

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE *ASCENSION*



We believe in sharing love and grace
with God and one another.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28, 2024

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda Curry, Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama
The Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, Assisting Bishop
The Reverend Candice B. Frazer, Rector
The Reverend Andrew S. Brislin, Associate Rector

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE TWO AND RITUAL STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

6:30PM LIVESTREAM

Voluntary *Ubi caritas* (C. Cooman)

Introit *Ubi caritas* (O. Gjello)

THE WORD OF GOD

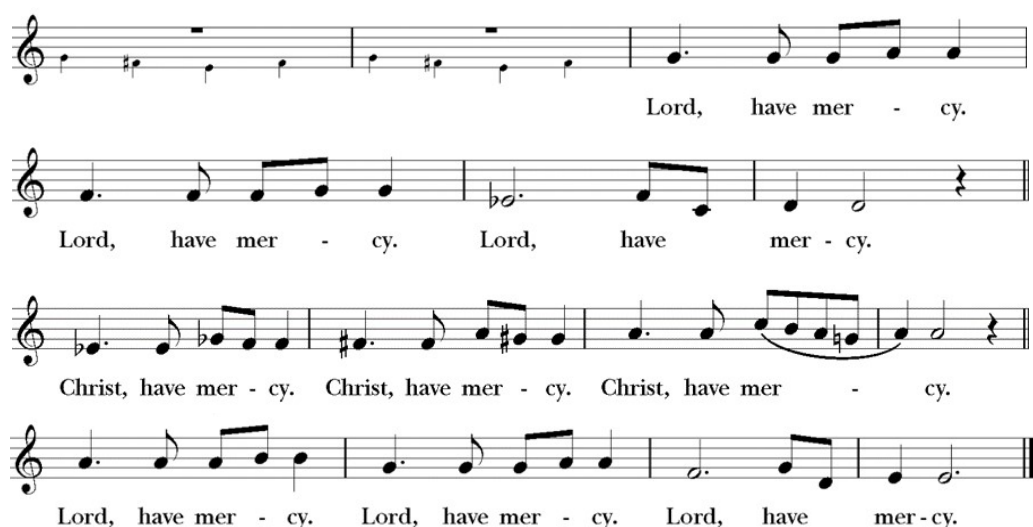
Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, 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. Amen. *Amen.*

Kyrie Eleison, Hymn S98



Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Collect of the Day

BCP 221

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

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 First Lesson

Exodus 12:1-14

A reading from the book of Exodus.

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

Psalm 116: 1, 10-17 *Dilexi Quoniam*

Thomas Dupuis
(1733–1796)



- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my / sup - pli - cation, *
because he has inclined his ear to me when - / ever I / called up - on him.
- 10 How shall I re - / pay the / LORD *
for all the good things / he has / done for / me?
- 11 I will lift up the / cup of • sal - vation *
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 Je - rusalem.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 11:23-26


A reading from Paul's first letter 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.


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

Sequence Hymn 606 *Where true charity and love dwell (Ubi caritas)*


Antiphon




Where true char - i - ty and love dwell, God him - self is there.




1 Since the love of Christ has joined us in one bo - dy,
2 As we are all of one bo - dy, when we gath - er
3 Now we pray that with the bless - ed you grant us grace



let us all re - joice and be glad now and al - ways.
let no dis - cord or en - mi - ty break our one - ness.
to see your ex - alt - ed glo - ry, O Christ our God,



And as we hear and love our Lord, the liv - ing God,
May all our pet - ty jeal - ous - ies and ha - tred cease
our bound - less source of joy and truth, of peace and love,



so let us in sin - cer - i - ty love all peo - ple. [Ant.]
that Christ the Lord may be with us through all our days. [Ant.]
for ev - er and for ev - er - more, world with - out end. [Ant.]

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The Holy Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Celebrant
People

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

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

Sermon

The Rev. Candice B. Frazer

The Prayers of the People are Form VI found on page 392, kneeling as you are able. *[Pause for a slow count to three]*

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For Joe our President, Kay our Governor, and Steven our mayor; For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Glenda and Brian, our bishops; for Candice and Drew our clergy and Chris our seminary intern; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *(The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.)*
Silence

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

BCP 360

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

Announcements

Giving is available on-line by going to our website and click on the "Give" link, Venmo @ChurchOfAscension-Montgomery,Alabama, or text the word "GIVE" to (833)901-2138 and follow as prompted.

