

# Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026  
7:00pm



## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

Est. 1836 | Flat Rock, North Carolina

### Mission Statement

*To know and love God as He is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, to bring others to His saving love, and to serve the world in His name.*

## **Welcome to St. John in the Wilderness**

We welcome you warmly to St. John in the Wilderness and invite you to share in our songs, prayers, and eucharistic feast. If you do not have a church family at this time, then we invite you to join in this fellowship of faith as we share life together as the Body of Christ. See the note to our visitors on the back inside cover for more information about receiving Communion and joining the church.

### **Reminders for Worship**

- Children of all ages are most welcome in worship, and during the service they may enjoy the activity bags, which are in the Tower Entrance. Nursery care is available for children from infancy to pre-K across Rutledge Drive in our Parish House Education Building from 8:30am to 12:30pm on Sundays. Please use the crosswalk to get there!
- Formation is available for children, youth, and adults most Sundays from 10:10 to 10:45am in our Parish House complex across Rutledge Drive.
- Please participate in the service by singing and praying with us. At the time of the Peace, please take a few moments to leave your pew and greet others in the name of our Lord.
- A restroom is available near the front of the church and can be accessed through an exterior door. Please see an usher for directions.
- You will find hand sanitizer in the pews and with the ushers. Please use it after the Peace and before receiving Communion.

# **HOLY WEEK:**

## **THE WAY OF THE CROSS, THE LIGHT OF RESURRECTION**

[www.stjohnflatrock.org/holy-week](http://www.stjohnflatrock.org/holy-week)

**Gethsemane Watch | April 2-3 | 9:00pm – 8:00am**

The Gethsemane Watch invites us to pray for one hour, staying awake as the disciples could not. This vigil begins after the Maundy Thursday service and continues until Good Friday Morning Prayer. *Sign up for a shift at [bit.ly/gethsemane26](http://bit.ly/gethsemane26).*

**Good Friday | April 3 | Proper Services: 12:00 & 5:30pm**  
**Stations of the Cross: 11:00am | Veneration of the Cross: 1:00-4:00pm**

On Good Friday, join us at 11:00am in the Parish Hall parking lot for the Stations of the Cross, processing to the church for the 12:00 proper liturgy. Another proper service will be held at 5:30pm. Offerings from both services will support the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. From 1:00–4:00pm, all are invited to pray in the church during the Veneration of the Cross.

**Holy Saturday | April 4**  
**Blessing of Easter Baskets & Foods for the Easter Feast: 4:00pm**

Join us in the Atrium Chapel for a new parish-wide offering as we prepare to end our Lenten fast by blessing our Easter baskets and samplings of the food to be eaten when the Easter feast begins. Bring your own baskets full of food to be blessed.

**Easter Sunday | April 5**  
**Services: 8:45 & 11:00am | Parish Breakfast: 9:30-11:30am**  
**Egg Hunt: 10:00am | Potluck Feast: 4:00pm**

The story of Jesus did not end on the Cross, because the love of God cannot stay locked in a tomb. On Easter, we celebrate Jesus' conquering of death to bring new and abundant life to us all. Join in the celebration at one of our services at 8:45 and 11:00am. Bring flowers to share in the flowering of the cross, or use the flowers provided in the church. At 10:00am, the celebration will move across the street for St. John's annual Easter Egg Hunt. Bring your own basket and meet in the Rector's Garden. From 9:30 to 11:30am, the Chefs of St. John will be serving up an Easter Parish Breakfast in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$6/person or \$12/family. All are welcome!

# Holy Eucharist, Rite I

## With Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

7:00pm

ENTRANCE HYMN: #446 Praise to the Holiest in the height

*Newman*

1 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the  
2 O lov - ing wis - dom of our God! When all was  
3 O wis - est love! that flesh and blood, which did in  
4 and that the high - est gift of grace should flesh and  
5 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the

1 depth be praise; in all his words most  
2 sin and shame, a sec - ond Ad - am  
3 Ad - am fail, should strive a - fresh a -  
4 blood re - fine: God's pres - ence and his  
5 depth be praise; in all his words most

1 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!  
2 to the fight and to the res - cue came.  
3 gainst the foe, should strive, and should pre - vail;  
4 ve - ry self, and es - sence all - di - vine.  
5 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!

