

# **Maundy Thursday**



**THE EPISCOPAL PARISH OF ALTON**

**March 28, 2024**

**7:00 p.m.**

**The Rev. John Henry, Celebrant**

*Welcome to the Episcopal Parish of Alton! We are glad to have you worship with us today. All baptized Christians, including children, are invited to receive Holy Communion or to simply come forward for a blessing. We celebrate the presence of children in worship and do not expect them to be perfectly still or quiet.*

**Prelude** *Vater unser im Himmelreich* E. Lubin

**Hymn #581** *Where charity and love prevail* *The Hymnal 1982*

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite II** *BCP pgs. 274-275*

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

***People: His mercy endures for ever.***

**Kyrie**

*S91 The Hymnal 1982*

**The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: 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.***

**A reading from the Book of Exodus** *12:1-14a*

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 door posts 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.

The Word of the Lord. ***People: Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm 116:1, 10-17**

*The congregation responds with verses in bold italics*

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. Hallelujah!

## **A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to John.

***People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

## **Hymn #171**

*Go to dark Gethsemane*

*The Hymnal 1982*

## **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. When he had gone out, 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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## Sermon

The Rev. John Henry+

**The Maundy:** *The word Maundy means "commandment," and refers to the new commandment that Jesus gave the disciples that they should love one another just as he loves them. This love was demonstrated when Jesus washed their feet during the Last Supper.*

## The washing of feet

*The following anthems are chanted or said during the ceremony of the washing of feet.*

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."

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

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

**Prayers of the People** *Please stand or kneel if you are comfortable doing so.*

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence*

For the church, that living according to Jesus' new commandment and by his example, we may grow in our love for one another and all people.

***God of mercy, hear our prayer.***

For the leaders of nations, that their goal may be dignity and reconciliation for all, and that conflict and discord may give way to peace and unity throughout the world.

***God of mercy, hear our prayer.***

For people in need that they might receive your blessing. May we be led to care for those who suffer from hunger, illness, oppression, loneliness, abuse, or any physical or spiritual disease. ***God of mercy, hear our prayer.***

For this congregation that we may boldly carry the cross of Christ into the world and proclaim the Good News of Christ's passion and resurrection.

***God of mercy, hear our prayer.***

We give thanks for all the faithful people who followed the example of Jesus and lived out his commandments, and who now rest from their labors.

***God of mercy, hear our prayer.***

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: to love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment on our hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. ***Amen.***

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

*Silence*

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Celebrant:

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

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

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

**Offertory Sentence** *The offering is collected and brought forward during the offertory Music.*

**Offertory** *Prelude in E minor*

F. Chopin

### *Welcome to the Table!*

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion, and everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing! If you are unable to come forward, raise your hand, and we will come to you.*

*If you do not wish to receive either the bread or the wine, please cross your arms across your chest as a silent request for a blessing from the priest.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

*Lift up your hearts: Sursum corda*

S120 *The Hymnal* 1982

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord:***

S130 *The Hymnal 1982*

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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.***

*The Celebrant continues*

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 pray,

**The Lord's Prayer** (*sung*)

S119 *The Hymnal* 1982

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People:** *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God

**Communion Voluntary** *Allegretto (from 7<sup>th</sup> Symphony)*

L.V. Beethoven

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*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 Holy Week Prayer**

Celebrant:

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## **The Stripping of the Altar**

*All hangings, ornaments, and linens on the Altar and in the Sanctuary are removed.*

**Psalm 22:1-11** *Please kneel if you are comfortable doing so. Said in unison during the stripping of the Altar.*

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? And are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?*

*O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; by night as well, but I find no rest.*

*Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.*

*Our forefathers put their trust in you; they trusted, and you delivered them.*

*They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.*

*But as for me, I am a worm and no man, scorned by all and despised by the people.*

*All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying, "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, if he delights in him."*

*Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.*

*I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.*

*Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.*

*All depart in silence.*

*Vigil begins at the Altar of repose in the Saint Elizabeth Chapel until 9:30 p.m.*

*Jesus repeatedly asked his disciples to stay awake with him while he prayed and watched for his betrayers to come and arrest him. Accordingly, we also take turns staying awake to pray and watch with Jesus.*

## **SERVING TODAY**

Celebrant:	The Rev. John Henry+
Organist:	Gay Anderson
Crucifer:	Chuck Drennan
Altar Acolyte:	Destiny Drennan
Acolyte:	Robbie Cupp
Chalice/B.B.:	Marti LoRusso
Lector/Intercessor:	Mimi Almonroeder
Altar Guild:	N. Weiss-Hayes



## **Good Friday**

### **Noon at Trinity Chapel**

Celebrant:	The Rev. John Henry+
Acolyte:	Jeff Dunnagan
Lector/Intercessor:	Linda Dunnagan
Altar Guild:	S. Goers

### **7 p.m. at St. Paul's**

Celebrant:	The Rev. John Henry+
Organist:	Gay Anderson
Altar Acolyte:	Donna Fisher
Lector/Intercessor:	Chuck Drennan
Altar Guild:	S. Lukasik, E. Bumbacher

## **Holy Saturday**

### **The Great Vigil of Easter – 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's**

Celebrant:	The Rev. John Henry+
Organist:	Gay Anderson
Crucifer:	Tom Harris
Altar Acolyte:	Marti LoRusso
Acolyte:	Robbie Cupp
Chalice/B.B.:	Susan Lukasik
Lector/Intercessor:	Elizabeth Foley
Altar Guild:	S. Lukasik

## **Easter Sunday**

### **8:15 a.m. at Trinity Chapel**

Celebrant:	The Rev. John Henry+
Organist:	Gay Anderson
Acolyte:	Laurna Hutchinson
Lector/Intercessor:	Laurna Hutchinson
Altar Guild:	S. Goers

### **10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's**

Celebrant:	The Rev. John Henry+
Organist:	Gay Anderson
Crucifer:	Tom Wrausmann
Altar Acolyte:	Elias Silkwood
Acolyte:	Meg Dorris
Chalice/B.B.:	Susan Lukasik
Lector & Intercessor:	Chuck Drennan
Flowering of the Cross:	Everyone

**Our sincere condolences** to our parish family members and friends on the death of their loved one, Mary Woodcock, who passed away on Sunday, March 24th.

**Decorating the St. Paul's sanctuary for Easter services will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 30th.** Please join the Altar Guild if you are interested in helping.

**St. Paul's special tradition of Flowering the Palm Cross will be honored this year on Easter Sunday at 10:00 a.m.** Please bring a few fresh-cut flowers from your garden, florist or floral dept. to add to the cross.

**Save the dates – it's time to spruce up for Spring! Cleaning and repairs, both interior and exterior, are scheduled for Saturday, April 6th at Trinity Chapel and Saturday, April 13th at St. Paul's.** Every gift of time and effort are greatly appreciated by the Property and Maintenance commission. A future date will be determined if additional time is needed.