The Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea Palm Beach, Florida



MAUNDY THURSDAY MARCH 28, 2024 7:00 P.M.

FOOT WASHING, HOLY EUCHARIST & THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

A WORD OF WELCOME

Welcome to the Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea as we gather for worship during the holiest week of the Christian year. If you are visiting with us or searching for a church home, please know there is always a place for you here. If you would like more information about this vibrant community of faith, please visit us online at BBTS.org or on our Facebook and Instagram pages. We also invite you to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. We look forward to welcoming you personally.

ABOUT MAUNDY THURSDAY

This service takes its name from the Latin word *Mandatum*, meaning "commandment." At the Last Supper, Jesus gives the new commandment, "love one another as I have loved you." The foot washing reminds us of the specificity of love. It also pushes against our natural inclinations. Like Peter, people are often hesitant to have their feet washed; it is uncomfortable and awkward. Yet it is important to allow others to serve us sometimes, as Christ offers to do for his disciples in the Upper Room and for us. This day also commemorates the institution of the Eucharist as Jesus tells his followers to "do this in remembrance of me." After Communion is celebrated and distributed, what remains, the Reserved Sacrament of bread and wine, is kept for use on Good Friday. The altar is then stripped bare, reminding us that Christ's crucifixion leaves a void in our church and in the world. The world slips into chaos and we experience something of the disciples' sorrow as their Lord was taken from them.

PRELUDE Le Banquet Céleste

Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

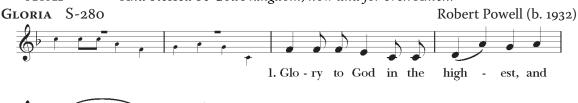
HYMN 581 Where charity and love prevail

Cheshire

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.







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, forever and ever. *Amen*.

The congregation is seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

LESSON Exodus 12:1–14

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 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.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1, 10-17

Anglican chant by Stuart Forster (b. 1971)

Sung by the choir.

- 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?
- 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.
- 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.

EPISTLE 1 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 The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

HYMN 315 Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray

Song 1

GOSPEL John 13:1—17, 31b—35

Deacon 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. "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 Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The congregation is seated.

THE SERMON The Rev. Susan Beebe

A brief period of silence follows the Sermon.

FOOT WASHING

Anthem Ubi caritas

caritas Maurice Duruflé (1902—1986)

Stefany Allongo, alto

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

Where there is charity and love, 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. Amen. — Final antiphon in the Mandatum on Maundy Thursday

Hymn 577 God is love, and where true love is

Ubi caritas

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Form I

The Leader and People pray responsively.

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 community, for every city and community, and 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 all who are sick and 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 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 saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The congregation kneels. Silence may be kept.

CELEBRANT 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*.

The congregation stands.

THE PEACE

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

A collection is taken as the Altar is prepared for Communion. The ministry of Bethesda is funded exclusively by our parishioners and visitors. We encourage and deeply appreciate your generosity today.

ANTHEM I am the true vine

Margaret Sandresky (b. 1921)

I am the true vine, and ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath lov'd me, so have I lov'd you. This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have lov'd you.

John 15:5, 8, 9, 12

PRESENTATION AND DOXOLOGY

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Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise



him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE And also with you.

CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.

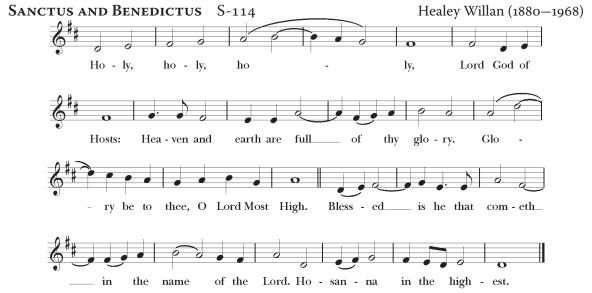
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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:



The People kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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, O Father, 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 him. 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.

