



St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023

“A new commandment I give to you, that you
love one another as I have loved you.” *John 13:34*

Welcome

The Parish of St. Mary the Virgin is a member of the Diocese of British Columbia and the Anglican Church of Canada. We are an inclusive and welcoming parish: the sacraments of the church (baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we. As a parish we acknowledge with gratitude that we live, work and play on the traditional lands of the Lekwungen peoples. We commit ourselves, as a settler church and people, to continue with our First Nations hosts on the journey of truth-telling, healing, and reconciliation.

VISITORS *Welcome! We are delighted that you have joined us for worship.*

COMMUNION *All are invited to receive Communion. The sacrament will be offered in both kinds (bread and the common cup). Regarding the cup: since there has been no indication that COVID-19 has spread via swallowing, it is our view that properly-distributed wine from the silver chalice poses no additional risk to safety. That said, please feel free to receive the bread only, and be assured that in the Anglican Church of Canada it has always been our tradition that receiving only one of the elements is considered full Communion.*

Gluten free wafers for communion are available. Please request it from the person who is distributing the bread.

7:00pm Service

From the Book of Alternative Services

Minister of Welcome:

Mary Huxley

Presider:

The Rev'd Dyan Davison

Preacher:

The Rev'd Canon Craig Hiebert

Organist:

Curt Bergen

Because the service includes congregational singing, which continues to be a higher-risk activity, we thank you for maintaining everyone's safety by wearing your mask during the worship service and remembering to keep a respectful distance from others.

*Note: in the service order, words set in **bold italic type** are said by the congregation.*

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Clergy enter in silence

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.

This is the day that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

ACCLAMATION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,
***to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,***

and from you no secrets are hidden.

*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.*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

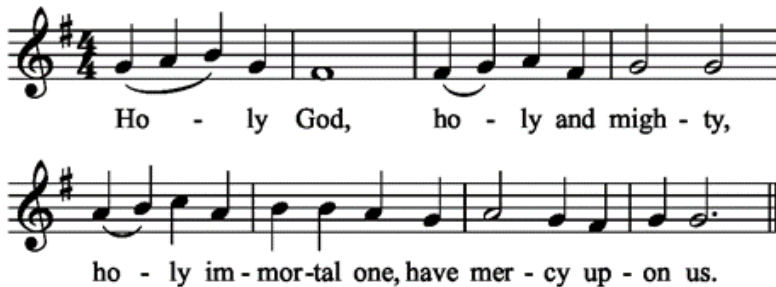
Most merciful God,

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 neighbours 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.

TRISAGION

(707)

Repeated three times:



The presider reminds us of God's healing and forgiveness.

CENTRING STILLNESS

Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God.

Silence is kept.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, *your Son Jesus Christ has left to us this meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and his blood. May we who celebrate this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

The congregation sits

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Exodus 12. 1-4, 11-14, Kat McCann

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

¹¹This 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. ¹²For 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 judgements: I am the Lord. ¹³The 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.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116. 1, 10–17

I love the Lord
who has heard the voice of my supplication,
I believed, even when I said,
I have been brought very low.”

***In my distress I said,
“No one can be trusted.”***

How shall I repay you, O Lord,
for all the good things you have done for me?

***I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon your name.***

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all the people.

***Precious in your sight, O Lord
is the death of your 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.***

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

1 Corinthians 11. 23-26, John Macquarrie

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.

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Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands, and turns to face the Gospel book

GOSPEL HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (504)

***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.***

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them.

***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.***
2. Neighbours are rich and poor,
varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near and far away. R
3. These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love.
All these are neighbours to us and you. R
4. Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves,
this is the way we should live with you. R
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you. R

GOSPEL

John 13. 1–17, 31b–35

Before the Gospel is read, the reader says

God is with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus according to John

Glory to you, Jesus 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.

‘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.’

After the Gospel, the reader says

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERMON

REMEMBERING THE WASHING OF FEET

During the chant, we reflect on the ways in which we seek to serve others, as Christ has served us.

CHANT

Ubi caritas et amor (553)

Ubi caritas et amor, / ubi caritas, Deus ibi est

Latin. Translation: “Where charity and love are, there is God”

PRAYERS

Kat McCann

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father through Christ the saviour of the world.

