

**SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**21 Hackett Boulevard**  
**in the City and Diocese of Albany, New York**



**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**2 APRIL 2026**  
**7:00 P.M.**

## About Holy Week

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It is still uncertain when Christians first began to make an annual [as opposed to a weekly] memorial of the death and resurrection of Christ. This *Pascha* [a word derived indirectly from *pesach*, Hebrew ‘Passover’] was at first a night-long vigil, followed by the celebration of the Eucharist at cock-crow, and all the great themes of redemption were included within it: incarnation, suffering, death, resurrection, glorification. Over time, the *Pascha* developed into the articulated structure of Holy Week and Easter. Through participation in the whole sequence of services, the Christian shares in Christ’s own journey, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the empty tomb on Easter morning. The procession with palms, which was already observed in Jerusalem in the fourth century, is accompanied by the reading or singing of the Passion Narrative, in which the whole story of the week is anticipated. Maundy Thursday [from *mandatum*, ‘commandment,’ because of the use of *John 13:34* in the Antiphon] contains a rich complex of themes: humble Christian service expressed through Christ’s washing of his disciples’ feet, the institution of the Eucharist, the perfection of Christ’s loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane.

After keeping vigil [‘Could you not watch with me one hour?’] Thursday passes into Good Friday with its two characteristic episodes. The Veneration of the Cross is older. Here the body of the faithful is invited to kiss the feet of the Crucified. It is a widespread custom for there not to be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Good Friday, but for the consecrated bread and wine remaining from the Maundy Thursday Liturgy to be given in communion. The church building remains stripped of all decoration. It continues bare and empty through the following day. Within the silence there grows a sense of peace and consolation, and then rising excitement as the Easter Vigil draws near.

*from Times and Seasons, Common Worship, Church of England*

on the front cover: Giotto, *Washing of the Feet*  
Italian, 1304-1306, Padua, Scrovegni/Arena Chapel

# The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

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*Please switch off all cellular telephones and other electronic devices. Thank you.*

**Organ** –*O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig* (O lamb of God, unblemished)  
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

## The Entrance Rite

*All stand as the Celebrant, Deacon, Choir, and acolytes enter the church and sing this*

### **Hymn 171**

*The Celebrant introduces the liturgy as follows*

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

### **The Penitential Order**

*Celebrant*

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: “If you love me, keep my commandments.” “Unless I wash you, you have no part in me.”

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All kneel. Silence is kept.*

*Deacon and People*

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.*

*All now stand and sing*

**Trisagion – Hymnal S102**

**The 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, did institute 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 ever, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Word

*All sit.*

## **The First Lesson** – *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. (12:1-4, 11-14)

*Lector*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     Thanks be to God.

## **Gradual** – *Dilexi, quoniam*

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.

Words: *Psalm 116:1, 10-17*

Music: David Hurd; b.1950

### **The Second Lesson – A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

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. (11:23-26)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*All now stand and sing the*

### **Tract: Hymn 313**

### **The Holy Gospel**

*Deacon* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

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

*People* Glory be 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. "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." (13:1-17, 31b-35)

*Deacon*  
*People*

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

**The Sermon**

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## **The Washing of Feet**

*The Celebrant introduces the ceremony of the foot-washing, saying*

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, by such lowly service. We all need to remember his example, but none stand more in need of this reminder that those whom the Lord has called to the ordained ministry.

Therefore, I invite you who have been appointed as representatives of the congregation and who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that I may recall whose servant I am by following the example of my Master. But come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for “a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

*The Celebrant now washes the feet of those appointed.*

*During the Mandatum the choir sings the following*

### **Antiphon – Ubi caritas**

Ubi caritas et amor,	<i>Where there is charity and love,</i>
Deus ibi est.	<i>God is there.</i>
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.	<i>The love of Christ has gathered us together.</i>
Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur.	<i>Let us rejoice and be glad in it.</i>
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.	<i>Let us revere and love the living God.</i>
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.	<i>And from a sincere heart let us love one another.</i>
Ubi caritas...Amen.	<i>Where there is charity...Amen.</i>

Words: Medieval Hymn

Music: Maurice Durufle (1902-1986)

*The Celebrant concludes the washing of feet with this prayer*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: Give us the will to be the servants of others as you were the servant of all, and gave your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Intercessor*                      In the power of the Spirit, let us pray to the Father  
through Christ the Savior of the world.

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and serve.

Lord, hear us  
*and humble us.*

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of the Church.

Lord, hear us  
and unite us.

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your Church, and especially for the future mission of Mercy House.

Lord, hear us  
*and renew our zeal.*

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved throughout the world and here in Saratoga Springs.

Lord, hear us  
*and fill us with your love.*

On this night, he reminded his disciples that if the world rejected them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, hear us  
*and give us your peace.*

On this night, he accepted the cup of death and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom. We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ.

Lord, hear us

*and welcome all your children into paradise.*

*The Celebrant concludes the Intercessions as follows*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*

Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

                  The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*      And also with you.

*All may exchange a sign of Christ's peace.*

*Greetings and necessary announcements are now made.*

# The Liturgy of the Eucharist

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

*Then all stand and sing*

## **Hymn 577**

### **Eucharistic Prayer D**

*The people remain standing.*

*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.

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

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

### **Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit**        *Hymnal S124*

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.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your

right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember (*NN.* and) all who minister in your Church.  
Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.  
Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Saint Paul our Patron, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

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

*Celebrant and People*

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.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

*Then all sing*

**Agnus Dei** *Hymnal S161*

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.

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

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

*The Sacred Ministers receive the Sacrament, and then immediately deliver it to the people, saying*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. *Amen.*

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. *Amen.*

*During the ministration of Holy Communion, the choir sings the following*

**Anthem** – *Ubi caritas*

Words: See page 8.

Music: Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

## The Concluding Rite

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All kneel. The Celebrant and People say together this **Postcommunion Prayer***

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that thou in this wonderful Sacrament you have given us the memorial of thy passion: Grant us so to venerate the Sacred Mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruit of your redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. *Amen.*

*A Procession to the Altar of Repose is formed, during which the choir and congregation sing*

**Hymn 329**

*The Sacred Ministers return quietly to the sacristy. The people continue to kneel.*

*Then follows*

## The Stripping of the Altar – *Deus, Deus meus*

### *Choir*

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry  
and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water;  
all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave

- 16 Packs of dogs close me in,  
and gangs of evildoers circle around me; \*  
they pierce my hands and my feet;  
I can count all my bones.
- 17 They stare and gloat over me; \*  
they divide my garments among them;  
they cast lots for my clothing.
- 18 Be not far away, O Lord; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword, \*  
my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who  
worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow  
in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's forever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

Words: *Psalm 22*

Music: Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

*The people depart quietly. A Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament is kept at the Altar of  
Repose until midnight.*

*All are encouraged to be faithful to Jesus' words, "Would you not watch with me for one hour."*

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## **HOLY WEEK AT SAINT PAUL'S – 2026**

### GOOD FRIDAY, *April 3*

12:00 P.M. – Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death  
7:00 P.M. – Liturgy of the Day, *Saint Andrew's Church, Albany*

### EASTER EVE, *April 4*

7:00 P.M. – Solemn Vigil of the Resurrection

### THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER DAY, *April 5*

8:00 A.M. – Holy Eucharist  
10:30 A.M. – Procession & Solemn Eucharist