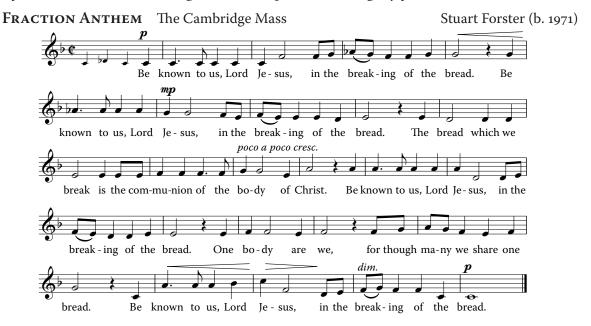
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

CELEBRANT

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.



CELEBRANT

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. We ask that you receive the bread in your hand and either help guide the chalice to your lips or dip the wafer into the wine as the chalice passes. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please cross your arms over your chest as the Priest approaches. Gluten-free wafers are available by request from the priest. If you need communion brought to your pew, please inform an usher.

During the Communion



Anthem The Holy Eucharist

William Harris (1883-1973)

Him holy In him abide Eternal soul In him you hide All your sin On God laid bare Receiving life He longs to share. Him holy In him abide O Christian souls His body live Who in him To Father make The sacrifice Of Incarnate. Him holy In him abide Heaven home In him alive Holy love One body make Joying souls New blessing wake.

Douglas J.L. Bean

The congregation kneels when the Celebrant returns to the altar.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

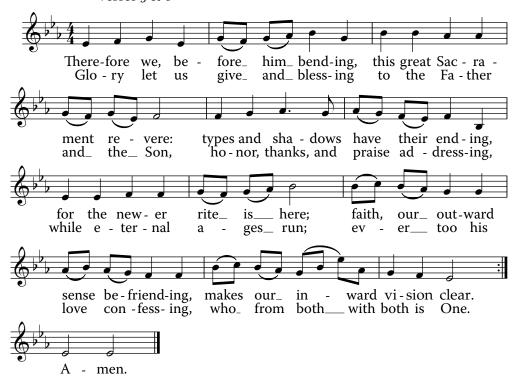
CELEBRANT Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PROCESSION OF THE RESERVED SACRAMENT

The Clergy reserve the sacrament in the Chapel.

HYMN 329 Therefore we, before him bending Verses 5 & 6

Pange lingua



STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

In Christian tradition, the Altar is not only the focus and center of our worship but the Holy Table from which we draw our spiritual food and drink. Thus, the Altar is the symbol of Christ himself, the one perfect Offering and Sacrifice to God. All year we appropriately vest or clothe this symbol of Christ with frontals — but on this night we strip it, in preparation for seeing it tomorrow bared, as was Christ on the Cross. As the Clergy and the Ministers of the Altar enact this ceremony, the following psalm is chanted.

PSALM 22 chanted by cantors

Debbi Miller, Allen Webber, cantors

- My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
 and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- 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.
- I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; * you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 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
- I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; * my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 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
- 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
- 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.

- Praise the LORD, you that fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 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.
- The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"
- 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.
- To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down 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 for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

The people leave in silence.

The Watch in the Chapel of Repose takes place from 10:00 pm to midnight. Outside of this time, parishioners seeking to heed Jesus' invitation to "watch with me one hour," are invited to log onto our website at bbts.org to view a live shot of the sacrament from 10:00 pm tonight until 8:00 am on Good Friday.



UPCOMING SERVICES

Thursday, March 28 — Maundy Thursday

■10:00 p.m. The Watch (in person until midnight; Online Watch available until 8:00 a.m. on bbts.org)

FRIDAY, MARCH 29 — GOOD FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. Good Friday Liturgy, with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

☐ 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy, with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament ☐
4:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 — HOLY SATURDAY / EASTER EVE

10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Day

⊒7:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter: Lighting of the New Fire, Holy Baptism,

and First Eucharist of Easter 🎜

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 — THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER DAY

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service in the Garden Chapel

†7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

†9:00 a.m. Festal Holy Eucharist; with brass and choir 🎜

10:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

□ †11:00 a.m. Festal Holy Eucharist; with brass and choir \$\int\$ (with incense)

Overflow seating in the Parish Hall, with audio and video simulcast, is available at the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Easter Day services.

\$\bar{\pi} *music by the Bethesda Choir |* **\subseteq** service will be live-streamed † *child-care available for infants through age* 3

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