Father,
on this, the night he was betrayed,
your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet.
We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.

Lord, ***hear us and humble us.***

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church.

Lord, ***hear us and unite us.***

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message.
We pray for the mission of your Church.

Lord, ***hear us and renew our zeal.***

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself.
We pray for the rejected and unloved.

Lord, ***hear us and fill us with your love.***

On this night, he reminded his disciples that if the world hated them it hated him first.
We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, ***hear us and give us your peace.***

On this night, he accepted the cup of death and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom. We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ.

Lord, ***hear us and welcome all your children into paradise.***

In the name of Christ, we pray. ***Amen.***

PEACE

The congregation stands

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

and also with you.

Remaining in our places, we share signs of Peace with those around us.

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

For safety, the Collection Plate has been placed at the back of the church for use as you arrive. It will be moved to the front of the church during the Offertory hymn and placed in a location where you may place your gifts as you come to receive Communion. Please also consider one of the other means of giving that do not require our volunteers and staff to handle cash and cheques: electronic donations on our website via CanadaHelps, or bi-weekly or monthly direct debit donations via our diocesan Electronic Collection Plate (details are available in a brochure at the entrance, or on the website: www.stmarysoakbay.ca/donate).

OFFERTORY

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (207)

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him, whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
2. Where the paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love,
eat we manna from above.
3. Mighty victim from on high,
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
death is broken in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light.
Now no more can death appal,
now no more the grave enthrall!
Thou hast opened paradise,
and in thee thy saints shall rise.
4. This, our gift of Easter joy,
sin alone can now destroy;
from sin's power do thou set free
souls newborn, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory and of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise;
risen Lord, all praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Father, we spread this table to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ, your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day. Bind us together in his love and in the love he has
commanded us to bring one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Book of Alternative Services, Eucharistic Prayer 6

The congregation remains standing, as they are able

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 our thanks and praise.

It is right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendour of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day, and, beholding your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your name, as we say,

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power; your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Saviour. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfil your purpose he gave himself up to death and, rising from the grave, destroyed death and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfilment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end: at supper with them on this night, he 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."

Father, we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

***We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

Father, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and this cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the blessed Virgin Mary, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Brendan and Bridget, Clare and Francis, and all the saints who have found favour with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.***

Silence is held

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread,
Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.

***If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.***

The gifts of God, for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

THE COMMUNION

Please follow the direction of the greeters as they invite rows to receive communion. Please maintain a single flow: approach via the main aisle and return via the side aisles. If you do not wish to receive communion, but someone else in your aisle wishes to pass by you, please exit your pew temporarily to allow them to pass at a safe distance. You are also welcome to approach the presider for a blessing only—this is traditionally indicated simply by crossing your hands over your chest as you approach.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The sanctuary is now stripped as Matthew 26:30-46 and Psalm 22 are read and sung, after which the lights will be dimmed. You are invited to remain in the church for prayer then to depart in silence.

MATTHEW 26. 30-46

Kat McCann, John Macquarrie

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, '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.' Peter said to him, 'Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.' Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' Peter said to him, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, '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.' Again he went away for the second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.' 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, '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.'

- ¹ My 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 ancestors 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 not human,
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 “You trusted in the Lord; let the Lord deliver you;
let God rescue you, if God delights in you.”
- ⁹ Yet you are the one 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 potsherd;
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.
- ¹⁷ I can count all my bones
while they stare and gloat over me.
- ¹⁸ They divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.
- ¹⁹ Be not far away, O Lord;
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- ²⁰ Save me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.
- ²¹ Save me from the lion's mouth,
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- ²² I will declare your name to my kindred;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- ²³ Praise the Lord, you that fear God;
stand in awe of God, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- ²⁴ For God does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither turns away from them;
when they cry to the Lord, they are heard.
- ²⁵ My praise is of God in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Lord.
- ²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall give praise:
"May your heart live for ever!"
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before God.

- ²⁸ For sovereignty belongs to the Lord,
 who rules over the nations.
- ²⁹ To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
 all who go down to the dust fall before God.
- ³⁰ My soul shall live for God;
 my descendants shall serve God;
 they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- ³¹ They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
 the saving deeds that God has done.



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