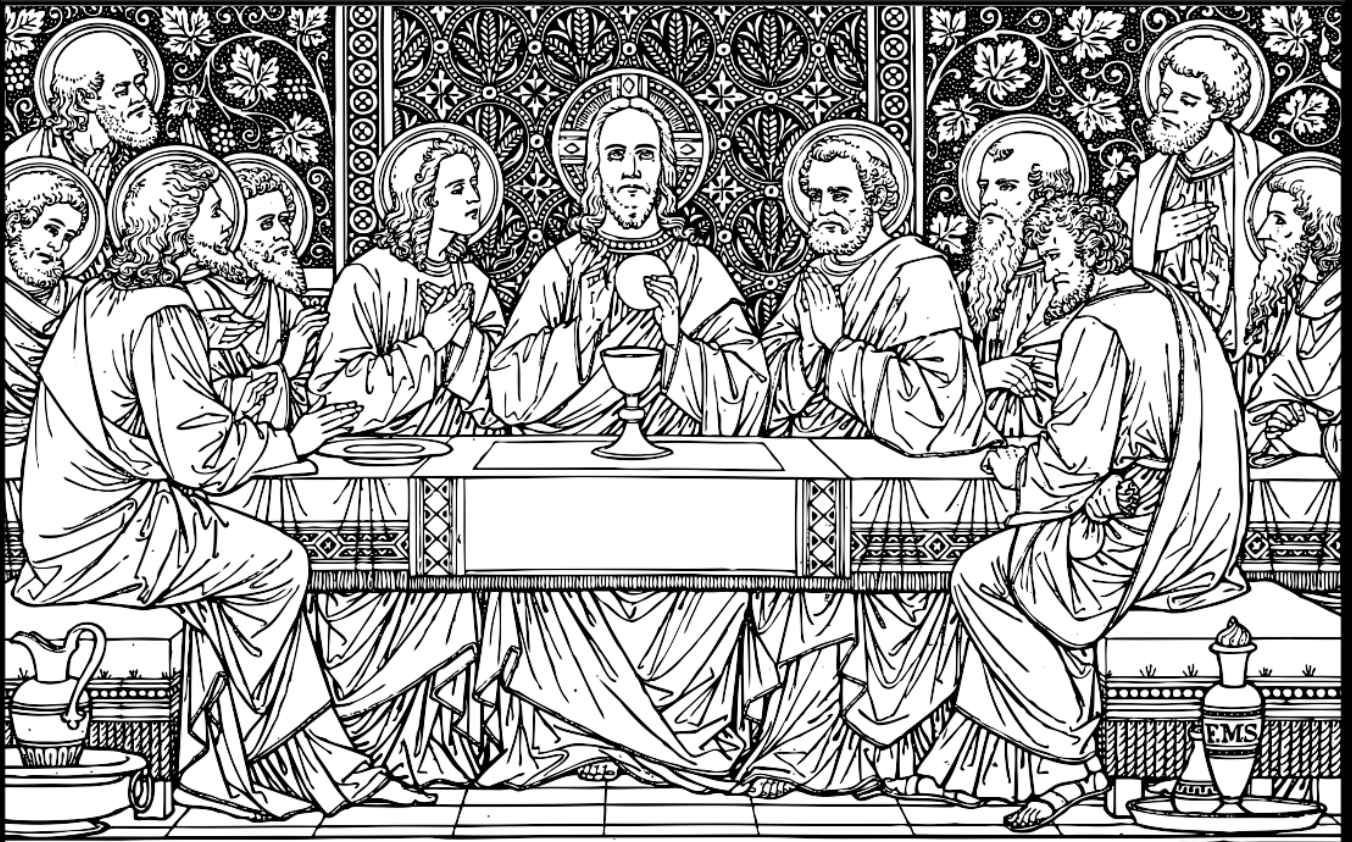


"I GIVE YOU A NEW COMMANDMENT, THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER.



JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, YOU ALSO SHOULD LOVE ONE ANOTHER."

