



Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Maundy Thursday
April 5, 2012, 6:30 pm

“I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another.”

John 13:34a

We worship tonight according to the service for Maundy Thursday
beginning on page 274 of the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer.

The Word of God

Processional Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy.....470

Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures for ever.

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.**

Hymn of Praise

Father, I Adore You.....SH-36

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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, for ever
and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons (the people sit)

The First Lesson – Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

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.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Sequence – John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (the
people stand)

Hymn – *I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord.....304*
Verses 1-2

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

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

Hymn – *I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord*.....304
Verses 4-5

Sermon

The Ceremony of the Washing of Feet

The people come forward to have their feet washed. When this is concluded, the people stand for the exhortation.

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

The Prayers of the People (Form III, page 387 of the Book of Common Prayer)

Father, we pray for the Church of the Resurrection, Gadsden; for our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishop, Zaché; for the Department of Parish Development and Evangelism; for Habitat for Humanity and all programs that promote safe and affordable housing; and for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Katharine, our presiding bishop, for Kee, our bishop, for Arnold, our priest, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Barack, our President; for Robert, our governor; for George, our mayor; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for these persons: *The Lay Reader reads the first names from the Parish Prayer List: Lynda Denton, Dot Harris, Zoe Bush, John Rand, Dawn Jones (Jere and Pam VanEtten), Jim Cantrell (Al Cantrell), Xander Kerr, infant son of Kelli and Dan Kerr (Jean Kerr), Amber, Jared and Dezel Oliver (Kathy Haynie), Troy Warlick (Kathy Haynie), Emmet Nolan (Maurice McCord), Mary Alice Merith (Shea Boland), Michelle Waswaller (Al Cantrell), Mike, Cindy, Johnnie, and Kelly (Ann Easley).*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

Confession of Sin (the people stand or kneel)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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 Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

The Presentation

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him 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 sing (found in the Hymnal at S 129)

**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

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,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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 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,

**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.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and deliver it to the people.

At this time, the Sacrament for Good Friday is consecrated and reserved.

After Communion, the people stand or kneel and the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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 Blessing

Final Hymn *(the people stand in place)*

Go To Dark Gethsemane.....171
Verses 1-2

Stripping of the Altar

The people come forward one at a time in silence to receive from the Celebrant and the Eucharistic Lay Minister one of the items from the altar. Each person carries his or her item to the rear of the Nave for delivery to the Altar Guild.

Members of the Altar Guild cover the altar symbols with the altar linen.

Continuing in silence, the people leave the Nave and form a circle outside for the final reading.

Mark 14:32-50

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you

asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." All of them deserted him and fled.

The people depart in silence as the Prayer Watch begins.

Image on page 1: "The Maundy," by Tintoretto, currently displayed at the Museo del Prado, Madrid.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule:

- Prayer Watch tonight from 8:00 pm until 11:00 pm
- Good Friday (tomorrow) – the Nave will be open all day for church members to make altar visits and for personal prayer.
- Good Friday – 12:00 noon – Community Good Friday worship at East Tallassee United Methodist Church.
- Good Friday – 6:30 pm – readings from the passion according to the Gospel of John
- Holy Saturday, April 7, 2012 from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon. Cleaning and decorating the church for Easter.
- Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012 – Celebrate the Resurrection and enjoy lots of Alleluias! Following worship: group photo, Easter Egg hunt, and lunch.

There will be no bulletin printed for tomorrow evening's Good Friday service. The service will be conducted according to the Book of Common Prayer, beginning on page 276.

Serving at Epiphany this evening:

Ushers: Jimmy and Betty Weldon
Altar Guild: Kathy Haynie and Betty Weldon
Lay Reader: Betty Weldon