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# St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

*serving North Vancouver since 1899*

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*Maundy Thursday*

*Anointing & Table Eucharist*

*Washing of Feet*

*Celebrant: The Reverend Patrick Blaney*

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## **A Note regarding our Anointing Ceremony**

*(Adapted from Anointing Liturgy by Rev. Cynthia Bourgeault)*

Note: This ceremony is intended to acknowledge the significant role Mary Magdalene played in Jesus' entry into Holy Week. Some contemporary scholars suggest that it is she who anointed Jesus as he began his passage into betrayal, arrest, trial, flogging, crucifixion, resurrection; and that she accompanied him throughout this time. We are here invited to participate with her and Jesus, walking with them into these most sacred Christian mysteries. (Note: These scholars suggest that Mary of Bethany may have been named by Jesus "The Migdalah", meaning "The Tower", and that these two Marys are actually the same woman.)

Readers:

Narrator

Priest

Jesus

Judas

Mary Magdalene

Peter

**St John's North Vancouver Parish recognizes we are on the unceded Coast Salish territories within the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.**

## The Gathering of the Community

All: **God, we call upon your name, Creator of the universe, we thank you for this food from the earth. Lover of justice, we pray for all who hunger for food and for justice. Deep Well of Life, refresh us at this table. Amen.**



## The Anointing of Jesus and of the Community

**Mary rings the bells 3x to signify the beginning of the Anointing ceremony.**

Priest: This evening is the time in our Christian year when we tell again the stories of Jesus' last hours with his closest disciples, the inner circle he had gathered around him. In this story, we see Jesus eating a meal at the home of his friends, when they were interrupted by Mary of Bethany anointing him in an act of love and highest regard. This Holy Week, we walk the way of the cross with Jesus through our reflections and prayers. So also we participate in his anointing.

## Gospel Reading *(Excerpts from the Gospels of John and Matthew)*

Narrator: Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany where he had raised Lazarus, the dead man, to life. Now Martha waited on them. Lazarus sat at the table with Jesus. Then Mary took a pound of costly perfume with genuine nard and anointed the feet of Jesus, wiping them with her hair. And the whole house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. Then Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, the disciple who would betray Jesus, remarked:

Judas: This perfume could have been sold for over three hundred silver coins and the money given to the poor.

Narrator: But Jesus rebuked him saying,

Jesus: Leave her alone. Was she not keeping it for the day of my burial? Truly I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed all over the world, what she has done will be told in praise of her.

Mary: May Christ be a seal upon your heart,  
for love is stronger than death.

*Jesus, in turn anoints Mary, saying the same words:*

Jesus: May Christ be a seal upon your heart,  
for love is stronger than death.

**May Christ be a seal upon your heart, for love is stronger than death.**

## *Community Table Eucharist*



*Mary rings the bells 3x announcing the beginning of the Eucharist.*

Priest: We turn our attention now to the last meal Jesus ate with his inner circle before his arrest.

Narrator: When Judas Iscariot had gone out, Jesus said:

Jesus: Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him...

Jesus (Cont): Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I have said to the Jews, so now I say again 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. *(John 13:31-35)*

## *The Great Thanksgiving*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: At the supper with them, on this night,  
Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks,  
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 many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

**All: Bless this bread, O God.  
Like all our gifts, it comes from you.  
We have merely added our kneading  
and patting and waiting and  
cooking and cooling.  
We thank you for this time together  
to taste and savour your presence.**

**We are thirsty, God.  
Thirsty for peace in the world and for inner peace;  
thirsty for meaning; thirsty for you.**

**All:**            **Bless this cup as we are refreshed.  
Help us to remember Jesus and his life and ministry.  
Amen.**

**Priest:**        The gifts of God for the people of God.



## *Ceremony of the Washing of Feet*

***Mary rings the bells 3x to signify the beginning of the Foot Washing Ceremony.***

***A Reading from the Gospel of John (John 13:1-15)***

**Narrator:**     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,

**Peter:**         Lord, are you going to wash my feet?

**Narrator:**     Jesus answered:

**Jesus:**         You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.

Narrator: Simon Peter said to him:

Peter: You will never wash my feet.

