gift,

this fractured food, this feast

where untouchables meet, human and divine;

through Jesus Christ, the passion of God.

Amen.

The people sit.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS (12:1-4, 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 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.

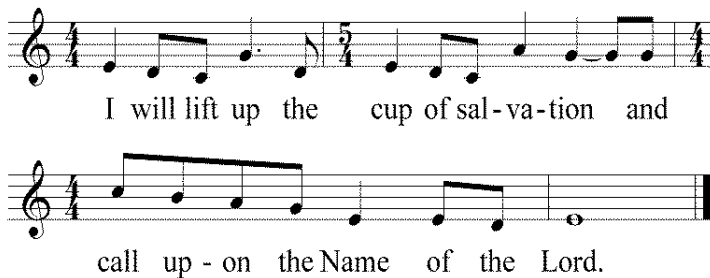
This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:1, 10-17 *Dilexi, quoniam*

The cantor sings the refrain first, then the congregation repeats it; thereafter, the congregation sings the refrain where noted.



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. **REFRAIN**

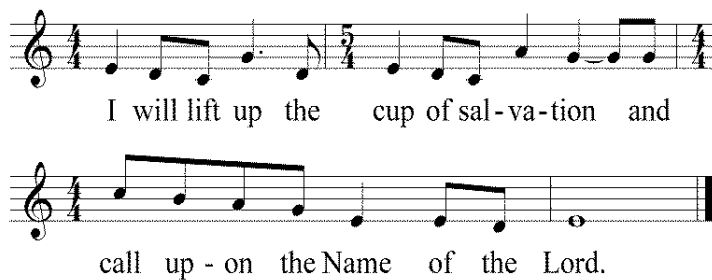
How shall I repay the LORD*
for all the good things he has done for me?

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. **REFRAIN**

(continued on the next page)



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. **REFRAIN**

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. **REFRAIN**

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able, and sing together.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #577* God is love, and where true love is *Ubi caritas*
Verses 1-2 before the gospel, verse 3 after

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN (13:1-17, 31B-35).

People **Glory to you, O 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 our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

After a time of silent reflection, the people stand as able as the presider extends an invitation to Footwashing.

THE INVITATION TO FOOTWASHING

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 love as illuminated by such acts of lowly service.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that we may recall whose servant we are by following the example of our Master. Come remembering his admonition that what will be done for us is also to be done by us to others, for “a servant is not greater than their master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

THE FOOTWASHING ANTHEM

Peace is my last gift to you
Mark Crayton, cantor

Chant

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you. The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, “Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done.” I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you. By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: that you have love for one another.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon God of extravagant love,

People **Transform us with the freedom of forgiveness.**

God of unbounded, sacrificial love,

Teach us to give ourselves in joyful service.

God whose love persists even in the darkest hours,

Deepen our faith,

renew our spirits,

and strengthen our confidence in you

that we may truly learn

to walk in self-giving love.

The people may add intercessions, either silently or aloud.

Deacon Let us bring to mind the things that separate us
from the love of God, and neighbor, and self.

People **We are human; we strive to love, but we often fail.**
Jesus, we confess that we do not always answer
when you call us to bear your light in the world.
Although we long for love,
too often we fail to accept it or offer it.
Help us to let go of our failings.
Renew our hearts.
Fill us anew with your love.
We ask these things in your most holy name.
Amen.

Presider God says to us, "I love you for your own sake."
Know that you are loved and forgiven.
Jesus invites us to pick up our lives anew
and walk in love.
Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet each other in the name of Christ.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ubi caritas

Maurice Duruflé

Trans: Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

All stand as able.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #581* Where charity and love prevail
Verses 1-3 and 6

Cheshire

The people stand as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, 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 SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *Hymnal 1982 #S124* Holy, holy, holy

The people stand or kneel as able.

Presider We acclaim you, holy God, 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.

Presider Holy God, 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, Jesus 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 Jesus 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 Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus 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 Jesus 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 Jesus 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."

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

God our Creator, 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 our Savior 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 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.

Presider And grant that we may find our inheritance with Matthew and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All **AMEN.**

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **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

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast.

THE AGNUS DEI *Hymnal 1982 #S161* Lamb of God

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table to receive the bread and wine made holy.

THE COMMUNION HYMN *LEVAS #150* Jesus, the Bread of life *Grayson Warren Brown*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

People 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 SOLEMN LENTEN PRAYER

Deacon Bow down before Almighty God.

The People kneel as able or bow their heads.

Presider Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family,
for whom our Savior Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed,
and given into the hands of sinners,
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People Amen.

As the Altar is stripped, the following chant from the Taizé Community is sung. We repeat the first verse in English.

8 Stay with me **Bleibet hier**

$\text{♩} = 72$

p *f* *p* *f* *p*

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
 Blei - bet hier und wa - chet mit mir, wa - chet und
 pray, be - tet, watch wa - chet and und pray. be - tet.

Chords: Dm, Gm⁶, Dm, Gm⁶, Dm, C, F, C, Dm, A^{SUS}, A

After the Altar is stripped and the worship participants have exited, we depart in silence.

Following the example of Jesus with his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane on his last night before his Passion, a solemn vigil – The Watch with Christ – will be kept throughout the night in the Chapel. All are invited to take hour-long shifts.



A sign-up is online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4DADAF29A3148741220-thewatch#/>

Leading Our Worship This Evening

Preacher and Presider: The Rev. Charles A. de Kay

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Music Director: Mark Crayton

Usher: Curt Nilsson

Acolytes: Bob Purse, Molly Purse

Lectors: Don Churchill, Melissa Warden

Chalice Bearer: Samuel Love, Jr.

Altar Guild: Susan Rundle, Roberta Buchanan

Livestream: Diane Senechal

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director

Soprano

Monique Austin

Charlotte Bishop

Ginger Carr

Megan Cook*

Alice Dolan

Rachel Handrick*

Kunying Li

Kaylie O'Dell**

Katilynn Meine

Alto

Scott Bass*

Nancy Churchill

Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*[†]

Sergio Savala

Tenor

Francis Lynch

Karlos Piñero-Mercado*

Riley Brown**

Michael Kirby*

Bass

Terry Bucher*

Steve Carr

Jack Ellis**

Jake Engel*

*Section Leader

**Staff Singer

[†]Choral Assistant

About this evening's service

While the shape and format of our service is from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, St. Matthew's strives to offer worship that is relevant, inclusive, and hospitable: worship which is in keeping with our mission to be "building community in a complicated world." Therefore we draw upon a variety of authorized sources:

The Collect of the Day is from *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* by Steven Shakespeare and the Scripture readings are taken from the *New Revised Standard Version* of the Bible. The Invitation to Footwashing and The Solemn Lenten Prayer are from *The Book of Occasional Services*. The Prayers of the People and the Confession and Absolution are taken from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*. Music reprinted by permission. OneLicense.net #A-714089



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