

Christ Episcopal Church



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1521 N. Patterson St.
Valdosta, GA 31602



March 28, 2024

6:00 PM

Rite II

The Paschal Triduum: Day One – Maundy Thursday
Welcome to Christ Church!

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude – *There is a Balm in Gilead* Mark Hayes

Processional – *Thou, Who at thy First Eucharist Didst Pray*



Unison or harmony

1 Thou, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray
2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;
3 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,
that all thy Church might be for ev - er one, cease;
make thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease;
may we be one with all thy Church a - bove,
grant us at ev - ery Eu - cha - rist to say
draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,
one with thy saints in one un - bro - ken peace,

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with long - ing heart and soul, "Thy will be done,"
 by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
 one with thy saints in one un - bound - ed love;

O may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 thus may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 more bless - ed still, in peace and love to be

through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty,
 through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty,
 one with the Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for
 ever. Amen.**

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
 Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Collect

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.

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

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 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1, 10-17 (Unison)

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Dilexi, quoniam

- 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.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For 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, 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.

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

Gospel Hymn – *God is Love, and Where True Love Is*

Refrain



God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.

1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,
3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,



Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.



Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

Repeat Refrain



Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.
be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

¹Now 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master,

nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ¹⁸I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfil the scripture, "The one who ate my bread^[e] has lifted his heel against me." ¹⁹I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he.^[f] ²⁰Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.' ²¹After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, 'Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.' ²²The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. ²³One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; ²⁴Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. ²⁵So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, 'Lord, who is it?' ²⁶Jesus answered, 'It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.'^[g] So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot.^[h] ²⁷After he received the piece of bread,^[i] Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, 'Do quickly what you are going to do.' ²⁸Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, 'Buy what we need for the festival'; or, that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night. ³¹Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.³³ 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.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Hal Weidman

Address to the Congregation:

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 kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service, and he commanded them to follow his example by washing one another’s feet.

Therefore I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ to come forward, that we may follow the example of our Master, remembering the new commandment that he gave this night, “Love one another as I have loved you. By this shall the world know that you are my disciples; That you have love for one another.”

The Washing of Feet

(All in attendance of all ages are invited to come forward at this time to have their feet washed. Please remove your shoes and socks before you come forward.)

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 Peace

Anthem – *In Remembrance of Me*
Beryl Red

Choir

Presentation of Alms and Oblations

All things come of thee, O Lord

And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Liturgy of Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer D

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

 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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly 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 splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of 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,

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.**

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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 Savior. 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 fulfill 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 fulfillment the sanctification of all.

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.

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 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 this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his 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.

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

Lord, 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 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.

Remember all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, our Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Frank, our Bishop; Scott, our retired bishop, for Hal, our priest, Walter and Marcia, our assisting priests, Peter, our retired priest, Nancy, our deacon; Stella and Patricia, our retired deacons; and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember - *Don Brice, Alexis Carr, Jeanna Culpepper, Gene Greneker, Louise Harden, Frances Hatcher, Tommy Hatcher, Greg Holland, Peter Ingeman, Michane James, Mike Lassen, Mindy Meeker, Gnann Moser, Ray Murphy, Rocky, Lucy Tomberlin, Michelle Weidman, Jacquie Wheeler, Gordon Zeese.*

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light, especially David Avera, Patsy Boone, Brett Nelson, Kathleen Parsons, Burt Tillman

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor 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 honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.

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

The Communion

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 Hymn – *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

Chorus

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2 Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and
3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

Repeat Chorus

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
love. All are neigh-bors to us and you.
slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;

Refrain

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;

Refrain

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

Stripping of the Sanctuary

Psalm 22

Deus, Deus meus

- 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.**

**On this night after the stripping of the altar we
depart in silence**

Note: The Night Watch is from 7:30pm – 7:30am