

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

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Maundy Thursday

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Welcome to Holy Week at Gloria Dei

During this week, we dwell in the mystery that Jesus, the Word of God who took on flesh, died for our sins – and that he rose again by the power of God's love. The services of this week trace out the major events of the last week of Jesus' natural life, beginning with his entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Today, we remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples, and his last commandment to them – to love one another. By the end of the service, we will be turning our eyes to the cross, as we strip the altar in observance of Jesus' arrest and trial.

Prelude

Opening Hymn # 648

When Israel Was In Egypt's Land

Hymnal 1982

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. *(Please kneel or sit as you are able)*

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray.

All **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.**

(All may be seated for the readings)

First Reading **Exodus 12:1-14**

Omega Moore

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 doorposts 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. 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; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 78:14-25

He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.
But they went on sinning against him, *
rebelling in the desert against the Most High.

(continued...)

They tested God in their hearts, *
 demanding food for their craving.
 They railed against God and said, *
 "Can God set a table in the wilderness?
 True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the gullies overflowed; *
 but is he able to give bread or to provide meat for his people?"
 When the LORD heard this, he was full of wrath; *
 a fire was kindled against Jacob, and his anger mounted against Israel;
 For they had no faith in God, *
 nor did they put their trust in his saving power.
 So he commanded the clouds above *
 and opened the doors of heaven.
 He rained down manna upon them to eat *
 and gave them grain from heaven.
 So mortals ate the bread of angels; *
 he provided for them food enough.

Second Reading 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.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #581

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Hymnal 1982

Proclamation of the Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John (13:1-17, 31b-35)**

People **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.

(continued...)

Intercessor Protect our lives and deliver us, for we trust in you. We pray for those who have departed this life, entering the place where there is no pain or sorrow.

(pause) Our eyes are ever looking to the Lord,

People For you are the God of our salvation.

Celebrant Loving God, whose son stayed awake to pray for us, strengthen us to resist foolish desires and vain delights, that we may watch with Christ through the changes and chances of this life; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Peace & Announcements

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you. *(Please share the peace by greeting your siblings in Christ.)*

Pre-Offertory Hymn #325

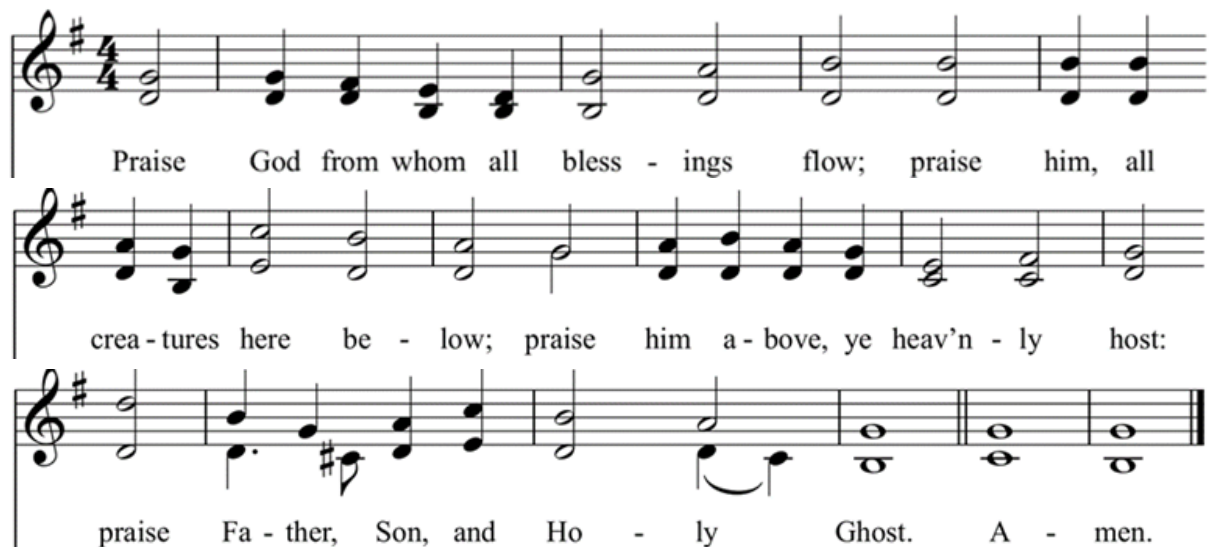
Let Us Break Bread Together

Hymnal 1982

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

-Ephesians 5:2

Collecting an offering is a way for us to remember that all we have is a gift from God, and that we are responsible to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us. Guests should feel no obligation to give. At the end of the offertory, the congregation will stand to sing a song of thanks, praising God for the many blessings we have been given.



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all
creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer, Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation:

Hymn # S129

The Sanctus

Hymnal 1982

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all. Jesus 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."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, 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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All (In a LOUD voice!) AMEN!

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**People 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.

Fraction & Invitation

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

All Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

All Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

All Grant us peace.

Celebrant This is the table not of the church but of our Lord Jesus. It is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is Jesus who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

Instrumental Hymn # 322

When Jesus Died To Save Us

Hymnal 1982

*All those interested in receiving communion should make their way forward to the rail, while the elements are prepared for distribution to the congregation. Episcopal theology recognizes baptism as the formal entry into the Christian community, and baptism is normally a prerequisite to receiving communion. However, we also recognize that God meets us wherever we are on our journey of faith. Moreover, Jesus regularly welcomed and ate with people from outside of his normal community. **Therefore, all are welcome at this table - including children!***

Kneel or stand at the rail, as you are comfortable. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available – just hold up one finger to receive either of these alternative elements. The priest will distribute wafers, which you receive in your outstretched hands. If you wish to receive the cup, you may drink or dip your wafer; it is also okay to receive the wafer only – we believe that Jesus is fully present in each of the elements of communion. If you prefer not to receive, you are still warmly invited to come forward and cross your arms to receive a blessing..

Post Communion Prayer & Solemn Prayer Over the People

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord. *(Bow or kneel as you are able)*

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.**

Hymn #171

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Hymnal 1982

The Stripping of the Altar

The people sit or kneel while the Altar is stripped. During this time, Adam will sing Psalm 22, and all are encouraged to open the Book of Common Prayer (Pages 610-612) to reflect on the Psalm.

After the stripping of the altar, the congregation is invited to remain for a time of silent prayer, or to depart in silence.

Holy Week Continues...

Friday, April 3.....Good Friday Liturgy with Solemn Collects, 7:00pm

Saturday, April 4.....Sunset Easter Vigil, 7:30pm
Wine, Cheese, and Dessert Reception following

Sunday, April 5.....Easter Sunday Service, 10:00am
Egg Hunt and Communal Potluck following

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