# THE WORD OF GOD

## Acclamation & Response

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*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endureth for ever.**

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## KYRIE ELEISON (Lord, Have Mercy)

The Hymnal 1982, #S-91

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

## **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, did institute the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of him who in these holy mysteries giveth us a pledge of life eternal, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

### **First Lesson:** Exodus 12:1-14

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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation remains seated as it sings the Psalm.*



*Chant setting, #408 from The Hymnal 1982, Service Music— Music: James Frazier (b. 1947). Copyright © 1978 James Frazier.*

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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the SON,\*  
and to the Holy GHOST:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever SHALL BE,\*  
world without end. AMEN.

*Repeat second half of chant for verse 17.*

## Second Lesson: 1 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

*As the music begins, all stand for the gradual hymn and reorient themselves to the Gospel of our Lord as it is processed into the congregation.*

**GRADUAL HYMN:** #315 Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray

*Song 1*

*Unison or harmony*

1 Thou, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray  
2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;  
3 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,  
that all thy Church might be for ev - er one,  
make thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease;  
may we be one with all thy Church a - bove,

grant us at ev - ery Eu - cha - rist to say  
 draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,  
 one with thy saints in one un - bro - ken peace,

with long - ing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."  
 by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;  
 one with thy saints in one un - bound - ed love;

O may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,  
 thus may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,  
 more bless - ed still, in peace and love to be

through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 one with the Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.

*All remain standing as the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

*People*     **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*     **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Kathy Hulin

*After the sermon, there is a brief moment of silence. When the Celebrant rises, the congregation stands.*

## The Washing of Feet

*The Celebrant issues the invitation to begin the foot-washing*

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 power in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service. We all need to remember his example, but none stand more in need of this reminder than those whom the Lord has called to the ordained ministry.

Therefore, I invite you to share in the self-emptying love of God through this ritual of service. But come remembering Christ's admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for "servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them." I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ to come forward at this time, that we may recall whose servant we are by following the example of our Master.

*Please come forward as the ushers release you to share in the foot-washing by lining up on the right side of the aisle.*

*Pause at the processional cross until a chair is available and then take a seat and allow your sibling in Christ to serve you by washing your feet. After your feet have been washed and dried, assume the position of a servant and invite the next person to sit and have their feet washed and dried by you.*

*If you are wearing laced shoes, it may be easier to remove them in your pew and walk forward barefoot, for indeed you are on holy ground.*

**ANTHEM:** Drop, Drop Slow Tears

Tune: Orlando Gibbons; arr. Ronald Arnatt

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beautiful feet,  
Which brought from heav'n the news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes, His mercies to entreat; To cry for vengeance Sin doth never cease.  
In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears; nor let his eye See sin, but through my tears.

*Text: Phineas Fletcher*

HYMN: #602 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

*Chereponi*

*Chorus*

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
 2 Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and  
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should  
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

*Repeat Chorus*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
 white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
 love. All are neigh-bors to us and you.  
 slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

Words: Ghanaian; tr. Thomas Stevenson Colvin (b. 1925), alt. Music: *Chereponi*, [Jesu, Jesu], Ghanaian folk song; adapt. Thomas Stevenson Colvin (b. 1925)  
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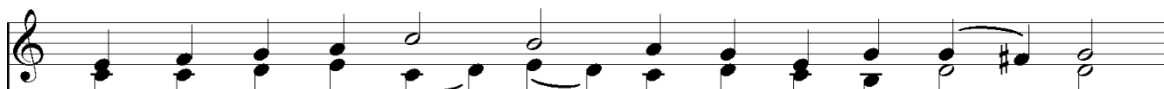
*Refrain*



God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.



