

Welcome to
**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

*Committed to living a faith journey that is
sacred, intentional, compassionate and inclusive*



**Maundy Thursday
Foot Washing
Stripping of the Altar**

April 2, 2026 ☩ 6:00 p.m.

Welcome to the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist!

This bulletin will guide you through the liturgy (worship service). The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), *Enriching Our Worship* and *The Hymnal 1982* are used throughout this service.

We are a school for transformation, as we seek to become a more diverse community of people, a kaleidoscope of different lifestyles, ages, ethnic and religious backgrounds, sexual orientations, financial circumstances and more. We invite all who seek God and wish to explore being part of a Christian congregation to our table and into our fellowship. We welcome those seeking a safe place for the expression of personal spiritual practices, ideas, politics, questions, doubts -- and faith. We also confess that as a community we are not perfected in love. However, we seek to become more fully loving and to accept all who wish to join this journey.

St. John's wishes to acknowledge and honor the Yokut and Miwok people[s] upon whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as the resilience and strength of all our indigenous siblings around the world.

We worship Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Those Who Serve Today

Celebrant: The Rev. Betsy McElroy (B)

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Greg Maszta (B)

Preacher: Candice Gale

Choir Director: Steven Weikle

Pianist/Organist: Michael Tompkins

Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Reeve (CW) & Charlene Martin (CJ)

Lectors: Rosemary Cress & Andee Zetterbaum

Camera Acolyte: Beth Elwood (GF)

Crucifer: Candice Gale (CW)

Ushers: Debby Weberski & Andee Zetterbaum

Sound: Corky Kuykendall

Altar Guild: Peggy Moos & Jim Reeve

Vestry Open/Close (Announcements): Debby Weberski/ Andee Zetterbaum

Designer Guild: All

MAUNDY THURSDAY RITE

About this evening's service

The Maundy Thursday Liturgy is named for the "new commandment" to love one another given by Jesus at the Last Supper. This service has four distinct elements, each one marked by a reading from the Christian Gospel. The four elements are: a ritual remembrance of Jesus' washing of his disciples' feet; a joyous celebration of the gift of the Eucharist; the stripping of the altar and sanctuary, and finally the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus asks his disciples to remain awake and keep watch.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

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Entrance Hymn

Praise to the Holiest in the height

Hymnal 445

Opening Acclamation

Hymnal S82

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

His mercy en - dures for ev - er.

Confession of Sin *Deacon or Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People

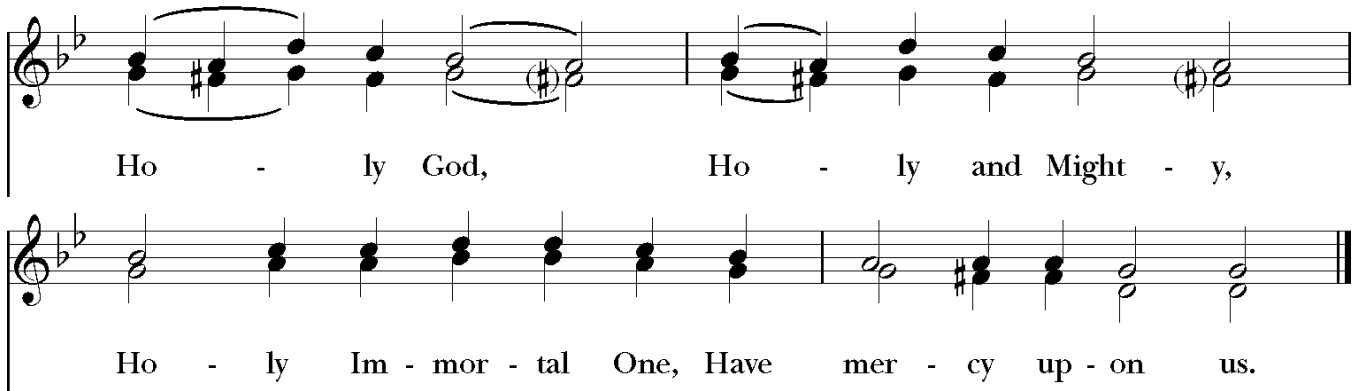
**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son 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.**

