

Mobile, Alabama
Maundy Thursday
April 2, 2026
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Twelve noon

We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two in The Book of Common Prayer. For ease of use, this booklet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in bold. Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982. Page numbers refer to the Prayer Book for those wishing to use it. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Prelude

Welcome

The Word of God

BCP 355

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever.**

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to 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.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

BCP 274

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, 11-14*

Reader: 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* *Please read responsively by whole verse.* BCP 759

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*

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul 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

Petra

Hymnal 171

Go to dark Gethsemane vv. 1, 2

Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away, learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.

The Holy Gospel: *John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

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

People: **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.**

Sequence Hymn

Petra

Hymnal 171

Go to dark Gethsemane v. 3

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,
mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete;
"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.

Meditation

The Prayers of The People

Deacon: When the hour had come for Christ to be glorified, Jesus washed the disciples' feet, giving us his example of servanthood, and he fed them with bread and wine so that we might participate in his death and resurrection: Loving God, be present with us as we bring into your compassionate heart all of the suffering and need of the world, saying: We love you, O God, because you have heard the voice of our supplication.

Intercessor: Gracious One, through Christ you gave the disciples the new commandment to love one another: Empower the Church with your Spirit, that we may walk in the way of the cross with such courage and compassion that everyone will know that we are Christ's disciples.

We love you, O God,

because you have heard the voice of our supplication.

Holy, Immortal One, you absorbed the injustice, evil, and violence of every power and principality in Christ's glorification upon the cross: Empower those who work for reconciliation and peace, that everyone exercising a position of authority in the world may share in your work of healing and reunion.

We love you, O God,

because you have heard the voice of our supplication.

Giver of Eternal Life, we ask your compassionate presence to be active in every place where people suffer or mourn or die.

We love you, O God,

because you have heard the voice of our supplication.

Author of Salvation and Lover of Humankind, let the new life of grace enfold those who are to be confirmed, especially Asia, Ben, George, May, Thompson, and Wilt.

We love you, O God,

because you have heard the voice of our supplication.

Healer of bodies and souls, we bring our prayers of intercession and supplication for those we love. We lift our words of thanksgiving and praise to you. Precious in your sight, O God, is the death of your servants. We commend to Christ's cross and resurrection those who have died.

We love you, O God,

because you have heard the voice of our supplication.

Deacon: In Jesus the divine life has been revealed to us as servant and sacrifice. Gracious God, hear our prayers on behalf of your whole creation. Receive our offering as you received Christ's death for us, consecrating everything into the life of the Spirit, for you live and reign, One God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People:

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.

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Carol Muehlig
(b. 1947)

When Christ Broke Bread

Mollie Adams, *soprano*

When Christ broke bread and raised the cup our souls' deep hungers were relieved.

Fed by the food Christ lifted up how can we taste and not believe?

The comfort of a loved one's voice in kind words given and received;

In these Christ's music is rejoiced. How can we hear and not believe?

When hands are joined and we embrace our love for Christ more love conceives.

God gives this sacrament of grace. How can we touch and not believe?

If faith is blind we see no loss; the image always we perceive

Is love resplendent on a cross. How can we see and not believe?

Christ ends the end we can not bear. The scent of flowers as we grieve

Is winter dying in spring air. How can we live and not believe?

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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 Celebrant continues: 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

Hymnal S-130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. 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:

Celebrant and People: **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues: 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,

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the peace.**

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Celebrant: 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

Hymn

Kingsfold
Hymnal 480

When Jesus left his Father's throne

When Jesus left his Father's throne, he chose an humble birth;
like us, unhonored and unknown, he came to dwell on earth.
Like him may we be found below in wisdom's path of peace;
like him in grace and knowledge grow as years and strength increase.
Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mothers round him pressed;
their infants in his arms he took, and on his bosom blessed.
Safe from the world's alluring harms, beneath his watchful eye,
thus in the circle of his arms may we for ever lie.
When Jesus into Zion rode, the children sang around;
for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their garments on the ground.
Hosanna our glad voices raise, hosanna to our King!
Should we forget our Savior's praise, the stones themselves would sing.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

**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

BOS 14

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.

Stripping of the Altar



Depart in silence.



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