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HOLY COMMUNION  
*with STRIPPING of the ALTAR*

12p  
MAUNDY THURSDAY  
28 March 2024

The Cathedral of  
THE DIOCESE OF THE CAROLINAS  
of the Anglican Church in North America

## THE ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be our God.  
*People* **Now and for ever. Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN—325

"LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER"  
Hurd

*The Celebrant says*

On this day Christ the Son of Man gathered with his disciples in the upper room.  
On this day Christ our Lord and Master took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, calling us to love one another as he has loved us.

On this day Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his perfect sacrifice.

On this day Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with your spirit.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose most dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it in thankful remembrance of Jesus Christ our Savior, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12.1-14

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

PSALM 78.15-26 *Miserere mei, Deus*

*The Cantor chants the first and first half of the second verse. The people then join.*



- <sup>18</sup> They tested **God** in **their** hearts, \*  
demanding food **for** their **craving**.
- <sup>19</sup> They **railed** against **God** and said, \*  
"Can God set a table **in** the **wilderness**?"
- <sup>20</sup> 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**?"
- <sup>21</sup> When the Lord heard this, **he** was **full** of wrath; \*  
a fire was kindled against Jacob, and his anger mounted **against** **Israel**;
- <sup>22</sup> For they **had** no **faith** in God, \*  
nor did they put their trust **in** his **saving** power.
- <sup>23</sup> So he **commanded** the **clouds** above \*  
and opened the **doors** of **heaven**.
- <sup>24</sup> He rained down manna **upon** them **to** eat \*  
and gave them **grain** from **heaven**.
- <sup>25</sup> So mortals ate the **bread** of **angels**; \*  
he provided **for** them **food** enough.
- Glory to the **Father**, and **to** the Son;  
and to the **Holy Spirit**.
- As it was in the **beginning**, **is** now,  
and will be for **ever**. **Amen.**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?”  
*Verba Vitae*

**Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
We have believed and have come to know you are the Holy One of God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

*The people stand*

*Deacon*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.  
*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 13.1-15

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

THE HOMILY

(the Revd) Tom Garman

THE NICENE CREED

*All stand to recite the Creed, the Celebrant first saying,*  
Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified;  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The People kneel, if able, or remain standing*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

*Deacon* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Steve, David, Thad and Terrell, our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

*Deacon* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

*Deacon* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

*Deacon* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially Joe, our President; Henry, our Governor; Daniel, our mayor; and all our elected representatives.

*Deacon* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially...

*Deacon* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, especially... in thanksgiving let us pray.

*Deacon* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

I invite you to add your other petitions and thanksgivings at this time...

*The Celebrant adds this Concluding Collect*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Deacon* Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**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.**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11.28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

*John 3.16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

*1 Timothy 1.15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

*1 John 2.1-2*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

## INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE PARISH

### OFFERTORY

“WE ARE NOT OVERCOME”

*Isaac Wardell and Robert Heiskell*

**Flesh will fail and bones will break; thieves will steal, the earth will shake.**

**Night will fall, the light will fade; the Lord will give and take away:**

**Put no trust in the earth, in the sod you stand up on**

**Flowers fade into dust; the Lord will make a place for us:**

*Refrain* **Because of his great love, we are not overcome!**

**Because of his great love, we are not overcome!**

**Have no fear for your life; turn your cheek! Turn your cheek!**

**Bear the yoke of life and death; the Lord will give all life and breath:**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*When the gifts are placed on the Altar, the celebrant says,*

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O LORD,

*People* **And of your own have we given you.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; and on the night before he suffered, he instituted these holy mysteries; that we, receiving the benefits of his passion and resurrection, might be made partakers of his divine nature. 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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Eisley*

*The People kneel, if able, or remain standing*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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. (*With emphasis*) **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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 FRACTION

**Christ our Paschal Lamb is offered up for us,**

**once for all, as he bore our sins on the cross.**

**Therefore let us keep a joyful and holy feast before the Lord.**

*Fiona*

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your abundant and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up  
the crumbs under your table;  
but you are the same Lord  
whose character is always to have mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

*All baptized Christians who trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are welcome at the Lord's Table. Those not prepared to receive Communion are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing from the priest. Those who would like to receive from the intinction-only station, in which only the server dips the bread into the wine, please come to the middle of the rail. All others, please go around to the side rails to the left or right. After receiving, our Prayer Team is available to pray with you through the doors to the left of the altar. All requests are held in the strictest confidence.*

## COMMUNION SONG

**"AGNUS DEI ET KYRIE ELEISON"**

Marty Reardon

**Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
O grant us your peace, O grant us your peace.**

## THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*Stripping the Altar (removing all ornaments, linens, and paraments) is an ancient custom of the Church symbolizing Jesus' purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us. This representation of the humiliation of Jesus and the consequences of our sin prepares us for the celebration of new life and hope of Easter.*

*The Clergy and People depart in silence.*

## TODAY'S VESTED CLERGY

Celebrant John Barr • Deacon Lisa Wheeler

# W E L C O M E

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We're glad you're here.

## THE TRIDUUM

The Easter Triduum invites us to re-live the passion, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Maundy Thursday to the Easter Vigil are the three holiest days of the year. The services on these days are considered one continuous service spread over three days.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY *March 28*

- 6p **Seder Meals in Homes** — Our Lord instituted his Holy Eucharist as the fulfillment of the Passover. Share a Seder meal with family and friends. A copy of the easy-to-follow instructions (Haggadah) are available at the Connect Desk and on our website. The liturgy of this shared meal demonstrates the remarkable ways Jesus fulfilled salvation history in his death and resurrection.

### GOOD FRIDAY *March 29*

- 7p **Liturgy for Good Friday** — We ponder the “Goodness” of this Friday with music, scripture, prayers, and the chance to come face-to-face with the hard truth that the Cross was necessary for our redemption.

### HOLY SATURDAY *March 30*

- 7p **The Great Vigil of Easter with Baptism** — The New Fire is kindled, the Paschal Candle is lit, and we walk through the history of God's salvation; Lent ends and Easter begins! Bring something to jingle, bang, whistle, or drum for The Great Noise.
- 9p **Break the Fast Party** — Lent has ended and our Easter Feast begins! Everyone brings a favorite treat to share. Don't miss it!

### EASTER DAY *March 31*

- 10a **Festal Eucharist** — Hail Thee, Festival Day! We celebrate the most joyous occasion of the Christian year: God raising his Son from the dead to conquer death for us.
- 12m **Easter Egg Hunt** — Directly after the service, tots up to 5th grade will gather eggs filled with sweet treats, so bring your Easter baskets!