1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.  
 2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,  
 3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,



Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.  
 let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.  
 when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.



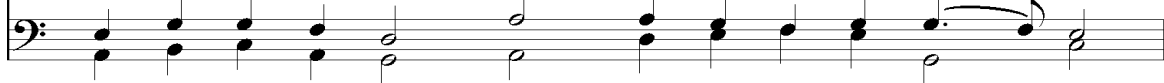
Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.  
 Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.  
 Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,



*Repeat Refrain*



Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.  
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.  
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.



*All stand.*

*At the conclusion of the foot washing, the following litany based on John 13 is said.*

*Celebrant* After Jesus had washed their feet, he put on his robe, returned to the table, and 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.”

*People* **Christ has set an example for us, that we should do to others as he has done to us.**

*Celebrant* Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master.

*People* **Nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them.**

*Celebrant* On this night, Christ gave us a new commandment, that we love one another. Just as Christ has loved us, we also are to love one another.

*People* **By this the world will know that we are his disciples: That we have love for one another.**

## **The Peace**

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*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

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

## **Welcome & Announcements**

*The Celebrant then shares an offertory sentence.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Offertory

*The ushers pass the offering plates and present the gifts of the congregation at the Lord's table.  
Online gifts may be made using the QR code to the right.*



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Bread of the World

Dennis Eliot

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,  
By Whom the words of Life were spoken, and in Whose death our sins are dead.  
Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the teas by sinners shed;  
And be Your feast to us the token that by Your grace our souls are fed!  
Sit at this place, dear Lord and Father, fill up the cup and break the bread;  
Feel Your loving power; O let us hear the words you said:  
“This is my blood and body broken, refresh your spirit, make it whole!  
Remember me with food, the token: bread of the world, wine of the soul.

*Tune based on the American folk tune Wayfaring Stranger  
Text: Verse 1 by Reginald Heber (1827); Verse 2 by Gilbert Martin (1996)*

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Doxology

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise  
him a-bove ye heav' nly host; praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are placed below the treble clef staff.

# The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I, BCP p. 333

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*


It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of



Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -



- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth -



— in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung*

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*People* **have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*People* **have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*People* **grant us thy peace.**



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -



way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -



on us. O Lamb of God, that



ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have



mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

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*Celebrant and People*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ushers immediately begin releasing the congregation to share in the Eucharistic feast. A gluten-free option is available upon request. For further instructions about Holy Communion, see the note to our visitors on the back inside cover of the bulletin.*

*The choir sings an anthem while the congregation receives the Sacrament. Following the choir's anthem, please join in as we sing the Communion Hymn and Post-Communion Hymn together.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM:** Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see, how gracious the Lord is:  
Blest is the man that trusteth in him.

*Text: Psalm 34:8*

COMMUNION HYMN: #171 Go to dark Gethsemane

*Petra*

1 Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt-er's power;  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of life ar - rained;  
 3 Cal-vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

your Re-deem - er's con - flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
 O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!  
 mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete;

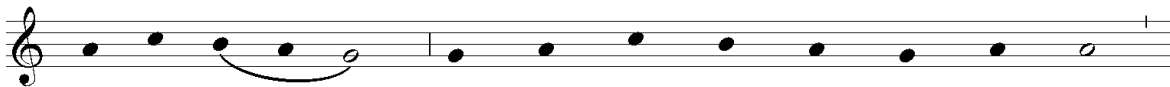
turn not from his griefs a - way, learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 Shun not suf - fering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.  
 "It is fi - nished!" hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

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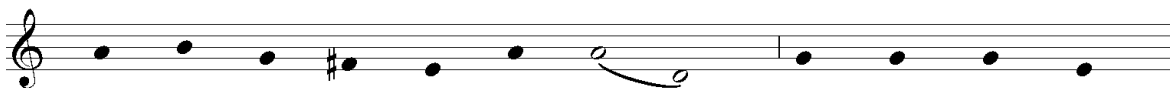
*The people stand.*