Narrator: Jesus answered:

Jesus: Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.

Narrator: Simon Peter said to him:

Peter: Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head.

Narrator: Jesus said to him,

Jesus: 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.

Narrator: For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said,

Jesus: Not all of you are clean.

Narrator: After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them:

Jesus: 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.

Priest: Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
on the night before his death,  
Jesus set an example for his disciples



by washing their feet, an act of humble service.

Priest: He taught that strength and growth  
in the life of the kingdom of God  
come not by power, authority, or even miracle,  
but by such lowly service.

Therefore, I invite you  
*(who have been appointed as representatives of the congregation)*  
who share in the priesthood of Christ,  
to come forward, that I may recall whose servant I am  
by following the example of my Master.

Come remembering his admonition  
that what will be done for each one of us  
is also to be done by each of us to others,  
for a “servant is not greater than his master,  
nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him.  
If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

**All: This is the day  
that Christ, the Lamb of God  
gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.  
This is the day  
that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.  
This is the day  
that Christ took a towel  
and washed the disciples’ feet,  
giving us an example that we should do to others  
as he has done to us.**



## *Stripping of the Altar*

***Mary rings the bells 3x to signify the beginning of the Stripping of the Altar.***

*A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 26:30-46)*

Narrator: Then Jesus said to them:

Jesus: You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.” But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.

Narrator: Peter said to him:

Peter: Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.

Narrator: Jesus said to him:

Jesus: Truly I tell you, this very night before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

Narrator: Peter said to him:

Peter: Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

Narrator: And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

- Jesus: Sit here while I go over there and pray.
- Narrator: He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them:
- Jesus: I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.
- Narrator: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed:
- Jesus: My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.
- Narrator: Then he came to his disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter:
- Jesus: So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.
- Narrator: Again he went away for the second time and prayed,
- Jesus: My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.
- Narrator: Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

Jesus: Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

*(Silent reflection)*

Priest: Lord, you are always breaking apart our communities, our identities, our images of you.

**ALL: Open our hands and hearts to receive this uncalled for gift, this fractured food, the feast where untouchables meet, human and divine; through Jesus Christ, the passion of God.**

*Psalm 22 is read as the altar is stripped:*

## *Psalm 22*

Reader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**All: 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 forebears 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, a nobody.

**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 God deliver him.

**Let God rescue him if God delights in him.**

Yet you are God 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.**

Many young bulls encircle me;  
**strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

They open wide their jaws at me,  
**like a ravening and roaring lion.**

I am poured out like water;  
**all my bones are out of joint;**  
**my heart within my breast is melting wax.**

My mouth is dried out like a potsherd;  
**my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;**  
**and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.**

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.**

They stare and gloat over me;  
**they divide my garments among them;**  
**they cast lots for my clothing.**

Be not far away, O Lord;  
**you are my strength; hasten to help me.**

Save me from the sword,  
**my life from the power of the dog.**

Save me from the lion's mouth,  
**my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.**

I will declare your name to my brethren;  
**in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.**

Praise the Lord, you that fear him;

**stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line give glory.**

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.**

My praise is of him in the great assembly;

**I will perform my vows in the presence of those who  
worship him.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

**and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:  
"May your heart live forever!"**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

**and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

For kingship belongs to the Lord;

**he rules over the nations.**

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;

**all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

My soul shall live for him;

**my descendants shall serve him;  
they shall be known as the Lord's forever.**

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn

**the saving deeds that he has done.**

*Silent reflection.*

*Mary rings the bells 3x as the service concludes.*



*Our Good Friday Service  
Meditations on the Stations of the Cross  
begins at 11:00 a.m.*