



St. Martin's Episcopal Church  
Bridgewater, New Jersey



An Abbreviated Celebration of the Holy Eucharist  
with Spiritual Communion  
Rite 2

Maundy Thursday:  
The Mass of the Institution of the Lord's Supper

## Opening Hymn



1 When Je - sus left his Fa - ther's throne, he chose an hum - ble birth;  
2 Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mo - thers round him pressed;  
3 When Je - sus in - to Zi - on rode, the chil - dren sang a - round;



like us, un - hon - ored and un - known, he came to dwell on earth.  
their in - fants in his arms he took, and on his bos - om blessed.  
for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their gar - ments on the ground.



Like him may we be found be - low, in wis - dom's path of peace;  
Safe from the world's al - lur - ing harms, be - neath his watch - ful eye,  
Ho - san - na our glad voic - es raise, ho - san - na to our King!



like him in grace and know - ledge grow as years and strength in - crease.  
thus in the cir - cle of his arms may we for ev - er lie.  
Should we for - get our Sa - vior's praise, the stones them - selves would sing.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854) Music: *Kingsford*, English folk melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) Copyright © by permission of Oxford University Press. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

Priest: + Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

*All: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen*

### **Hymn of Praise: Gloria in excelsis (said)**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **Collect of the Day**

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 Lesson (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)**

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. The Word of the Lord/ *Thanks be to God*

**Psalm 116:1, 10-17** *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.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Cantor:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless Glory.

I give you a new commandment says the Lord;

Love one another as I have loved you.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless Glory.

## **The Holy Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our + Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*All: 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.”

Mark 13:1-17

The Gospel of the Lord./ *All: Praise to you, O Christ.*

## **The Homily**

**Father Robert Laws**

### **The Prayers of the People Form III**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

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 (insert names here) and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble; *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to (insert names here) and all of 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*

Priest: O God, your son Jesus is the true vine and bread of life, ever giving himself that the world might live; May we share in his death and passion: so that we may be made perfect in his love. *Amen.*

### **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All: 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.*

Priest: 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*

### **The Peace and The Offertory Sentence**

# The Offertory Hymn

*Descant (after stanzas 2 and 3)*

God is love, God is love,

*Refrain*

God is love, and where true love is

1-3

*Final Ending*

God him - self is there. there. \_\_\_\_\_

God him - self is there. 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.



## **The Liturgy of the Altar**

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 our thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever 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.***

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:

*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 forever. *Amen.*

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

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

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are they who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion (prayed silently)**

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen. Lord Jesus, come dwell in my heart.

### **Communion Hymn**

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. \_\_\_\_\_

Words: Afro-American spiritual. Music: *Let Us Break Bread*, Afro-American spiritual; harm. David Hurd (b. 1950) Copyright ©1985, David Hurd. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*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**

*Psalm 22 is read as the priest strips and scourges the altar in remembrance of the humiliation and sufferings of our Savior in his passion. Before the altar is stripped, the Blessed Sacrament is moved to the Lady Chapel.*

### 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 forever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

## Silence

After the altar is scourged, reminiscent of the beatings Jesus endured after his arrest, the priest kneels as the following hymn is sung, inviting us to watch and pray with Jesus in the garden. The Watch follows the hymn.

## Hymn: Go to Dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt-er's power;  
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of life ar - raigned;  
3 Cal-vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

your Re-deem - er's con-flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!  
mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete;

turn not from his griefs a - way, learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.  
Shun not suf - fering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.  
"It is fi - nished!" hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854) Music: *Petra*, Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

## The Watch

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” Peter said to him, “Even though all become deserters, I will not.” Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” But he said vehemently, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.” He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”



### **St. Anselm's Prayer for Love**

O blessed Lord, you have commanded us to love one another. Just as we have received your undeserved blessings, may we love everyone in you and for you. We ask your kindness for all, but especially for the friends whom your love has given to us. Love them, O fountain of love, and move them to love you with all their heart, that they may will, and speak, and do only those things which are pleasing to you. Our prayer is cold, because our love is so feeble, but you are rich in mercy. Do not measure your goodness to them by the dullness of our devotion, but as your kindness surpasses all human affection, so let your hearing transcend our prayer. Do what is best for them, according to your will, that being ruled and protected by you always and everywhere, they may receive eternal life in the end; to you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and praise for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Mozarabic Litany of the Passion**

Good Shepherd, you laid down your life for the sheep, remember us:  
*Be gracious and have mercy on us.*

Everlasting Power and Wisdom of the most high God, Word of the Father, remember us: *Be gracious and have mercy on us.*

Maker of the world, the Life of all, the Lord of angels, remember us:  
*Be gracious and have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, for us you were led as a sheep to the slaughter, remember us:  
*Be gracious and have mercy on us.*

You were seized, guiltless, buffeted, given over to murderers, remember us:  
*Be gracious and have mercy on us.*

By your death you overcome the death of our guilt, remember us:  
*Be gracious and have mercy on us. Amen.*

