

“The greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves”

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Maundy Thursday
April 17, 2014, 9:00 am

Luke 22:26b

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

The Word of God

Processional Hymn

Where Charity and Love Prevail.....581

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.**

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 Psalm – Psalm 116:1, 10-17

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.

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.

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.

O LORD, I am your servant; *

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *

and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *

in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the LORD'S house, *

in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

The 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Sequence – Luke 22:14-30 (the people stand)

Hymn – *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*.....602
Verses 1-2

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to You, Lord Christ.

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

"You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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

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Sermon (*the people sit*) Father Wells

The Prayers of the People (Form VI, page 392 of the Book of Common Prayer)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; for Kee and Santosh, our bishops; for Wells, our priest; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

Let us pray for **Lynda** Denton, **Thurman** Harris, **Charlotte** and **Lannon** Poole, **Barbara** Trogdon, **Dezsel** Oliver (Kathy Haynie), **Billie** Wilkinson (Eddie and Pam Harper), **Lindsey** Burt (Eddie and Pam Harper), **Kathy** Brumbleloe (Jere and Pam Van Etten), **Sherry** Gritz (Jean Kerr), **Clifford** Flood (Jean Kerr), **Adam** Durough (Kelli Kerr), **Sally** Kingsley (Hugh Thompson), **John** Graves (Betty Weldon), **Allison** Foggarty (Jimmy Weldon), **Ed** Clayton (Jean Kerr), **Kathy** DeArmond (Jean Kerr), **Phil** Gatusso (Jere Van Etten), **Charlene** Bates (Jean Kerr), **Mavilene** Prentice (Betty Weldon), **Virginia** Nordon (Betty Weldon), **David** Hodges (Amanda Borden), and the others we now name: (*the people here add their own petitions*).

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

The Priest adds a suitable Collect.

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 *Let Us Break Bread Together*.....325

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
(Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p 361)
(Musical Response in the Hymnal at S 120)

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.

(Father Wells says or sings a Proper Preface)

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: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord*.....S 130
The people stand or 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.

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.

Fraction Anthem: *Jesus, Lamb of God*.....S 164

The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

Communion Hymn: *In Remembrance of Me*.....SH-63

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

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 a black altar linen. After delivery of the items from the chancel is complete, the people leave the Nave in silence.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule:

Good Friday: Worship at 9:00 am. The Solemn Collects and Prayers.

Good Friday – 12:00 noon – Community Good Friday worship at East Tallassee United Methodist Church. Lunch following.

Easter: There will be no Sunday School. We will worship at 10:30 am. Immediately after worship, we will all pose for a church picture. We will not have lunch together, but there will be light refreshments in the Little House.

Serving today at Epiphany:

Ushers: To be determined
Altar Guild: Laura Williams
Lay Reader: Mike Harber

Piano: Esther Hart
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Lee Borden

For Good Friday:

Ushers: To be determined
Altar Guild: Cathy Jones

Crucifer: Mike Harber
Lay Readers: Jean Kerr, Lavonne Hart,
and Amanda Borden

And for Easter:

Ushers: Jimmy and Betty Weldon
Altar Guild: Elizabeth Harber
Lay Reader: Lavonne Hart
Piano: Caleb Hart

Thurifer: Lee Borden
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Laura Williams
Refreshments: Pam Harper
Stewards: Laura and Michael Williams