

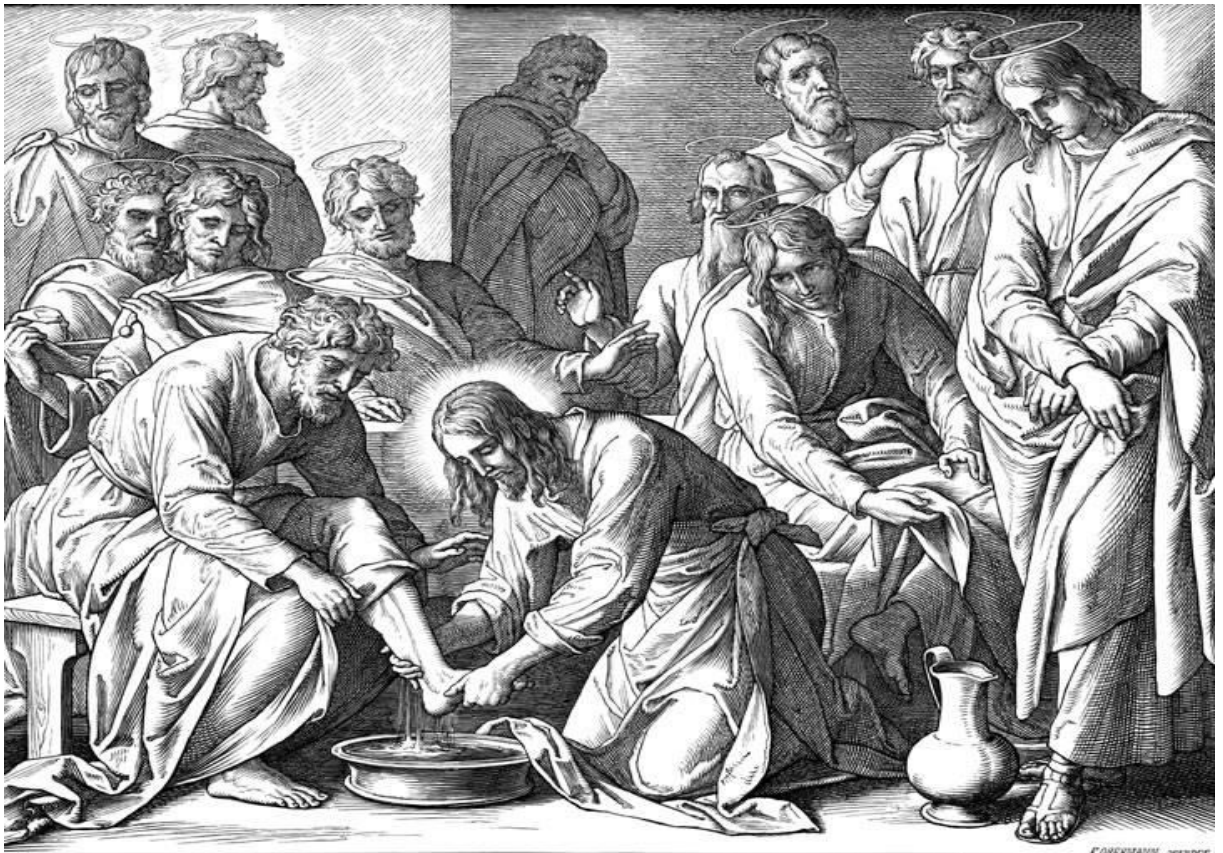
Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: FOOT WASHING

Thursday, 28 March 2024, 6PM

Welcome and Announcements

Rev Allison Cornell



Entrance Rites

The people stand as they are able.

The Processional Hymn

Gather #560 Lord of all Hopefulness

Opening Acclamation:

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

People And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.

Trisagion (All):

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty
Holy Immortal One,
Have Mercy Upon Us.**

Salutation

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray

Collect for Maundy Thursday:

ALL: 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.

First Lesson: A reading from the book of Exodus (15:11-21):

"Who is like you, MIGHTY ONE, among the gods? Who is like you, resplendent in holiness, revered praiseworthy, working wonders? You stretched out your right hand, the earth swallowed them. You led, in your faithful love, the people whom you redeemed; you guided them by your strength to your holy abode. The peoples heard, they quaked; pangs like labor seized the inhabitants of Philistia. Then the chiefs of Edom were dismayed; the rulers of Moab, trembling seized them; all the inhabitants of Canaan melted away.

Terror and dread fell upon them by the might of your arm; they became still as a stone until your people, REDEEMING GOD, passed by, until the

people whom you acquired passed by. You brought them and planted them on the mountain of your own possession, the place, SHELTERING GOD, you made for your dwelling, the sanctuary, Most High God, that your hands have established.

The EVERLASTING GOD will reign forever and ever."

