



# **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**An Agape Celebration**

**April 17, 2025**

**6:30pm**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## A Call to Gather

The blowing of the Shofar  
*The people take their seats.*

Gathering Hymn 730 As in that upper room

*Sursum Corda*

1. As in that up - per room you left your seat and took a towel and  
2. I bow be - fore you, all my sin con - fessed, to hear a - gain the  
3. So in re - mem - brance of your life laid down I come to praise you

chose a ser - vant's part, so for to - day, Lord, wash a - gain my  
words of love you said; and at your ta - ble, as your hon - ored  
for your grace di - vine; Saved by your cross, and sub - ject to your

feet, who in your mer - cy died to cleanse my heart.  
guest, I take and eat the true and liv - ing bread.  
crown, strength - ened for ser - vice by this bread and wine.

## **The Agape Meal**

*As Jesus broke bread, poured wine and shared the meal with his disciples, we gather this night in His name, an expression of koinonia: community, sharing & fellowship with one another.*

**Priest** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

**People** **God's mercy endures for ever.**

## **The Blessing Over the Wine**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and on this night you have refreshed us with the cup of salvation, given in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Blessing Over the Bread**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and on this night you have fed us with the bread of life, given in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Blessing Over the Food**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen us for the fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people now enjoy the fellowship of the Agape Meal. At the sound of the singing bowl, the Maundy Thursday service will begin.*

*The singing bowl rings three times.*

Priest The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Lord, 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.**

*All are seated.*

**Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14**

*A reading from the book of 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.

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.

## 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Corinth:*

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

### Gradual Hymn 831 Ubi Caritas

*Jacques Berthier (1923–1994)*

*Descant*

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.  
Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō.

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.  
Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō.

*Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is there.*

## **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.

After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining close to his heart; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the

one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.” So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “Do quickly what you are going to do.” Now no one knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the festival,” or that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “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 Homily**

The Rev. Laurel Coote

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Form VI*

*All stand.*

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

**People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader For Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, Lucinda, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**People For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**People For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own petitions*

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**People And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own petitions*

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**People Who put their trust in you.**

## Confession of Sin

Priest We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence*

**People Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The 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 *All stand.*

Priest 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.

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

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

*The people exchange the peace with one another, followed by the*

## **Call to Communion & Movement to the Sanctuary**

*The people gather their bulletins and belongings and proceed to the Sanctuary, for Holy Communion and the Stripping of the Altar.*

## The Offertory

Priest As Christ loved us, so are we to love one another. Tonight's special offering will support the hungry in our community.

### Offertory Anthem Ubi caritas

*Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)*

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.  
Timeamus et amebas Deum vivim.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.  
Amen.

*Where charity and love are, God is there.  
The love of Christ has gathered us together.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Let us revere and love the living God.  
And from a sincere heart let us love one  
another.  
Amen.*

**Offertory Hymn 329** Now my tongue, the mystery telling  
*Vss. 1-4*

*Pange Lingua*

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer D*

Priest The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

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

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest 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,

**Sanctus S 124** Holy, holy, holy Lord

*From New Plainsong; David Hurd*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

**Priest** 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 all 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.

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

Priest 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.

Remember all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with blessed Dunstan and Andre 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 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 ever.  
**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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

**People** **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** *The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

## Fraction Anthem S 161

*From New Plainsong; David Hurd*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## The Invitation to the Table

Priest These are the Gifts of God, for you, the Beloved of God.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who come in faith seeking a deeper knowledge and love of Jesus Christ  
are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Come forward to receive the bread in your open palm.

If you choose to receive the cup, gently guide the chalice  
to your lips by touching the base.

**At this time, we are not able to allow dipping the wafer into the chalice.**

Those who prefer to receive a blessing, or who choose not to receive the cup,  
may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest.

If you have a wheat sensitivity, you may ask the priest for a gluten-free wafer.  
You may have communion brought to your seat by notifying an usher.

**Communion Hymn 315** Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray

*Song 1*

## The Post-Communion Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

**People Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and  
nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and  
Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may  
proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our  
Savior. Amen.**

*The people remain seated as the lights are dimmed and the ministers prepare  
themselves for the Stripping of the Altar.*

## The Stripping of the Altar

*"They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing." As we recall the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers, we strip the altar, removing all ornaments, linens and symbols of Christ from the sanctuary. The people are invited to come forward to participate, meditatively, in this sacred and symbolic act. At the conclusion, and after a time of silence, the sanctuary will be set for the Garden Vigil.*

### Passion chorale (Hymn 168)

*Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;  
2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;  
3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,  
\*4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
\*5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:  
2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.  
3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.  
4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?  
5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?  
2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:  
3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,  
4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,  
5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!  
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.  
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.  
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.  
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

*The ministers and people depart in silence.  
 The Garden Vigil begins.*



*Could you not watch with me one hour?*

## **Keeping Vigil in the Garden of Gethsemane**

*After the Last Supper, commemorated in the Maundy Thursday liturgy,  
Jesus took his disciples with him to the Garden of Gethsemane  
where he asked them to keep watch and pray.*

*All are invited to watch and pray for an hour,  
between 8 pm on Maundy Thursday and sunrise on Good Friday.*

*The church will be open for those desiring to come & pray in the sanctuary,  
or you may also pray at home.*

## Sermon Notes

