The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for Maundy Thursday

The Book of Common Prayer, page 274

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

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."

The Homily The Rev. Claudia Merritt

Music for Meditation: Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo

Sung by the choir.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Where charity and love abide, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us be glad and rejoice in him. Let us fear and love the living God, and let us love with a sincere heart. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Leader 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.

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.

Leader 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 Prayer Book, page 360

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B Prayer Book, page 367

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 God 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. Here a proper preface is said.

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:

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with blessed Stephen, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

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.

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Celebrant

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

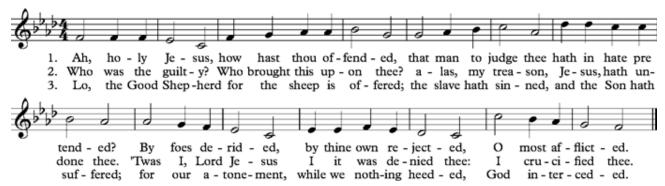
All Eternal God, heavenly Father,

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.

Prayer Book, page 365

At the Washing and Anointing of the Altar



- 4. For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation; thy death of anguish, and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.
- 5. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee, think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

At the Procession to the Altar of Repose

Jacques Berthier



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The flowers and plants in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit are given in thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. Gary D. Jones by the parish staff, and by St. Stephen's Altar Guild and Flower Guild.

Receiving Communion

You are invited to come to the church between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. to receive Holy Communion (bread). Please sign up in advance at **ststephensRVA.org/holyweek**. Masks are required.

Tonight's vigil

St. Stephen's has traditionally offered an all-night vigil of prayer in the 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?" This year we will offer this vigil via livestream, at **ststephensRVA.org/livestream**, from 9 p.m. this evening until 8 a.m. on Good Friday.

Good Friday and Easter

Be sure to visit our Web site to learn about Good Friday services, as well as in-person Easter services and an Easter worship video: ststephensRVA.org/holyweek and ststephensRVA.org/Easter2021.

Participants

CELEBRANT: The Rev. John Jenkins; ASSISTING CLERGY: The Rev. Will Stanley; HOMILIST: The Rev. Claudia Merritt; MUSICIANS: Soprano: Stephanie Hill Blackwood, Abby Outlaw, Kelsey Snyder; Alto: Katie Fessler, Claudia Kessel, Martha Prewitt, Alyssa Shevchuk; Tenor: Chris Edwards, Matt Hassmer, Margee Krebs, Joe McDonald; Bass: Malcolm Hines, Travis Krickovic, Christopher Lindbloom, Ian Richardson, Jim Smith-Parham; Matt Hassmer, Kelsey Snyder, solos; Lauren Wilson, oboe; Anamarie Diaz, flute; Peter Greydanus, cello; Brent te Velde, organ, piano

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Ubi Caritas by Ola Gjeilo, Walton Music, used with OneLicense #A70911

Hymn 158, Ah, holy Jesus, Herzliebster Jesu, from The Hymnal 1982

There in God's Garden (Shades Mountain), arr. Anne Krentz Organ, Augsburg Fortress, used with OneLicense #A70911

Poor Wayfaring Stranger, trad., arr. Brent te Velde

Stay with me, Taizé chant by Jacques Berthier, GIA Publications, used with OneLicense #A70911

Musicians: St. Stephen's Choir; Matt Hassmer, Kelsey Snyder, solos; Lauren Wilson, oboe; Anamarie Diaz, flute; Peter Greydanus, cello; Brent te Velde, organ, piano

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