John 13:34

## Maundy Thursday

6:30 p.m. | 28 March 2024

St. John's Episcopal Church  
Tallahassee, Florida



he word “Maundy” derives from the Latin *mandatum*, which means “commandment,” as this is the night on which our Lord commanded his disciples to “love one another . . . as I have loved you.” (*John 13:34*)

Since the earliest days of the Church, faithful Christians have gathered on this night to ceremonially reenact Christ’s humble service in the washing of feet; to remember his institution of the Lord’s Supper; and to prepare the sanctuary and their hearts for Good Friday. Tonight, we join them in these centuries-old traditions and become one with Jesus and the disciples who gathered with him over two thousand years ago.

**About foot washing:** Foot washing is completely optional and is meant to be a safe, holy, gentle experience. After the sermon, clergy and other volunteers will be stationed at the front and back of the nave to wash feet. There is no assigned order or station. Go where you feel led.

**About Communion:** Communion is open to all baptized Christians. If you are curious about how Communion will work, instructions are provided on page 14.

If you are new to St. John’s, we want you to know you are especially welcome, and we hope you will make yourself at home. This worship booklet contains the full service for your convenience.

***Please silence your cell phone  
before worship.***

# THE WORD OF GOD

## Tower Bells

Voluntary..... **Le Banquet Celeste**  
Olivier Messiaen

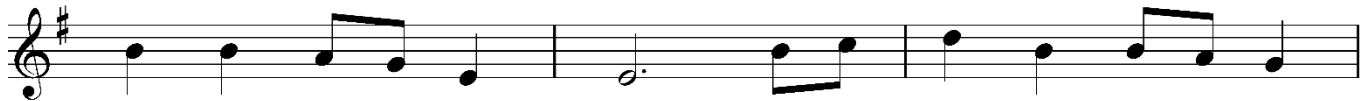
### Processional Hymn (Stand)



1 In ev - ery place where God is praised by ma - ny or by  
2 In wor - ship we draw near to God by listen - ing for the  
3 Christ sends us to the world to live as light and salt and  
4 That qui - et peace sur - pass - es all our stri - ving seeks to



1 few; in ev - ery heart where prayer breathes life and  
2 Word that weaves through scrip - ture, ser - mon, song, and  
3 yeast, with will - ing hearts to seek and serve the  
4 gain and helps us find in ser - vant - hood a



1 hope be - gins a - new; where ev - er search - ing  
2 lifts our hearts when heard. Then to the ho - ly  
3 last, the lost, the least. To go where hu - man  
4 way made new and plain. The God who brought us



1 leads to faith or love melts hearts of stone; where  
2 Ta - ble called, we come with hands un - furled to  
3 needs are great, dreams fade and fears in - crease: with  
4 safe this far, who bids us trust and dare, still



1 new life ris - es from death's hold: God's pre - sence will be known.  
2 feast on gifts that help us be Christ's bo - dy in the world.  
3 prison - er pa - tient, re - fu - gee, to share the Spi - rit's peace.  
4 goes be - fore us through life's maze and waits to meet us there.