The horse of Pharaoh and his chariots and charioteers went into the sea, and the MIGHTY GOD turned the waters of the sea back upon them; but the daughters and sons of Israel walked through the sea on dry ground.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a hand-drum in her hand, and all the women went out after her with hand-drums and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them, women and men:

"Sing to the INDOMITABLE GOD who has triumphed triumphantly; horse and rider God has thrown into the sea."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

**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.**

Second Lesson: A reading from Paul's first letter to the **Hebrews (11:23-28):**

By faith Moses was hidden after his birth by his mother and father for three months, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. By faith Moses, after he had grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, rather choosing ill-treatment with the people of God than enjoyment of the transitory pleasures of sin. He considered abuse for the sake of the Messiah to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the anger of the king; for he persisted as though he saw the unseen. By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, in order that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn daughters and sons of Israel.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Lesson:

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew (26: 17-56) and John (14:1-35):

People: Glory be to you, Lord Christ.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain person, and say, 'The Teacher says, my time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" So the disciples did just as Jesus instructed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

Now before the Passover Feast, Jesus knew that his hour had come and it was time for him to leave this world and return to the Father. Having greatly loved his own who were in the world, He loved them and continuously loves them with his perfect love to the end (eternally). It was during supper, when the devil had already put the thought of betraying Jesus into the heart of Judas Iscariot, that Jesus, knowing that the Father had put everything into his hands, and that he had come from God and was now returning to God, got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and taking a servant's towel, he tied it around his waist.

Then he poured water into the basin and began washing the disciples' feet and wiping them with the towel which was tied around his waist. When he came to Simon Peter, he said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied to him, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but you will fully

understand it later.”

Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet!” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me and we can have nothing to do with each other.” Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, in that case, wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head!” Jesus said to him, “Anyone who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, and is completely clean. And you My disciples are clean, but not all of you.” For He knew who was going to betray him; for that reason, he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

So when he had washed their feet and put on his outer robe and reclined at the table again, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done for you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right in doing so, for that is who I am. So if I, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet as well. For I gave you this as an example, so that you should do in turn as I did to you.

(The congregation is invited to now participate in the washing of feet as part of the service. Please remove your shoes and socks and come to one of the washing stations. After you have had your feet washed, you may, as you are able or comfortable, wash the next person’s feet. When completed, return to your seats. After the feet washing the Gospel reading continues...

Music during foot washing: Gather Hymnal #429, #427, #431)

“I assure you and most solemnly say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, you are blessed happy and favored by God if you put them into practice and faithfully do them. “

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. I tell you all, I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew with you all in the realm of my Abba."

After Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, “I assure you and most solemnly say to you, one of you will betray me and hand me over.” The disciples began looking at one another, puzzled and disturbed as to whom he could mean. One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, John, was leaning against Jesus’ chest. So, Simon Peter motioned to John and

quietly asked him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking.

Then leaning back against Jesus' chest, John asked Him privately, "Lord, who is it?"

Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I am going to give this piece of bread after I have dipped it."

So, when He had dipped the piece of bread into the dish, He gave it to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot. After Judas had taken the piece of bread, wickedness entered him.

Then Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly without delay." But no one reclining at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, since Judas as the treasurer of the group had the money box, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he was to give something to the poor. After taking the piece of bread, he went out immediately; and it was night.

So, when Judas had left, Jesus said, "Now is the time for the Son of Man to be glorified, and God is glorified in Him; if God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify the Son 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 told the Jews, so I tell you now, 'Where I am going, you are not able to come.' I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you too are to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you have love and unselfish concern for one another."

And when they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Prayers of the People:

Leader Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples feet. We commit ourselves to follow his Example of love and service.

People Lord, hear us and humble us.

Leader On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your church.

People Lord, hear us and unite us.

Leader On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through Jesus' and Disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your church.

People Lord, hear us and renew our zeal.

Leader On this night, he commanded us to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for those who feel rejected and unloved.

People Lord, hear us and fill us with your compassion and love.

Leader On this night, he reminded his followers that if the world hated them, it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

People Lord, hear us and give us your courage and peace.

Presider Most Merciful Lord, your love compels us to come. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs under your table. But you Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with all who come to you. So cleanse us and feed us as you did for your first disciples, that you may live in us and we may live in you, to the glory of you Name. **Amen.**

Exchange of the Peace

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you

All And also with you.

Offertory

Presider Jesus said, "I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."

Offertory Anthem Gather #26 To You, O Lord, I Lift My Soul

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider *The Lord be with you.*

People **And also with you.**

Presider *Lift up your hearts.*

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

Presider

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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified (+) by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **AMEN.**

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

All: 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 breaks the consecrated bread in silence)

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People **Therefore let us keep the feast**

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: These are 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 and with thanksgiving.

(Everyone is welcome to come forward for communion in this church. We have gluten free bread and real wine. Please come to the left altar rail to intinct/dip your bread into the wine and then consume it. Please come to the right altar rail to take a sip from the cup of wine with your bread. If you are not ready/able to receive communion, you may come to either rail to receive a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.)

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray:

All: 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.

Presider The Lord bless and keep you . The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

Stripping of the Altar

(Lights are dimmed and presider and deacon divest their robes. The congregation watches from their seats or may come forward to help remove the worship vessels and decorations from the altar area with reverence and quiet. The altar representing Jesus' body is washed and left bare/naked or draped with a black cloth, in preparation for Good Friday services.)

The reserved sacrament is moved to the chapel area/ "garden of Gethsemane" for overnight.

Presider: *(From the back of the church)*

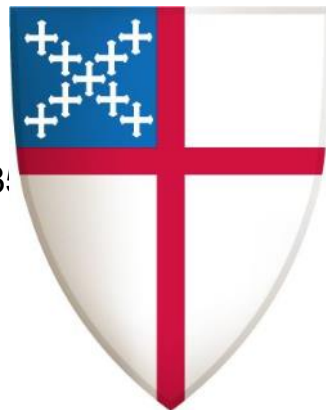
Then Jesus came with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "You all sit here while I go pray over there." He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and distressed. Then he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; you all stay here, and stay awake with me and pray."

Ministers and congregation leave in silence.

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