



Grace Episcopal Church

A Liturgy for Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021 | 7:00 pm

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

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Music | Martin Cockroft

About Standing (in Kinship)

We all have the same little bones in our foot
twenty-six with funny names like navicular.
Together they build something strong—
our foot arch a pyramid holding us up.
The bones don't get casts when they break.
We tape them—one phalange to its neighbor for support.
(Other things like sorrow work that way, too—
find healing in the leaning, the closeness.)
Our feet have one quarter of all the bones in our body.
Maybe we should give more honor to feet
and to all those tiny but blessed cogs in the world—
communities, the forgotten architecture of friendship.

~ Kimberly Blaeser, from *Copper Yearning* (Holy Cow! Press, 2019)

Opening

Let us swing wide all the doors and windows of our hearts on the rusty
hinges, so we may learn how to open in love.
Let us see the light in the other and honor it so we may lift one another on
our shoulders and carry each other along.
Let holiness move in us so we may pay attention to its small voice and give
ourselves fully with both hands.

~ Dawna Markova

Words of Welcome

As we gather, please have a bowl of water and a towel nearby.

Gathering Song | Prayer of Peace

Text based on a Navajo prayer; Words and Music: David Haas; we sing verse 1



1. Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us, peace
2. Love be - fore us, love be - hind us, love
3. Light be - fore us, light be - hind us, light
4. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - hind us, Christ
5. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
6. Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us, peace



un - der our feet. Peace with - in us, peace
un - der our feet. Love with - in us, love
un - der our feet. Light with - in us, light
un - der our feet. Christ with - in us, Christ
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
un - der our feet. Peace with - in us, peace



o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace.
o - ver us, let all a - round us be love.
o - ver us, let all a - round us be light.
o - ver us, let all a - round us be Christ.
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace.

Gathering Prayer

God of love, on this night you kneel before your friends in service. Thank you for the gift of human touch. Thank you for welcoming us to your table and for calling us friends. We watch and pray, bound together in your love. Give us the gift of your peace. **Amen.**

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | 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 of 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 the 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.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We say the psalm together.

Psalm | 116:1-2, 12-19

From The Psalter: Liturgy Training Publications, 1995

I am filled with love,
for the Lord hears me.

**The Lord bends to my voice
whenever I call.**

What gift can ever repay
God's gift to me?

**I raise the cup of freedom
as I call on God's name!**

I fulfill my vows to you, Lord,
standing before your assembly.

**Lord, you hate to see
your faithful ones die.**

I beg you, Lord, hear me:
it is I, the servant you love,
I, the child of your servant.
You freed me from death's grip.

**I bring a gift of thanks,
as I call on your name.**

I fulfill my vows to you, Lord,
standing before your assembly,

**in the courts of your house,
within the heart of Jerusalem.**

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | I Corinthians II: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.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Song | I Am Walking a Path of Peace

Words and Music: Janet Bauman Tissandier

The musical score is written in 4/4 time on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "I am walk-ing a path of peace*, I am walk-ing a path of peace*, I am walk-ing a path of peace*, lead me home, lead me home. I am home." The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and a double bar line at the end.

* "... of love", "... of grace"

The Celebrant then introduces the Gospel by saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

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."

After the Gospel, the Celebrant will say

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Leader: Jesus said, “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.”

All: 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.

Leader: I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

All: 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.

Leader: By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

The Foot Washing

We take time for foot washing within our households as music is played.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Called by Jesus to love one another, we pray for all who follow him, for the world, and for all who carry heavy burdens.

Pray for all people of faith, and for all whose faith is known to God alone.

Savior and Servant,

All: we are watching with you.

Leader: Pray for the nations, leaders, and all the people of the world.
Savior and Servant,

All: we are watching with you.

Leader: Pray for this community, our neighbors, and all whose lives we touch.
Savior and Servant,

All: we are watching with you.

Leader: Pray for the sick, the suffering, and those who are anxious, grieving, or alone.
Savior and Servant,

All: we are watching with you.

Leader: Pray for those who have died.
Savior and Servant,

All: we are watching with you.

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.**

Much Abides

From "Ulysses" by Alfred, Lord Tennyson; Music: Ann Strickland

Freely 3

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Though much is tak-en much a - bides. There we are, there we are. Though much is
tak-en, much a - bides. There we are, there we are.

The musical score is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The first staff begins with a 'Freely' marking and a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'Though much is tak-en much a - bides. There we are, there we are. Though much is'. The second staff starts with a measure rest marked '5' and continues with the lyrics: 'tak-en, much a - bides. There we are, there we are.' The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

The Stripping of the Altar

Listen and Watch

Leave in silence when you are ready.