



# SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Ashfield, Massachusetts

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2, 2026

### Welcome to Saint John's!

Our mission at St. John's Church in Ashfield is to grow, through worship, in God's gospel of hospitality and wholeness, and to faithfully live that word in our fellowship, families, communities, and the world. May all who enter here be received as Christ.

### A Land Acknowledgement

We worship and share God's mission on the unceded land of the Nipmuc, Pocumtuc, and Wabanaki peoples. We are mindful that our blessing came at the price of their sorrow and we pledge to grow in our awareness of racial injustice with God's help.

### Invitation to Holy Communion

This is God's table. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To eat, present your hands to be given bread. To drink, take a sip as the cup is held to your lips. To receive a blessing, instead of bread, cross your arms on your chest.

### Acknowledgements

- The Book of Common Prayer, 1979
- Eucharistic Prayer B, Expansive
- The Book of Occasional Services 2022
- The Holy Bible, The New Revised Standard Version
- Venite App

An \* indicates that we invite you to stand as you are able

***Bold*** text is said by the assembly

### \*Gathering Hymn #304

*I come with joy to meet my Lord*

*Celebrant* Blessed be the God of our salvation;

*People* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

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

\* Kyrie S-95

Proulx

The musical score consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff has three measures: the first measure is marked 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.'; the second measure is marked 'All' and contains 'Lord, have mer - cy.'; the third measure is marked 'Cantor or Choir' and contains 'Christ, have mer - cy.'. The second staff has three measures: the first measure is marked 'All' and contains 'Christ, have mer - cy.'; the second measure is marked 'Cantor or Choir' and contains 'Lord, have mer - cy.'; the third measure is marked 'All' and contains 'Lord, have mer - cy.'. The notes are simple quarter and eighth notes with stems, and the lyrics are placed below the notes.

Music: From the Litany of the Saints; adapt. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Collect of the Day*

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.**

*The First Reading*

*Exodus 12:1-4,(5-10),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. [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.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 116:1,10-17*

*Responsively by whole verse*

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> **How shall I repay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?**

<sup>11</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup> **I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people.**

<sup>13</sup> Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
is the death of his servants.

<sup>14</sup> **O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.**

<sup>15</sup> I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

<sup>16</sup> **I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people,**

<sup>17</sup> In the courts of the LORD house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

*The Second Reading*

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

For 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Sequence Hymn #315

*Thou who at thy first Eucharist*

*The Gospel*

*John 13:1-17,31b-35*

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

**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.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The Sermon*

*Rev. David DeSmith*

## WASHING OF FEET

*This optional action offers those assembled a powerful icon of Christian service in Jesus' name, and highlights our vulnerability – one to another – as we receive and give love in community.*

*We invite you to remove your shoes, come forward and have your feet washed. Afterward, you are invited to kneel and wash the feet of the next person. Watching this rite is also a sharing in its power.*

\*Hymn WLP 831

Taizé

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The time signature is 2/4. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are in Latin and Hawaiian. The first system of music has the following lyrics: U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha. The second system of music has the following lyrics: u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est. Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō. There is a triplet of eighth notes in the second system of music.

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

Words: Latin, 8th c., tr. Malcolm Naea Chun (b. 1954). Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this *town*, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of [*John and of all the*] saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

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.**

*Confession of Sin*

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
Opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and see only your will. Amen.**

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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*

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Anthem: St. John's Madrigal Singers *Drop, Drop Slow Tears* (Orlando Gibbons, 1583-1625)

*Celebrant* God 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.**

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*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.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior: By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior

Christ has taught us,

we are bold to say,

**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*

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.

**ALL: In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory.**

**CONGREGANTS ONLINE:** Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come.

**ALL: Amen.**

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Anthem

*What wondrous love is this?*

*During the singing of the Communion Anthem, the consecrated Bread and Wine are removed to a place of repose.*

*Post Communion Prayer*

*Anglican Church of Canada adapted, from Maundy Thursday*

Let us pray.

**Holy God, source of all love,  
On the night Jesus broke bread with his disciples,  
he gave them 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 forever. Amen.**

## THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

\*Hymn WLP 831

Taizé

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5, then a half note D5. The bass line starts with a half note G2, followed by quarter notes A2, Bb2, and C3, then a half note D3. The second system also has a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line starts with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5, then a half note D5. The bass line starts with a half note G2, followed by quarter notes A2, Bb2, and C3, then a half note D3. The lyrics are: 'Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and / No - ho pū, no - ho mai me ia'u, ki - a'i a / pray / pu - le, watch kiai and pray. / pu - le.' The music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and  
No - ho pū, no - ho mai me ia'u, ki - a'i a

pray  
pu - le, watch kiai and pray.  
pu - le.

Words: Matthew 26, tr. Malcolm Naea Chun (b. 1954). Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

*The Holy Table and Sanctuary are stripped.*

*The priest washes the altar – a symbolic anticipation of the women preparing the body of the Lord for burial.*

*The refrain is sung until the priest and acolyte kneel*

*After brief prayer, the priest and acolyte leave the sanctuary*

*We depart in silence*

*The Sacrament is reserved in the Vesting Room until the Good Friday service. All are welcome to visit and pray until the Good Friday service at 6 PM.*