

SAINT STEPHEN'S PARISH

Pittsfield, Massachusetts

A Jubilee Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

Maundy Thursday
March 28, 2024 6:00 p.m.



Our Mission
is to be the heart and hands of Christ:
nourishing people, transforming lives.

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Hymn “Brother, sister, let me serve you”

The Servant Song



1., 6. Broth - er, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to - geth - er
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll
5. When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall find such



Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to
on this road. We are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to - geth - er



let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

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MUSIC: Richard Gillard

THE SERVANT SONG

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Welcome

This is the night Jesus gathered with his friends in the upper room,
to give thanks to God.

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People: **who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

A Collect for Maundy Thursday

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we praise you for this sacrament, the gift of your Son for the whole world. As we share this supper together may we know his strength and enter the fullness of his life and love. Grant us the will to be the servant of others as he was servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: The Book of Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14a

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.”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Lesson: Paul's First Letter to the 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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Lesson: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Savior, 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.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Rev. Nina R. Pooley

Hymn 831 (WLP) (*Green Hymnal*) *Ubi Caritas* Jacques Berthier
During the hymn, you are invited to come forward to one of the two hand washing stations.

The Prayers of the People

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world,
we pray to you, Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation
may grow among nations and peoples, **we pray to you, Lord.**

For all who are poor, persecuted, sick, and those who suffer; for
refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and
protected, **we pray to you, Lord.**

For all who have died, **we pray to you, Lord.**

For all whom we have injured or offended, **we pray to you, Lord.**

For grace to amend our lives and to love others as you have loved us,
we pray to you, Lord.

Presider: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in
the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all
who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to
you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

Hymn 827 “O Lord hear my prayer” Jacques Berthier
(*Green Hymnal*)

The Peace

Presider: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Hymn 37 “Were you there when they crucified my Lord?” *Spiritual*
(LEVAS *Red Hymnal*) (*stanzas 1-3*)

This is the night,
out of love for them, Jesus washed their feet,
and shared a meal with them, their last meal together.

The Eucharistic Prayer

(adapted from Common Worship)

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

And so we gladly thank you, Gracious God, with saints and angels
praising you, and saying:

Sanctus (said by all)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

God of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

On the night he was betrayed, this very night, at supper with his friends,
Jesus took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them,
saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in
remembrance of me. **We do this in remembrance of him.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, Jesus gave you thanks, and
said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which
is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of
me. **We do this in remembrance of him.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your
Holy Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be
to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ. With your
whole Church throughout the world, we give you thanks and praise, O
loving God, through the Son and in the Spirit,
now and forever. **AMEN.**

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

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 Fraction

The Living Bread, given for the life of the world.

Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

(cf. John 6:51)

The Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion All are welcome to receive at God's table. When the usher indicates, please come forward to receive communion. If you'd prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest. Gluten free wafers available.

Communion Anthem "Where true charity and love dwell"

Kaye Saunders

Where true charity and love dwell, God is also there.
Since the love of Christ has joined us in one body,
let us all be glad and rejoice now and always.
And as we love and serve our Lord, the living God,
so let us with sincerity love each other.
Where true charity and love dwell, God is also there.

Ubi Caritas

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

Holy God, source of all love,
on the night of his betrayal
Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment,
to love one another as he loved them.
Write this commandment in our hearts;
give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave his life and died for us,
yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Stripping of the Altar

Choral Anthem

“Gethsemane”

Carol Muehlig

Garden of memory by torchlight and moon,
In a night sharp with stars Gethsemane blooms.
The old gatherings, the ancient fields of war;
A kiss of greeting where we had met before;
The breath of sacrifice rising up once more.
The old offerings, trade for a traitor’s cost;
The years returning to mend the winding cloth.
To take the earth for trees and make another cross.

Linda Muehlig

Hymn

“Jesus, remember me”

Jacques Berthier

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4, then a quarter rest, and continues with eighth notes G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, B3, A3, G3. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

The second system of musical notation for the hymn, continuing the vocal line and piano accompaniment from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Beloved, this is the night
Jesus taught us the depth of his love,
may we go forth from this sanctuary
with gratitude and grace for one another.

You are invited to leave the sanctuary in silence.

We are delighted to have you with us today as we worship together.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is an inclusive parish welcoming all people -
regardless of ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or creed.
God loves you, and so do we!

MINISTERS OF THE CELEBRATION

CLERGY	The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley
LECTOR	William Frazier
HAND WASHING STEWARDS	Caleb Harmon, Suzanne White
PRAYERS	Craig Reynolds
LAY MINISTERS	David Nevin, Craig Reynolds
ALTAR GUILD	Marie & Roy Sutton

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