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Anthem *O Sacrum Convivium* (D. Locklair)

Doxology Hymn 380, v. 3 (Old 100th)

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People And of thine own have we given thee. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

BCP 361

Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic 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 God thanks and praise.

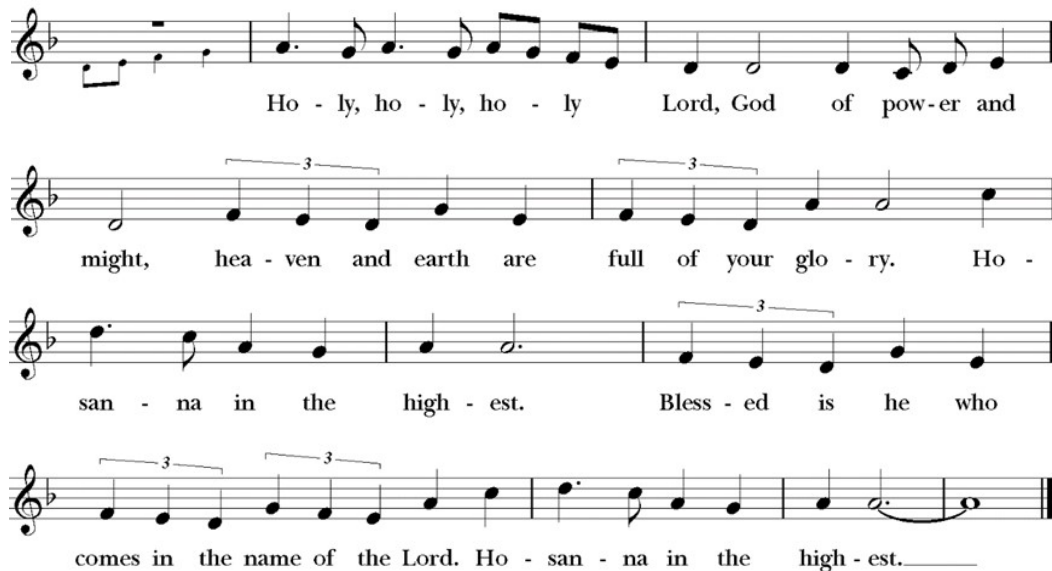
The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 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:

Sanctus, Hymn S129 *Holy, holy, holy* (R. Powell)



Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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. 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. *AMEN.*

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

Officiant and People

BCP 364

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.

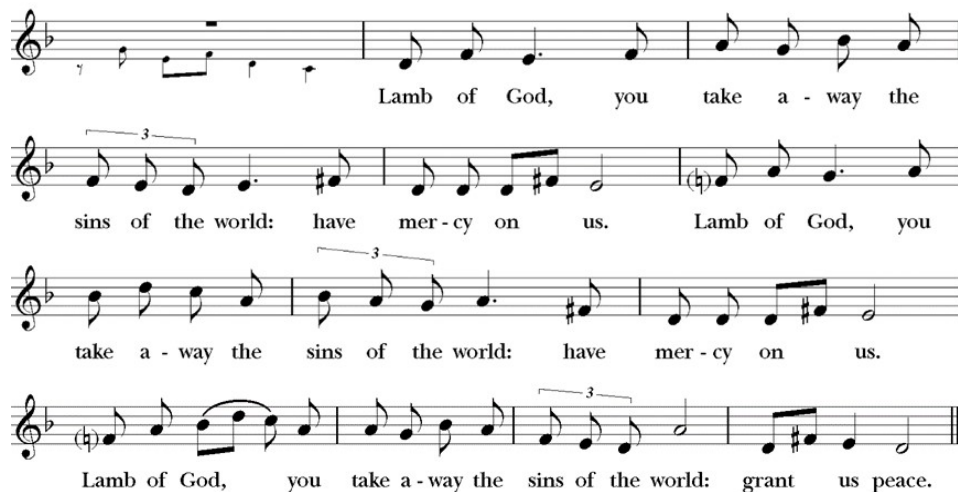
Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

A period of silence is kept.

