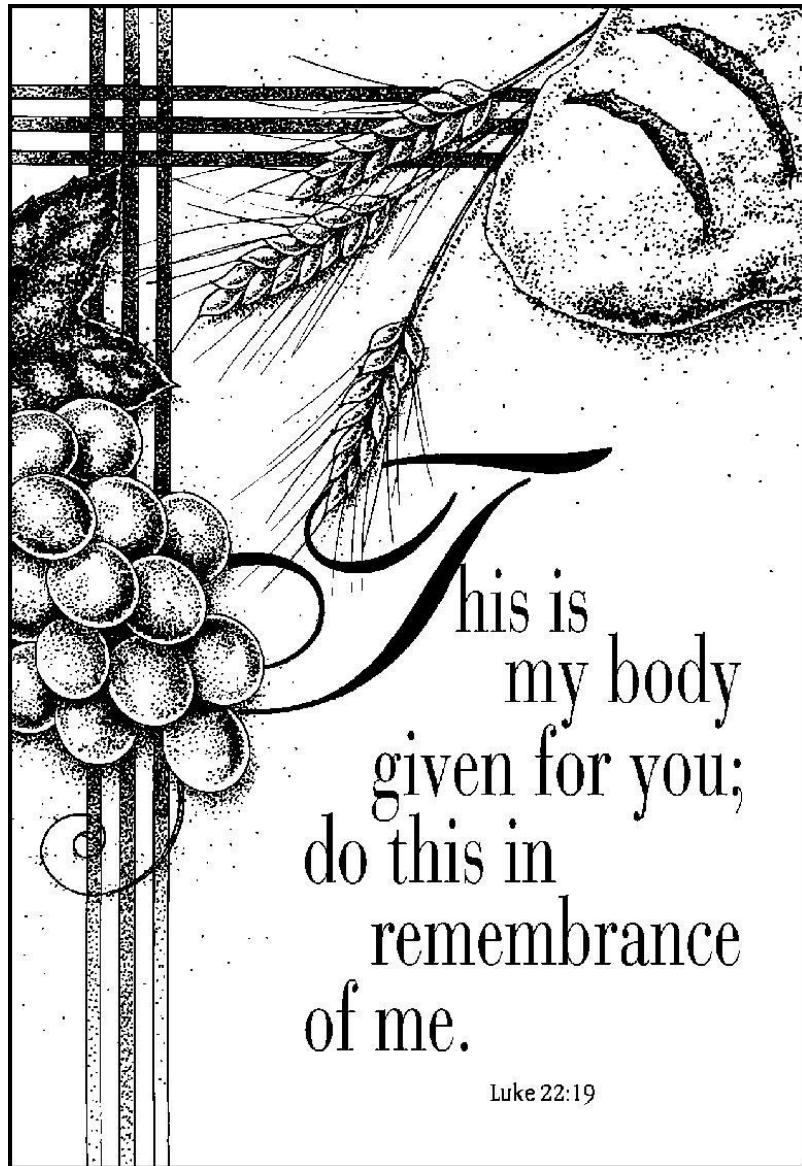


*St. Mark's Episcopal Church
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Thursday, April 17, 2025
Maundy Thursday, 7.00 pm
Dr. Rev. William Bergmann, *Officiant*
Lee Yezek, *Minister of Music*
Usher/Reader: Bob Strain, Paul Ackroyd
Chalice: Elaina

ENTRANCE HYMN: *Go to dark Gethsemane (Petra)* (H 171)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Salutation:

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever

Trisagion (*said three times*)

Celebrant: Holy God,

Holy and Mighty

Holy Immortal One,

All : Have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

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.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

¹The 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 neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.] 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 judgments: 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.

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1, 10-17

Remain seated.

¹I 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.

¹⁰How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?

¹¹I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

¹²I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.

¹³Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

¹⁴O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁵I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

¹⁶I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,

¹⁷in the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

²³I 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

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

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray (Song 1) (H 315)*
All stand.

GOSPEL: Luke 22:14-30

All stand.

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

¹⁴ When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵ He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, ¹⁶ for I tell you, I will not eat it^[a] until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, ¹⁸ for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹ Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰ And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.^[b] ²¹ But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²² For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!” ²³ Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

²⁴ A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵ But he said to them, “The kings of the gentiles lord it over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶ But not so with you; rather, the greatest among you must become like the youngest and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

²⁸ “You are those who have stood by me in my trials, ²⁹ and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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

THE HOMILY

HAND - WASHING DIALOGUE

During the ceremony, the following or other suitable anthems may be sung or said

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, “Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done.”

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 359)

All remain standing.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

PRAVERS FOR THOSE ON THE ST. MARK'S PRAVER LIST

Let us pray for our own needs and others.

Anna Oliversen, Kate and her family, Fran Fletcher, Elizabeth, Evie and her family Beth, Brendan, and Corinne, Andrew Ward, Christine, Marcia & Ralph Regner, Jane, Lisa, Ben, Ross, Pamela, Bob, Brian Smith, Angela, Lorenz, Ovril, Margaret Bateman, Cathy, Sherrie Carroll, Brooke, Sandra, Charlotte, David Andrew, Sue Sweeney, Valerie Beleski, Meagan, Michelle Eberle, Mark and Amela, Janet Andrews, Ross, Tracy, Marge, Pam Mark, John Gallacher, Linda O'Donnell, Beth, Jack Winter, Jim and Cheryl, Deanna Teal, Sabrina and her family, Susan, and Kate, Marion Perrault, Shelly Wadsworth, James, Maria, Jennifer, Katie.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED

Betty MacNamara, Diane, Gil Melanson, Bonnie, Cheryl Galvin, Daniel Corcoran

THANKSGIVING FOR HEALING

James, Sue Duran

PRAVER FOR THE PARISH (said by all)

Almingly and everliving God, ruler of all things inheaven
And earth , hear our prayers for this Parish family. Strengthen
the faithful,arouse the careless, and restore the penitent.
Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring
Us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one
with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our
earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this
fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be
surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We
ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our
intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives
and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY HYMN H -581 “Where charity and love prevail..”

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

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 him thanks and praise.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the

fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn

SANCTUS S 124 Holy, holy, holy (BCP p.362)

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection,

as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,
Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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 forever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364)

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.

INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL**COMMUNION HYMN: *O Saving Victim (2) (Herr Jesu Christ) (H-310)*****Post Communion prayer**

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Let go Forth in Peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Stripping of the Altar.

During the Stripping of the Altar, Psalm 22 is recite by all

Psalm 22

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 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.*

**At the conclusion of the Stripping of the altar, the lights are dimmed.
We leave the Church in silence.**



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