1 Now, my tongue, the mys - tery tell - ing of the glo - rious  
 2 Given for us, and con - de - scend - ing to be born for  
 3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing mid the twelve, his  
 4 Word made flesh, the bread he tak - eth, by his word his



1 Bo - dy sing, and the Blood, all price ex - cell - ing,  
 2 us be - low, he with us in con - verse blend - ing  
 3 cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,  
 4 Flesh to be; wine his sa - cred Blood he mak - eth,



1 which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, once on earth a -  
 2 dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, till he closed with  
 3 keeps the feast its rites de - mand; then, more pre - cious  
 4 though the sens - es fail to see; faith a - lone the



1 mong us dwell - ing, shed for this world's ran - som - ing.  
 2 won - drous end - ing his most pa - tient life of woe.  
 3 food sup - ply - ing, gives him - self with his own hand.  
 4 true heart wak - eth to be - hold the mys - ter - y.

### Post-Communion Prayer

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*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Kneel before the Lord.

*The people stand or kneel for the Post-Communion Prayer.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all**

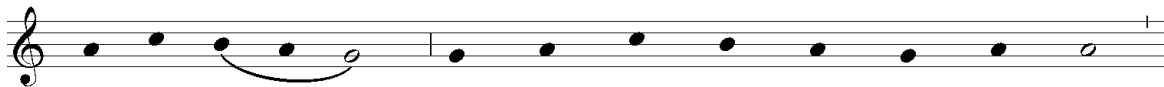
such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

**HYMN:** No. 329 Now, my tongue, the mystery telling (vv.5-6)

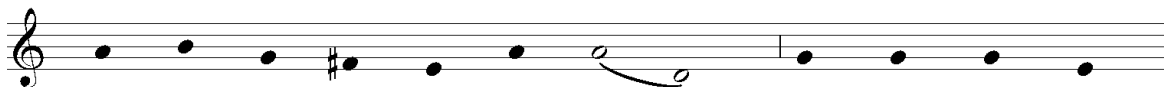
*Grafton*



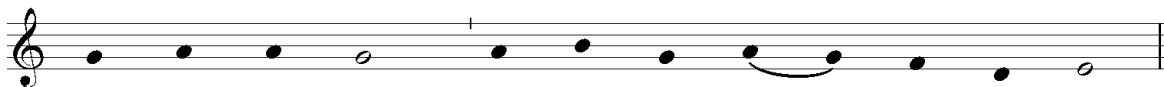
\*5 There - fore we, be - fore him bend - ing, this great Sac - ra -  
\*6 Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



5 ment re - vere; types and sha - dows have their end - ing,  
6 and the Son, hon - or, thanks, and praise ad - dress - ing,



5 for the new - er rite is here; faith, our out - ward  
6 while e - ter - nal a - ges run; ev - er too his



5 sense be - friend - ing, makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.  
6 love con - fess - ing who from both with both is One.

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*The people remain kneeling, and the Celebrant says*

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.**

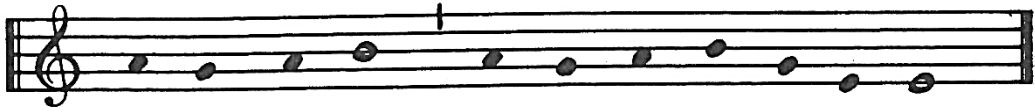
*The people remain kneeling.*

# The Solemn Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22

*Deus, Deus meus*

*The Psalm is chanted by a cantor, with the congregation singing the refrain.*



My God, my God, why have you for-sa-ken me?