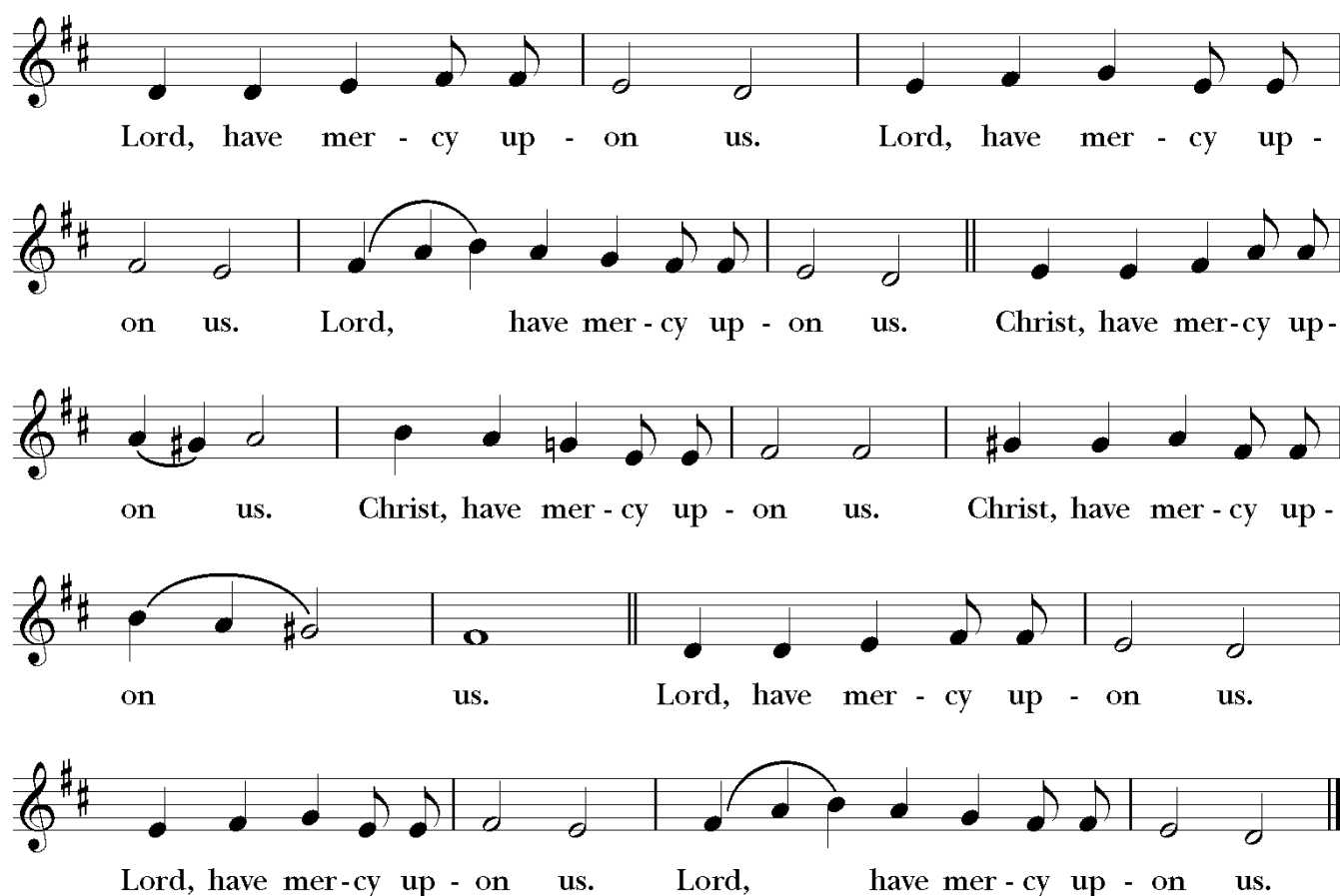
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Music: *Kingsfold*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* His mercy endures for ever.

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

## The Kyrie



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.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant continues*

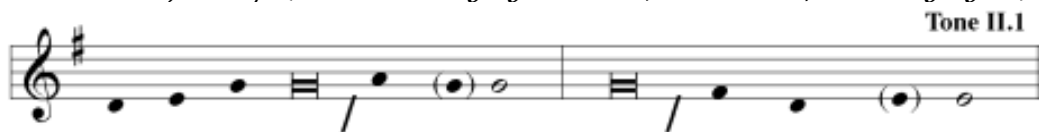
Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## A Reading from the Book of Exodus

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; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. *[Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14]*

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*      Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 116:1, 10-17** (*verse 1 is sung by the choir, verses 10-17 are sung by all*)



- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my suppli/cation, \*  
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 sal/vation \*  
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 thanks/giving \*  
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.


## A Reading from the first letter of Paul 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. [1 Corinthians 11:23-26]


Reader      The Word of the Lord.  
People      Thanks be to God.

## Sequence Hymn (Stand)


*Refrain*



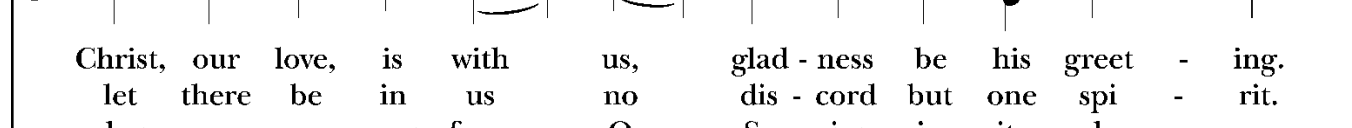
God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.



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.

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## The Gospel

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.”

