

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



We believe in sharing the experience of love and grace by seeking relationship with God and one another.

MAUNDY THURSDAY Thursday, April 9, 2020

Evening Prayer: Rite One

Voluntary Prelude on "Ubi Caritas"

M. Biery

All stand, and the Officiant says

If I Say "surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to thee, O Lord; the night and the day are both alike. *Psalm 139:10,11 (BCP 62)*

Confession of Sin

BCP 62

You are invited to kneel as you are able.

The Priest then says

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling as you are able.

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to
have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Officiant stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 63

If you have been kneeling please feel free to sit.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Phos Hillaron: S 60

R. Arnatt

1. O gra - cious Light, pure

bright - ness of the ev - er - liv - ing Fa - ther in hea - ven,

O Je - sus Christ, ho - ly and bless - ed! 2. Now as we

come to the set-ting of the sun, and our eyes be - hold the ves - per
light, we sing your prais-es, O God: Fa - ther, Son, and
Ho - ly Spi - rit. 3. You are wor - thy at all times to be
praised by hap - py voic - es, O Son of God, O Giv - er of life,
and to be glo - ri - fied through all the worlds.

Psalms Appointed, Psalm 78:14-20,23-25

BCP 696

- 14 He led them with a cloud by day,*
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness*
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff,*
and the waters gushed out like rivers.
- 17 But they went on sinning against him,*
rebellling in the desert against the Most High.
- 18 They tested God in their hearts,*
demanding food for their craving.
- 19 They railed against God and said,*
“Can God set a table in the wilderness?”
- 20 True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the
gullies overflowed;*
but is he able to give bread
or to provide meat for his people?”
- 23 So he commanded the clouds above*
and opened the doors of heaven.
- 24 He rained down manna upon them to eat*
and gave them grain from heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels;*
he provided for them food enough.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

Readings

A period of silence will follow each reading.

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-14a

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. 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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 3

BCP 65

The Song of Mary Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord,*
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded*
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth*
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,*
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him*
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;*
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,*
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,*
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,*
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

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. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves. For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

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

Canticle 5

BCP 66

The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,*
according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,*
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,*
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

A Reading from John.

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Remain seated.

Homily

Rev. Candice B. Frazer

Apostles' Creed

BCP 66

All stand.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Announcements

Care Circles have formed and are up and running. Please contact the church if you have not heard from a Care Leader.

Giving is available on-line by going to our website and click on the "Give" link, or text the word "GIVE" to (833)901-2138 and follow as prompted.

Offertory

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

Anthem *Ubi Caritas*

Plainsong, Mode 6

Presentation

Officiant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

Prayers

BCP 67

You are invited to kneel as you are able.

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant 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 Officiant and People say responsively

A.
V. Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. And grant us thy salvation.
V. Let thy ministers with righteousness;
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in thee can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. Thy saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

The Officiant then says

A Collect for the presence of Christ

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in thy way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed in Scriptures and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love. *Amen*

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship thee, all nations obey thee, all tongues confess and bless thee, and men and women everywhere love thee and serve thee in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22

REFRAIN



My God, my God, why have you for-sak-en me?

- 1 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, OLORD; *
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 theLORD, 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 theLORDpraise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to theLORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to theLORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 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 theLORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

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