



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Maundy Thursday Service
April 1, 2021 7:00 pm Online

Liturgy of the Word

Jesus, Remember Me

Taizé

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.
Jesus; remember me when you come into your Kingdom.

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.**

A Reading from the book of Exodus - *Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14*

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm – 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.
Hallelujah!*

A reading from John - John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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.'

Deacon The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
 to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
 to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
 To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
 while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
 while millions join the theme I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
 And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,
 and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
 and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on.

Jesu, Jesu

Ghanaian folk song

Chorus:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
 show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
 Master who acts as a slave to them. Chorus

Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white,
 neighbors are nearby and far away. Chorus

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love.
 All are neighbors to us and you. Chorus

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we were slaves;
 this is the way we should live with you. Chorus

Solemn Prayer

In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used.

The Deacon or the Celebrant says

Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says the following prayer.

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.**

Stripping of the Altar

Closing Hymn

Stay with Me

Taizé

Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray

Ubi Caritas

Taizé

Ostinato Response
Two or Three Equal Voices

A Lento ♩ = 72 **B**

Two Voices
U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, U - bi ca - ri -
Third Voice
ad lib.
tas De - us i - bi - est.

Tonight's service is very solemn. Every participant should approach the night as if he/she were a disciple at table with Jesus before his crucifixion. Following the last hymn, everything in the nave is removed and the remaining reserved sacrament is consumed. This symbolizes the way that Jesus was stripped of his clothing and led away to the cross to die. The altar guild then washes the altar, the first step before a sacrifice is offered. The service concludes as a large cross is brought into the room. During this time some may wish to kneel, pray, and think about what Jesus did so that we might have life eternal. The purpose of the liturgy is to focus on Jesus' supreme act of self-sacrifice. The mood is stark, dramatic and powerful.

No words spoken or music played after the closing hymn. Tonight, you may wish to spend time in prayer.

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