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

Agnus Dei, Hymn S163 *Jesus, Lamb of God* (R. Powell)



The Celebrant says

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.

Music at Communion **Alleluia II 125** *In Remembrance of me* (B. Red)

*In remembrance of me, eat this bread.
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.
In remembrance of me, heal the sick.
In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in.
Take, eat, and be comforted,
Drink, and remember, too, that this is my body and precious blood shed for you.
Shed for you.
In remembrance of me, search for truth.
In remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart, in your heart.
Look in your heart for God.
Do this in remembrance of me.
Do this in remembrance of me.
Oo-Oo-Oo-Oo In remembrance of me.*

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

Blessing

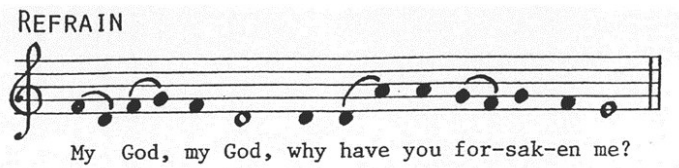
The priest blesses the people, saying

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.*

And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you this day and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Ritual Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22, Deus Meus



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| 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? * | 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, * |
| and are so far from my cry | and there is none to help. |
| and from the words of my distress? | |
| 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not | 12 Many young bulls encircle me; * |
| answer; * | strong bulls of Bashan surround me. |
| by night as well, but I find no rest. | 13 They open wide their jaws at me, * |
| 3 Yet you are the Holy One, * | like a ravening and a roaring lion. |
| enthroned upon the praises of Israel. | 14 I am poured out like water; |
| 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; * | all my bones are out of joint; * |
| they trusted, and you delivered them. | my heart within my breast is melting wax. |
| 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; * | 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; |
| they trusted in you and were not put to shame. | my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; * |
| 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, * | and you have laid me in the dust of the grave. |
| scorned by all and despised by the people. | 16 Packs of dogs close me in, |
| 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; * | and gangs of evildoers circle around me; * |
| they curl their lips and wag their heads, say- | they pierce my hands and my feet; |
| ing, | 17 They stare and gloat over me; * |
| 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, * | they divide my garments among them; |
| and kept me safe upon my mother's breast. | they cast lots for my clothing. |
| 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was | 18 Save me from the sword, * |
| born;* | my life from the power of the dog. |
| you were my God when I was still in my | 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, * |
| mother's womb. | 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.
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.
28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow
down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
30 They shall come and make known to a people
yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

8 Stay with me Bleibet hier

$\text{♩} = 72$ Dm Gm⁶ Dm Gm⁶ Dm C

p Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
Blei - bet hier und wa - chet mit mir, wa - chet und

f F C Dm A SUS A

pray, tet, watch and pray, tet,
be tet, wa - chet und be tet.

f p

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features two systems of staves. The first system contains the first line of music, and the second system contains the second line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 72. Chord symbols are placed above the staves: Dm, Gm6, Dm, Gm6, Dm, and C. Dynamics include piano (p) and forte (f). The lyrics are in English and German. The English lyrics are: 'Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, tet, watch and pray, tet.' The German lyrics are: 'Blei - bet hier und wa - chet mit mir, wa - chet und be tet, wa - chet und be tet.' The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and slurs.

You are invited to stay and pray. Please exit in silence.

Holy Week

SCHEDULE

Week of March 24-30

PALM SUNDAY

8:00 AM, Rite One

10:30 AM, Liturgy of the Palms

WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER WITH MEDITATION

8:00 AM, Chapel & On Facebook

MAUNDY THURSDAY

5:30 PM, Foot washing

6:00 PM, Eucharist

GOOD FRIDAY

12:05 PM, Nave

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5:00 PM, Outdoor Chapel

HOLY SATURDAY

9:00 AM, Nave

Easter Schedule

Saturday March 30th

- Easter Vigil (Taize Service)
 - 7:25 PM

Sunday March 31st

- Sunrise Service at Oakwood Cemetery
 - 6:30 AM
- Family Festal Eucharist Followed by Easter Egg Hunt
 - 9:00 AM
- Festal Eucharist
 - 11:00 AM



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