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel. **Refrain**
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people. **Refrain**
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 “He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast. **Refrain**
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help. **Refrain**
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion. **Refrain**
- 14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave. **Refrain**
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; \*

they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.  
17 They stare and gloat over me; \*  
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing. **Refrain**  
18 Be not far away, O Lord; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.  
19 Save me from the sword, \*  
my life from the power of the dog. **Refrain**  
20 Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.  
21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. **Refrain**  
22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.  
23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them. **Refrain**  
24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.  
25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!" **Refrain**  
26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.  
27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations. **Refrain**  
28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.  
29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.  
30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done. **Refrain**

### *THE SERVICE ENDS IN SILENCE.*

*The congregation may stay and pray quietly for as long as desired or may leave silently at this time.*

*The Gethsemane Watch Vigil now begins.*

**The Prayers of the People** is that part of our liturgy which offers intercessions and thanksgivings to God. **Worshippers, wherever they are in the church, are encouraged to offer aloud or silently their own such prayers during the appropriate part of the Prayers of the People.** As we pray, please remember those who are ill or with other needs: Julie Morse; EJ Albergotti; Alicia Wallace; Jeff; Betsy Thagard; Tawana Gibbs; Chuck King; Chris, Nai, and Brylin Price; and Marilyn Jones.

**Eucharistic Visitors** share the Body and Blood of Christ with those who receive care from our Visitor Ministry. We thank God for the ministry of Clint Adams, Art Mack, Judy Petersen, Anita Reid, Stan Rogan, and Bill Taylor.

**To Our Visitors:** We welcome you with all our hearts! You are also invited to come forward at the time of Communion to receive the Sacrament or a blessing. All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive Communion, including infants and children. To receive Communion, simply come forward to kneel at the altar if you are able. Put one hand in the palm of the other and the Celebrant will share the Body of Christ with you. You may then intinct or drink from the Chalice. A gluten-free option is available upon request. If you are not baptized, please come forward and kneel at the altar while crossing your arms over your chest to receive a special blessing, and we invite you to talk to the priest at any time about entering discernment for being baptized. Won't you join with Christ and his Church on this journey of faith?

If you do not have a church home at this time, then we hope you will make St. John in the Wilderness your church family. We find that through sharing life together as the Body of Christ, we are made whole and renewed daily. Talk to an usher or member of the clergy about joining this parish, or you are welcome to simply fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate. We welcome you!

## THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN WORSHIP

	<b>Maundy Thursday April 2 7:00pm</b>		<b>Good Friday April 3</b>	
			<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
<b>Lay Readers/ Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Bill Taylor		Bill Taylor	Will Rodriguez
<b>Acolytes</b>	Laura Teel		N/A	N/A
<b>Ushers</b>	Debby Staton Jerry Holt		Lisa Kauffman George Grzenda	S. Gulbrandsen Bettie Orr
<b>Greeters</b>	N/A		N/A	N/A
<b>Cart Drivers</b>	Jill Owen		Scott Bell	Jill Owen
<b>Videography (Service)</b>	David Burge		BJ McKee	N/A
<b>Videography (Formation)</b>	N/A		N/A	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Elaine Harris Laurie Morris		Diane Skelton Brenda Hillyer	Candace Lewis Kathy Newbold
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Lenten Branches		Lenten Branches	
<b>Opening Gatekeeper</b>	N/A		N/A	
<b>Closing Gatekeeper</b>	N/A		N/A	

	<b>Easter Sunday April 5</b>		<b>The Second Sunday of Easter April 12</b>	
	<b>8:45am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>8:45am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Lay Readers/ Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Judy Petersen	Candace Lewis	Mark Delk	Will Rodriguez
<b>Acolytes</b>	Danielle Pharr Joey Sultz Sofia Ridgeway	Anita Reid Arlo Stephens Emily Ann Caldwell	Laura Teel	Stan Rogan
<b>Ushers</b>	Jodi Sundeen Jim Spry	Bettie Orr Lisa Kauffman Ned Curtis	Debby Staton George Grzenda	D. Christenbury Karen Conley
<b>Greeters</b>	Worth Gordon Cathryn Harrell	Diane & Sandy Skelton	Annabelle Hurd Lois Karcher	Becky & Scott Petersen
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<b>Videography (Service)</b>	Jennifer Shelton	N/A	N/A	David Burge
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