[John 13:1-17, 31b-35]

*Gospeller*    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*       Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon..... The Rev. Lonnie Lacy**

## THE CEREMONY OF FOOT-WASHING

*Clergy and other persons appointed wash one another's feet, then make themselves available to wash the feet of the congregation. Stations are available near the pulpit and lectern and at the rear of the nave.*

*Those who wish to participate form lines down the center aisle toward the stations. Shoes and socks may be removed in the pews before coming forward or when seated in the open chair at the station.*

### **The Prayers of the People** *(Kneel)*

*After foot washing, a Leader appointed reads the following petitions.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *(Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *(Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *(Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *(Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *(Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*



We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *(Silence)*

Lord in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant says*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **The Confession & Absolution** *(Remain kneeling)*

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Minister and People say*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Celebrant 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 & Announcements**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory** ..... **Ubi caritas**  
Maurice Duruflé

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exultemus, et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

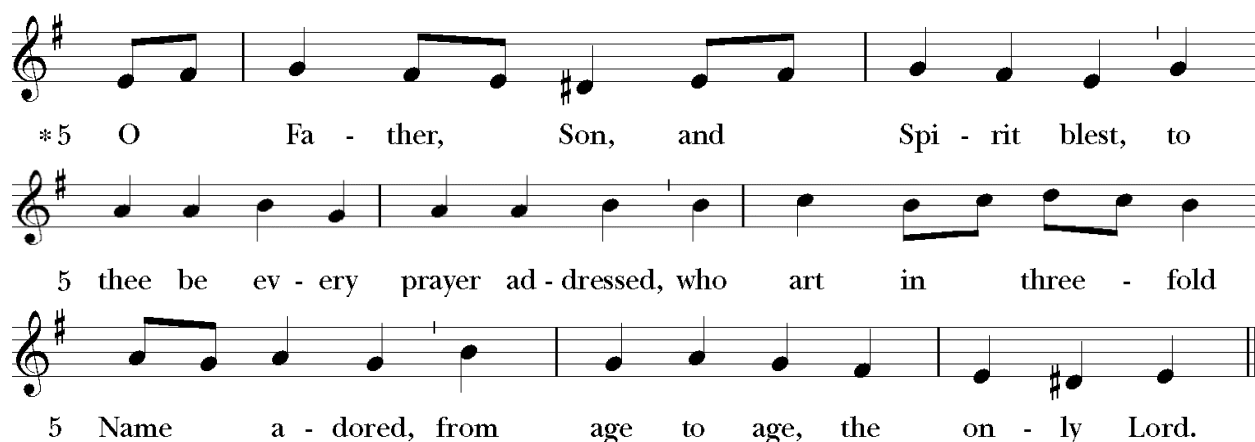
Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God.  
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

Text: Antiphon for Maundy Thursday



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## The Presentation of Gifts *(Stand)*

Musical notation for the hymn 'The Presentation of Gifts'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: 'O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.' The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second and third staves also begin with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff has a '5' below the first note, and the second and third staves also have a '5' below the first note, likely indicating a finger number for a specific instrument or voice part.

\*5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to  
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold  
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

## Eucharistic Prayer C

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

	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.

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

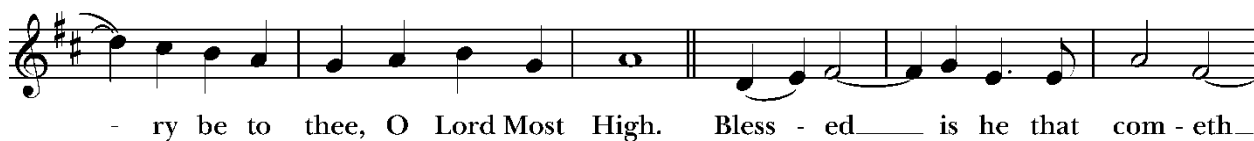
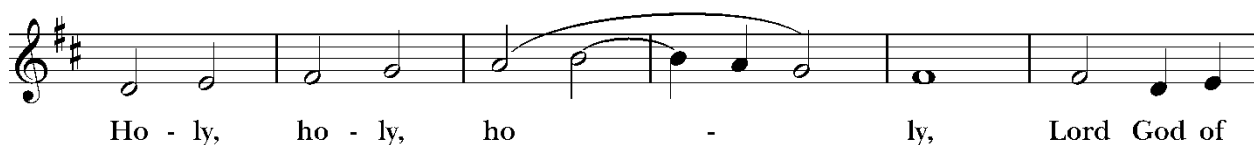
*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us.*

*By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



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*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, of Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *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.*

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.

