Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.



MAUNDY THURSDAY HOLY EUCHARIST

Entrance Rites

The people stand as they are able.

Processional Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #171



Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854) Music: Petra, Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

Opening Acclamation

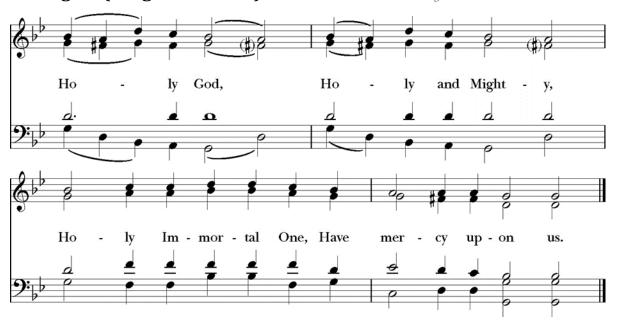
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

Trisagion (Sung three times)

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #102



Collect of the Day

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. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

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.

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

People: Glory to You Lord Christ.

Psalm 116:1,10-17

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Dilexi, quoniam

- 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. Hallelujah!

Second Reading

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.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

Wonder Love and Praise #731



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

People: Glory to You Lord Christ.

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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 So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed right, for that is what I am. 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 If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. who sent 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 our Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon

Washing of the Feet

Please come forward for foot washing

The people stand as they are able.

Prayers of the People

Leader: We gather as the household of God, apostles, prophets, martyrs, servants, to pray for the church and all humankind, saying: Come, Lord Jesus.

For refugees, for the homeless, and for all who have nowhere to lay their head, we pray: **Come, Lord Jesus**.

For those unable to eat at the Lord's Table or at any other table we pray: **Come**, **Lord Jesus**.

For the body of Christ fractured in a world of violence and war we pray: Come, Lord Jesus.

For those who betray, and for those whom they betray, we pray: **Come, Lord Jesus**.

For all in any need, especially those we name now, aloud or silently, (pause) we pray: **Come, Lord Jesus**.

For ourselves, who gather to celebrate the Lord's Passover in the bread we eat and the cup we drink, we pray: **Come, Lord Jesus**.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, we pray: Come, Lord Jesus.

For our Armed Forces, those who are far from home, for their safety and the well-being of their families and loved ones left behind, we pray: **Come, Lord Jesus**.

We acknowledge and pay respect to the first peoples of this land and their role as custodians of the earth given to them by our one and only Creator God. We commit ourselves to work actively alongside indigenous people for reconciliation and justice as we live into our Baptismal Covenant and respect the dignity of every person. We pray: **Come, Lord Jesus**.

Leader: Let us pray together:

Teach us, Good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to work and not to seek to rest; to labor

and not to ask for any reward, except that by knowing we do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. We pray: **Come, Lord Jesus**.

Leader: continuing together:

Holy God, make us holy. Revealing God, make us see. Sending God, make us move. Loving God, make us love. We pray: **Come, Lord Jesus**.

Celebrant continues:

Almighty God, we recall the wonders you worked for our ancestors, and we marvel at the love shown us by your Son. Hear us as we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. AMEN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Confession of Sin

All say together

Most merciful God, 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.

Absolution

Priest

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

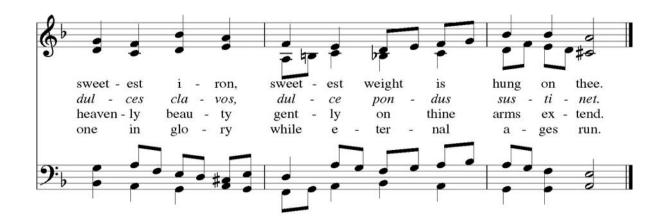
The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Priest says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most

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The Holy Communion

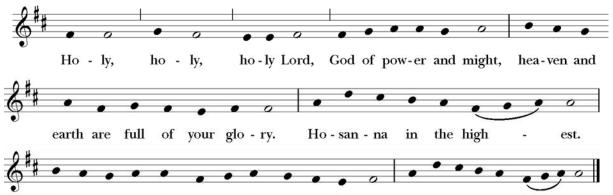
The Great Thanksgiving

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. 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:



The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #124



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Then the Celebrant continues

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,

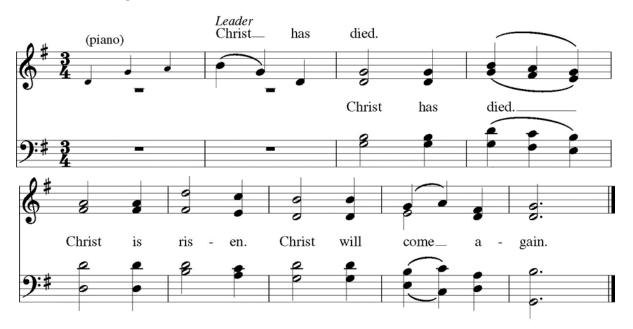
"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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



Celebrant continues

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.

Celebrant and people

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.

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AMEN

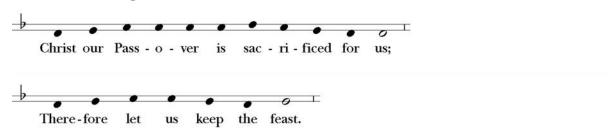
Lord's Prayer

Celebrant : As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil;
for the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread



This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

The Priest invites the people to Communion

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.

The people stand as they are able.





Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826). Music: Rendez á Dieu, melody att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?); harm. Claude Goudimel (1514-1572), alt.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant or Priest:

Bow down before the Lord.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord 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. **Amen**

Silence Please....

Stripping the Altar

They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

Psalm 74 BCP p. 690

Ut quid, Deus?

- O God, why have you utterly cast us off? * why is your wrath so hot against the sheep of your pasture?
- 2 Remember your congregation that you purchased long ago, * the tribe you redeemed to be your inheritance, and Mount Zion where you dwell.
- 3 Turn your steps toward the endless ruins; * the enemy has laid waste everything in your sanctuary.

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- 4 Your adversaries roared in your holy place; * they set up their banners as tokens of victory.
- 5 They were like men coming up with axes to a grove of trees; * they broke down all your carved work with hatchets and hammers.
- 6 They set fire to your holy place; * they defiled the dwelling-place of your Name and razed it to the ground.
- 7 They said to themselves, "Let us destroy them altogether." *
 They burned down all the meeting-places of God
 in the land.
- 8 There are no signs for us to see; there is no prophet left; * there is not one among us who knows how long.
- 9 How long, O God, will the adversary scoff? * will the enemy blaspheme your Name for ever?
- 10 Why do you draw back your hand? * why is your right hand hidden in your bosom?
- 11 Yet God is my King from ancient times, * victorious in the midst of the earth.
- 12 You divided the sea by your might * and shattered the heads of the dragons upon the waters;
- 13 You crushed the heads of Leviathan * and gave him to the people of the desert for food.
- 14 You split open spring and torrent; * you dried up ever-flowing rivers.
- 15 Yours is the day, yours also the night; * you established the moon and the sun.
- 16 You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; * you made both summer and winter.
- 17 Remember, O LORD, how the enemy scoffed, * how a foolish people despised your Name.
- 18 Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts; * never forget the lives of your poor.
- 19 Look upon your covenant; *

- the dark places of the earth are haunts of violence.
- 20 Let not the oppressed turn away ashamed; * let the poor and needy praise your Name.
- 21 Arise, O God, maintain your cause; * remember how fools revile you all day long.
- 22 Forget not the clamor of your adversaries, * the unending tumult of those who rise up against you.

You may leave in silence.