



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Maundy Thursday Service

April 6, 2023 7:00 pm

Liturgy of the Word

How blessed are you

Taizé

How blessed are you who are poor; the Kingdom of God is yours,
How blessed are you who are poor; the Kingdom of God is yours.

Ubi Caritas

Ubi caritas et amor, Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Taizé

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

Hymn

What Wondrous Love

Hymnal #439

American folk hymn, ca. 1835

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.

The Foot Washing

Hymns

Come Home Running

Chris Tomlin | Jesse Reeves

Verse 1: Oh heart of mine Why must you stray From One so fair. You run away And one more time. You have to pay the heaviness Of needless shame

Chorus: So come home running His arms are open wide. His name is Jesus And He understands. He is the answer You are looking for. So come home running Just as you are

Verse 2: Oh heart of mine Come back home. You've been too long Out on your own. And He's been there all along Watching for you down the road

Verse 3: Oh child of God So dearly loved And ransomed by The Savior's blood. And called by name daughter and son Wrapped in the robe of righteousness

The Servant Song

Brother, let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the grace To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, We are brothers on the road.
We are here to help each other, Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you In the night-time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping, When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, We shall find such harmony.
Born of all we've known together Of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the grace To let you be my servant, too.

Prayers of the People

Change? With all our heart and all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying:
Lord, have mercy.

Confession of Sin

pg. 360 in the Book of Common Prayer

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.**

Peace

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music

At the Table

Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash | Wayne Jolley

Verse 1: I will feast at the table of the Lord. I will feast at the table of the Lord. I won't hunger anymore at His table

Chorus: Come all you weary come and find His yoke is easy His burden is light
He is able He will restore. At the table of the Lord (At the table of the Lord)

Verse 2: There is peace at the table of the Lord. There is peace at the table of the Lord. I won't worry anymore at His table

Verse 3: There is healing at the table of the Lord. There is healing at the table of the Lord. Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table

Verse 4: I'm invited to the table of the Lord. I'm invited to the table of the Lord. He says come just as you are to His table

Bridge: I know He has a place for me. Oh what joy will fill my heart with the saints around the mercy seat of God.

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

People ***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.***

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God . . .

. . . 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 and thanksgiving . . .

. . . 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

A period of silence is kept.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: ***have mercy on us.***

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: ***have mercy on us.***

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: ***grant us peace.***

Communion Music

Let Us Break Bread Together

African-American spiritual

Let us break bread together on our knees;

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Jesu, Jesu

Ghanian; tr. Thomas Colvin (b. 1925), alt.

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

Post-Communion Music

There is a Redeemer

Chorus: Thank You O my Father For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done

Verse 1: There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son; Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

Verse 2: Jesus my Redeemer name above all names; Precious Lamb of God Messiah, O for sinners slain

Verse 3: When I stand in glory I will see His face There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place

Post-Communion Prayer

pg. 366 in the Book of Common Prayer

Solemn Prayer

Stripping of the Altar

Closing Music

Stay with Me

Taize

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

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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