Celebrant continues,

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**

Trisagion *Stand as able, all together. Repeat 3 times.*

Hymnal S102



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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 *(Seated)*

Rosemary Cress

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. 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; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. (*Exodus 12:1-14*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1,10-17

Rosemary Cress

- 1 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.
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord *
For all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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.

(1Corinthians 11:23-26)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

When Jesus died to save us

Hymnal 322

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John

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

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.

“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.” (John 13:1-17, 31b-35)

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Candice Gale

The Washing of Feet

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. 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. We all need to remember his example, but none stand more in need of this reminder than those whom the Lord has called to the ordained ministry. Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that we may recall whose servant we are by following the example of our Master. Come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you 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.”

If you wish to participate in the foot washing, please remove your shoes and socks before coming forward.

Prayers of the People

The leader and people pray responsively, standing.

Anne Reeve

Deacon or Presider

Gracious God, in Jesus Christ you feed us and serve us with your very Life. Help us feed and serve the world in your name, by our prayers and by our witness, by the choices we make and by the actions we take. By your grace, we begin here and now, praying for all whom you love, asking you to hear our prayer.

Intercessor

For the Church, that we may remember the one whom we serve, and the cost of his service to us. Make us cleansing waters and healing balm to the prisoner, the captive, the poor, and all in need.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those given charge of the welfare of nations. May they remember that the leader is one who serves. We pray for our president and cabinet, for the congress, for the leaders of our city, and for all who govern.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those who must make hard moral choices, who hold the lives of others in their hands. For doctors and nurses and rescue workers; for ethicists and lawmakers.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those whose feet are dirty because they have no shoes, whose hearts are broken because they have no hope. For those who own only the clothes on their backs. For those without homes and for those who are alone.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those for whom life is hard. For those whose minds are not clear. For those in harm's way, especially soldiers and civilians in places of war and strife around the world. For all those in mortal danger.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those who are sick and all those in any other need. We pray for all those we now name. Especially, ...

Silence

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those who mourn and all whose lives have been taken by the hand of others. Grant us both the courage to seek justice, and the strength to forgive.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those who have died, for all those whose memory will live in the members of this community. For all others who have died, whom we now name.

Silence

By the power of Christ who died our death, may they know the power of everlasting life. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

God of Jesus Christ: Teach us to serve all people in your name. By your Spirit's power, make us light, to dispel the darkness of sorrow and sin. Break us and make us bread for the world. Sustain us through the night of suffering and speed the coming of your kingdom, when the servant will be known as the Lord of all and love will forever abound; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

The Peace is exchanged.

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence *Celebrant continues*

“Jesus said, ‘I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another’” (*John*)

Offertory Anthem

As in that upper room you left your seat
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WLP 730

The Doxology

Praise to God (vs. 3 only)

Hymnal 380

Celebrant

There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

A - MEN.

The Lord's Prayer

(traditional)

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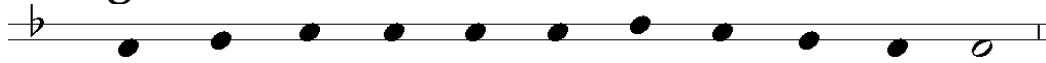
Celebrant: And now as our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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

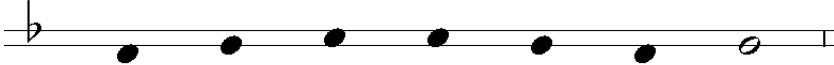
Hymnal S153

Celebrant:



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People:



There - fore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Hymn

Jesus, Lamb of God

Hymnal S 164

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please place hands crossed over your heart if you wish to receive communion in one kind, or a blessing.

