

# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

## A note about this evening

From Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to his crucifixion and resurrection, Christians through the ages have found that a devotional focus on these last days in the life of Jesus can have a life-changing effect on us in the present. By following in his steps, listening intently to his final words to his dearest friends and to his words from the cross, even re-enacting some of the most affecting and penetrating moments of these last days, we find ourselves feeling as if our devotional sharing in his passion leads to a deeper sharing in his resurrection.

A poignant feature of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is the stripping of the altar, followed by the ritual washing and anointing of the altar. When the sanctuary (the area around the altar) is stripped bare, and the altar stands completely unadorned, we recall the desolation and abandonment Jesus knew at the time of his arrest, trial, and crucifixion. The altar is then washed, as a body would be washed, and the five crosses in the top of the altar, which symbolize the five wounds of Christ from his crucifixion (hands, feet, and side), are anointed with oil.

Finally, the reserved sacrament of consecrated bread and wine, which recalls Christ's presence, is processed to the Chapel of the Holy Spirit (an altar of repose), which represents the Garden of Gethsemane. It was here that Jesus went when he was deeply troubled and asked his closest friends to wait, watch and pray. When Jesus found them sleeping, he asked, "Could you not stay awake for one hour?" An all-night vigil is kept in the chapel with the reserved sacrament, and parishioners come and go throughout the night, taking turns staying awake and praying for at least one hour.

We pray that what you experience in this time and place will awaken you more completely to the presence of God and to the life that God has prepared for you.

Gary D. Jones, *Rector*

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Maundy Thursday

April 18, 2019

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## Holy Eucharist ⌘ 7:30 p.m.

*In order to prepare for worship and allow for private prayer,  
we ask that silence be observed upon entering the nave.*

**Prelude** "Nimrod" from *Enigma Variations*

Edward Elgar

**Hymn 657** Love divine, all loves excelling

*Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

*Hyfrydol*

## The Word of God

### Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer, page 355

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

**People** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

### Collect for Purity

*Said by all.*

Prayer Book, page 355

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 eleison** *Sung by all.*

William Traftka

The musical score for 'Kyrie eleison' is written for a single melodic line in 3/4 time, using a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'All: Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, Ky-ri-e e - lei - son. Cantor or choir sings "Christe eleison." All: Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, Ky-ri-e e - lei - son.' The score includes a 9-measure rest for the Cantor or choir and a 2-measure rest at the end.

## The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book, page 221

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

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

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Celebrant** 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 Epistle 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*Please sit.*

**Reader** 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.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

*A period of silence is kept.*

## Hymn 314 Humbly I adore thee

*Sung by all, standing.*

*Adoro devote*

## The Gospel John 13:1-17, 31b-35 *Please remain standing and face the reader of the Gospel.*

**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."

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."

**Deacon** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon The Rev. Dorothy White

*Please sit.*

We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, God al - migh - ty, by whose plan  
Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh - ter led,  
We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be - low, a - bove:  
earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be - gan.  
suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he des - cend - ed to the dead.  
saints of God in one com - mu - nion, one in ho - li - ness and love.  
We be - lieve in Christ the Sa - vior, Son of God in hu - man frame,  
We be - lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, hea - ven's king to rule and reign,  
So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sa - vior, Lord and friend,  
vir - gin - born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spi - rit came.  
to the Fa - ther's side as - cend - ed till as judge he comes a - gain.  
we shall rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); Music: Nettleton, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

## The Prayers of the People

**Celebrant** On this night, when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, we pray to God for the church and the world saying: God of salvation, have mercy on us.

*Please kneel, as you are able. The Leader and the People pray responsively.*

**Leader** Holy God, open our hearts to your presence in the world and in one another. God of salvation,

**People** **Have mercy on us.**

**Leader** Holy God, guide the leaders of the world that they may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. God of salvation,

**People** **Have mercy on us.**

**Leader** Holy God, help people of different faiths, as they seek to worship you, to honor and respect one another. God of salvation,

**People** **Have mercy on us.**

**Leader** Holy God, teach us to love our neighbors, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the imprisoned, and tend the sick. God of salvation,

**People** **Have mercy on us.**

**Leader** Holy God, comfort and heal those who are sick in body or spirit. Dry the tears of the lonely and troubled. God of salvation,

**People** **Have mercy on us.**

**Leader** Holy God, have compassion on the dying, and console their loved ones, that all may find hope in the promise of the resurrection. God of salvation,

**People** **Have mercy on us.**

**Celebrant** Gracious God, as we gather this night to watch with Jesus in his last hours, draw all people to your Son as he is lifted up on the cross of salvation. Through Christ our Savior we pray. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *Please stand.*

Prayer Book, page 360

**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord. After exchanging the Peace, please be seated.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *Ubi Caritas*

*Sung by the choir.*

Ola Gjeilo

At the Presentation My God, thy table

*Sung by all, standing.*

Rockingham



## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Prayer Book, page 361

**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.**

**Celebrant** 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:

## Sanctus

*Sung by all.*

Franz Schubert



*Please kneel.*

**Celebrant** 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:

**Celebrant and People**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**Celebrant** 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.**