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## The Communion of the People

Communion is central to our worship at St. John's. All baptized Christians—regardless of age or denominational affiliation—are welcome to receive.

**1 Wait for guidance from the ushers.**

At the appropriate time, an usher will invite the people in your pew to rise and follow the line to the Communion rail or station. Those with limited mobility may request that Communion be brought directly to their pew.

**2 Kneel or stand.**

Most people kneel at the rail to receive Communion, but standing is also appropriate.

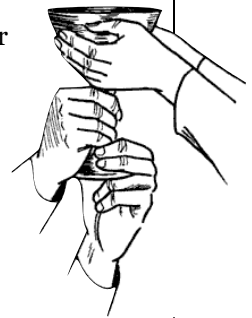


**3 Receive the bread.**

As the minister approaches with the Bread, extend your hands with palms open up. You may consume the Bread immediately or wait to have it dipped in the Wine.

**4 Receive the wine.**

The Wine is served in a large chalice as a sign of unity. Assist the lay minister by guiding the chalice to your lips, holding it by the base, and take a small sip. If you would rather not drink directly from the chalice, you may offer your Bread to the lay minister and allow him or her to dip it in the Wine and hand it back to you to consume.



**5 Return to your pew.**

Return to your pew, kneel if you like, sing with the congregation, or offer your silent prayers to God.

If you are unbaptized or would prefer not to receive the Bread or Wine for any reason, cross your arms over your chest at the rail. This signifies to the priest that you wish to receive a blessing instead.

**Communion Hymns ..... 315, 329, 171**

### The Postcommunion Prayer (*Kneel*)

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

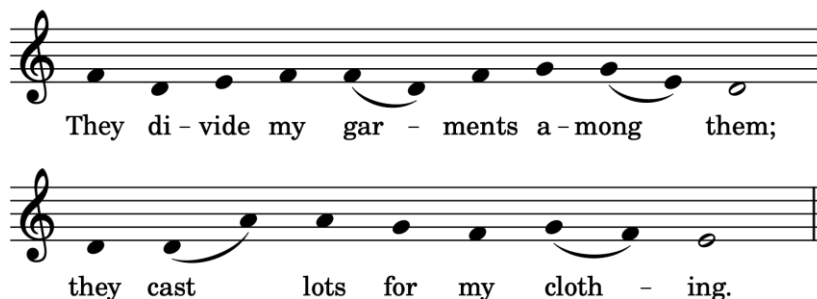
# PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*The Blessed Sacrament is carried in solemn procession by the ministers to Carter Chapel where an Altar of Repose has been prepared.*

*The Celebrant and other ministers strip the Altar and chancel of all ornamentation, recalling the stripping of our Lord's body at the crucifixion. Once the sanctuary is bare, the Celebrant washes the Altar with water, oil, and spices reminiscent of those used to anoint Jesus' body after his death.*

## Stripping of the Altar (Kneel) ..... Psalm 22

*Cantors chant the verses; the congregation and choir chant the refrain.*



## Departure

*Following the stripping of the Altar, the Celebrant and people depart in silence. No blessing or dismissal is given until Easter morning.*

# GETHSEMANE WATCH

**8 p.m. – 12 noon**

*Scripture teaches that Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane after the Last Supper until his arrest. Finding the disciples asleep during his time of agony, he asked, "Could you not stay awake with me one hour?"*

*Tonight, we recall our Lord's anguish in the garden and commit to keep prayerful watch before his Presence in the Blessed Sacrament. This time of prayer is held in Carter Chapel until the noonday service on Good Friday.*

*All are invited to participate in the watch. A deputy from the sheriff's department will be on the grounds throughout the night so participants may come and go freely without concern for safety.*

# **Holy Week at St. John's**

All services in the St. John's Sanctuary

## **Maundy Thursday, March 28**

6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with the Ceremony of Foot-washing

8 p.m. – Friday, 12 noon Gethsemane Watch (Carter Chapel)

## **Good Friday, March 29**

12:10 p.m. The Good Friday Liturgy

6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

## **Holy Saturday, March 30**

6:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

## **Easter Sunday, March 31**

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

7:30 p.m. Sung Compline

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