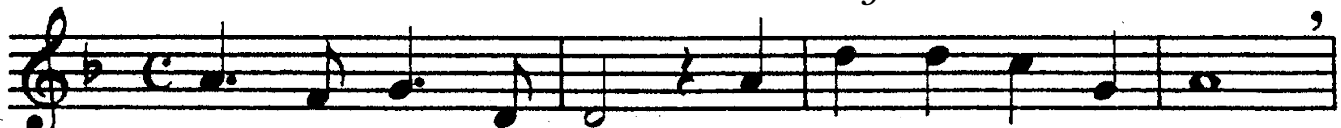
Communion Hymn

Let us break bread together on our knees


Hymnal 325

Bless the Lord My Soul

Taizé Volume II



Bless the Lord my soul, and bless his ho - ly name.



Bless the Lord my soul, he res - cues me from death.

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Post communion Prayer *(kneeling)*

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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 Stripping of the Altar

While Psalm 22 is read by lectors, The members of the Altar Guild and clergy will strip the altar and the area around it while the people watch and pray. After the altar stripping has concluded, the altar party will depart in silence. All may quietly remain for a time in silent reflection.

Psalm 22

Rosemary Cress (vs. 1-15) & Andee Zetterbaum (vs. 16-30)

- 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 forefathers 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 no man, *
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 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he 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 pot-sherd;
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; I can count all my bones.
- 17 They stare and gloat over me; *
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.
- 18 Be not far away, O Lord; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 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.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

Depart in silence.

Garden of Gethsemane Watch is 7:00 pm tonight to Midnight

for silent prayer and meditation.
For security, the building will be locked.

If you do not have a key to the church, knock on the patio doors for entrance.

You can also give through GIVELIFY app. If you go to our website:
www.stjohnsoflodi.org On the right side of the page you can click on GIVELIFY. Put
in Episcopal church of St. John the Baptist and indicate the amount of your gift and
what is for, i.e. pledge, rector/deacon discretionary, other, etc.). Givelify App is
available at: [the "App Store"](#) or ["Google Play"](#) Or scan this code:



Many thanks to the Designer Guild for the creation of the Garden of Gethsemane.

The watch takes place this evening, 7 pm – Midnight
All are invited to come for silent prayer and meditation. See instructions on back.

Thursday, April 2

6:00 pm

7:00 pm to Midnight

Maundy Thursday Foot washing

Eucharist, Stripping of Altar

Garden of Gethsemane Watch

Friday, April 3

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

12 Noon

4:00 pm

Good Friday

Contemplative Veneration of the Cross

Ecumenical Service at First United Methodist

Way of the Cross – All Age Interactive Service

Saturday, April 4

7:00 pm

Easter Vigil

Historic Chapel & Church

Sunday, April 5

9:30 am

Easter Sunday

Holy Eucharist, Reception & Children's Egg Hunt

Monday, April 6 – Office Closed

Tuesday, April 7 - Rev. Betsy Day Off

Wednesday, April 8

12:00 Noon, Noon-Day Prayer, Chapel

6:00 pm, Choir Practice, Church

Good Friday Collection Announcement – Since 1922, Episcopalians have supported ministries of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East through the Good Friday Offering. We will continue this tradition of our Good Friday's collection going to the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem. An offering will be taken, checks may be made payable to St. John's.

Do you have Cats at home? Remember during this Easter Season, that all lilies, including Easter lilies, are extremely toxic to cats. (Even if they just brush past one, then lick their fur, it can be fatal.) Please keep them completely out of reach and pass this warning onto your cat-owning friends and family.

2026 Vestry Members - Beth Elwood, Senior Warden; Eric Goossens, Junior Warden
Rosemary Cress, David Diekman, Phyllis Duarte, Robert Elliott, Bob Gorczyca,
Katie Howard, Christina Soria & Dani Wilson

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