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**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Prayer Book, page 364

**Fraction Anthem**

*Sung by all.*

Schubert

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, re-deem-er, re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

**Celebrant** 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.

## At the Communion of the People

In preparation for burial, a body is often washed and anointed. Later in the service we will wash the altar, a symbol of Christ's body. We will anoint the altar, recalling how a woman anointed Jesus with fragrant oil before his burial. "The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume," the gospel says. After you receive Communion tonight, as we all draw nearer to the cross ourselves, you may wish to be anointed as well – a sign that we are all part of Christ's body, his hands and feet, his eyes, ears, and voice in the world today. During Communion, healing prayer ministers will be standing at five stations around the church to anoint your head and hands – and your feet if you like – with the same fragrant, healing oil. Those stations are at the front and back of the church, as well as at the baptismal font.

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament. When you are given the consecrated bread, you may consume it and then drink the wine from the first or larger chalice. If you wish, you may "intinct" or touch the tip of your bread to the wine. For this, a smaller cup will be available just beyond the chalice. You may also choose to receive Communion in only one kind. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the minister. Additional notes on receiving Communion are found in the pew racks.

**Anthem**      *Ave Verum*      Sung by the choir.

Philip Stopford

**Hymn 329**      Now, my tongue, the mystery telling      Sung by all.

*Pange lingua*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer Book, page 365


**Celebrant**      Let us pray.      Please kneel.

**All**      Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.


*The lay ministers and clergy depart before the Stripping of Altar begins.*

**The Stripping of the Altar**      You may sit or kneel.

## The Washing and Anointing of the Altar



1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to judge thee hath in hate pre  
2. Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? a - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un -  
3. Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath



tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.  
suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment, while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.

## At the Procession to the Altar of Repose

Jacques Berthier

*Sung by all during the procession of the sacrament to the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.*



*An all-night vigil of prayer is kept in Chapel of the Holy Spirit,  
commemorating our Lord's time of prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane  
and his question to the sleeping disciples, "Could you not stay awake with me one hour?"*

*You are welcome to remain in prayer for a time at the conclusion  
of this service and to return at any time through the night.*

*Please depart in silence.*



### Participants

**Celebrant:** Gary D. Jones; **Deacon:** Claudia W. Merritt; **Subdeacon:** Bob Dibble; **Lay Reader:** Chris Lindbloom; **Preacher:** Dorothy White; **Assisting Priests:** Becky McDaniel, Stephen Y. McGehee, Penny A. Nash, William L. Sachs; **Intercessor:** Pam Lynch; **Chalice Bearers:** Clarice Dibble, Barbara Massey, Pam Redd, Gene West; **Acolytes:** Mary Clare Abbott, Katie McCarthy, wardens, Zach Harrison, Conner Hawks; **Musicians:** St. Stephen's Choir, Chris Edwards, *director*, Greg Vick, *organ*; **Vergers:** Kathy Brock, Beth Smith; **Greeters:** Shelley Dishner, Peter Fisher, Paula Hanson, JoAnn Pulliam, Joan Putney, Audra Tuttle, Alston Williams; **Ushers:** Beth Thornton, *captain*; Carol Fisher, Cotesworth Pinckney, Chip Tompkins, Tom Walker; **April Altar Guild:** Marnie Huger, leader; Elizabeth Greene, Ara Hobbs, Molly Johnson, Anne Peck, Darla Perry, Anne Pinion, Sandy Roney, Elizabeth Spell, Becky Trader, Anne Turnbull; **April Flower Guild:** Molly Hood, leader; Becky Anthony, Kathryn Angus, Isabel Bates, Anne Martin, Tina Millner, Jessica Tongel, Lena Scott



### The Chapel of the Holy Spirit

The flowers and plants in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, recalling the Garden of Gethsemane, are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Todd Culbertson.

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## Good Friday at St. Stephen's

**Good Friday, April 19** *The Crucifixion of Our Lord*

8:10 a.m., Morning Prayer in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit

Noon, The Good Friday Liturgy, in the main church

5:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross, led by St. Stephen's Youth

## Easter at St. Stephen's

**Easter Eve, Saturday, April 20**

7:30 p.m., The Great Vigil, Holy Baptism, and First Eucharist of Easter

*No 5:30 p.m. service on Easter Eve*

**Easter Day, Sunday, April 21** *The Resurrection of Our Lord*

*No Sunday School or Sunday Forum*

7:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist with Hymns

9:00 a.m.\*, Holy Eucharist and special music, *followed by reception*

11:15 a.m.\*, Holy Eucharist and special music, *followed by reception*

5:30 p.m.\*, Celtic Evensong and Communion

6:30 p.m., Sunday Community Supper

8:00 p.m., Compline

\* Child care available

*Additional parking will be available at St. Catherine's School on Grove Avenue across from the church.*