

St. Paul's Church, 166 High Street, Newburyport, MA  
Maundy Thursday: The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper  
April 14, 2022 7:00 pm  
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## Welcome Home

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is an inclusive Christian community. It's a community that takes God's love for the world seriously, fosters a living faith, and cares for one another—it's a community of belonging. We're also a community that welcomes doubt as part of faith, values questions alongside answers, and provides a home for exploration, wherever you find yourself on the spectrum of belief and in your pursuit of truth.

At St. Paul's we worship God, pray for our world, build community, and seek to serve others by working for justice, peace, and reconciliation. That work brings those who are vulnerable, rejected, overlooked, or marginalized in our world to the center of our life together. This is the story we embody every time we gather for the Eucharist, as we join in Jesus Christ's offering of himself for the life of the world—Christ, who became the poor, marginalized, rejected one on the cross for our salvation.

The Eucharist (also called the Mass or Holy Communion) is our share in that offering. It's at the heart of everything we are and do, and so we celebrate it with reverence, solemnity, and great joy. The word Eucharist means "thanksgiving," and in it we offer our whole selves to God in thanks—our frustrations and conflicts, our peace and joy, our sorrow and pain—and receive ourselves back anew, transformed by Christ's presence. Like our Baptism, the Eucharist is a sacrament of unity. In it we are made a true community, united in love and service as the family of Christ. The Eucharist is also a revolutionary act of justice and equality (as is our Baptism, through which we enter this family of Christ). In the Eucharist we, regardless of the color of our skin, our gender identity or sexuality, our age, our abilities, our social or economic status—people who in many places in our world would not be seen under same roof together—receive the same life-giving bread and call each other one body and one family. There is perhaps no more radical act in our world than this. Through this offering of the Eucharist, we become a eucharistic gift ourselves, an offering of love and mercy to the world.

As we enter into and embody this story of God's love, everything you need to follow along is in this booklet. Maybe you're with us just for the day, maybe you're getting to know us just a little bit more, but maybe, just maybe, you've found a home. If you're interested in learning more about being baptized or becoming a member of St. Paul's, or you have questions or need anything at all, please don't hesitate to talk to me after the service or reach out any time.

Grace and peace,

The Rev. Dr Jarred Mercer (Fr Jarred)  
Rector

## *Prayers of preparation before the Eucharist*

*As you enter the church and are seated, take time in silence and prayer to prepare yourself for our worship together. Here are some prayers that may help.*

### *Prayer Before Receiving Communion (Book of Common Prayer)*

*Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.*

### *Anima Christi (Soul of Christ)*

*Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O Good Jesus, hear me.  
Within your wounds hide me.  
Permit me not to be separated from you.  
From the wicked foe, defend me.  
At the hour of my death, call me  
and bid me come to you  
That with your saints I may praise you  
For ever and ever. Amen.*

### *The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3–10)*

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

# The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

*Maundy Thursday begins the Church's sacred Triduum (or, "three days") celebrating Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. Maundy Thursday is a celebration of Christ's institution of the Eucharist. It's sometimes known as the birthday of the Eucharist. On the night Jesus was betrayed he had supper with his disciples and offered himself up for them and for the world in bread and wine, establishing the Eucharist that would continue to be offered by Jesus' followers for all time. Christ also washed his disciple's feet in service and humility and invited us to serve one another in the same way. Today we learn a deeper humility through the practice of foot washing. After the Last Supper in the upper room, Jesus and his disciples went out to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed for the unity of the Church, the salvation of the world, and for his own strength to face his impending suffering and death. At the end of the liturgy, we go with Christ to the garden to watch and pray as he asked his disciples to do. Tonight, we enter into the drama of Christ's final hours: from the upper room to the garden, to the cross and the tomb.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Prelude:** "Lamb of God, pure and sinless"

organ setting by Max Reger (1873-1916)

Please stand as you are able.

**Opening Hymn: “As in that upper room you left your seat”** #729 *Wonder, Love, and Praise*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are as follows:

1. As in that up - per room you left your seat and took a towel and  
2. I bow be - fore you, all my sin con - fessed, to hear a - gain the  
3. So in re - mem - brance of your life laid down I come to praise you

chose a ser - vant's part, so for to - day, Lord, wash a - gain my  
words of love you said; and at your ta - ble, as your hon - ored  
for your grace di - vine; Saved by your cross, and sub - ject to your

feet, who in your mer - cy died to cleanse my heart.  
guest, I take and eat the true and liv - ing bread.  
crown, strength - ened for ser - vice by this bread and wine.

**Introduction:**

*Celebrant:* We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and made free.

*Celebrant:* In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*People:* **Amen.**

*The Celebrant introduces the Liturgy and invites us to confess our sins to God in assurance of God's unending mercy.*

## Confession & Absolution

*Clergy:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Please kneel as you are able.*

*Silence.*

*Leader & 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.*

*The Celebrant pronounces God's absolution and all respond:*

*Amen.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Kyrie

*Cantor:* Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Lord, have mer - cy.

*Cantor:* Christ, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Christ, have mer - cy.

*Cantor:* Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Lord, have mer - cy.

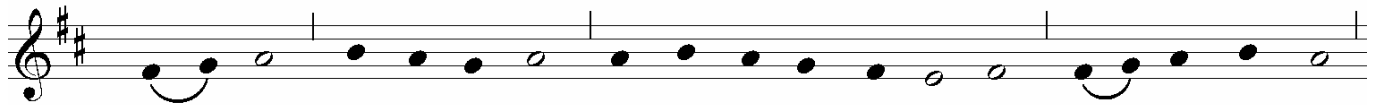
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**Gloria: "Glory to God"**

#S - 277 *The Hymnal 1982*



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



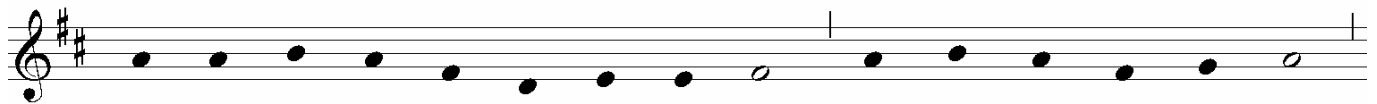
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



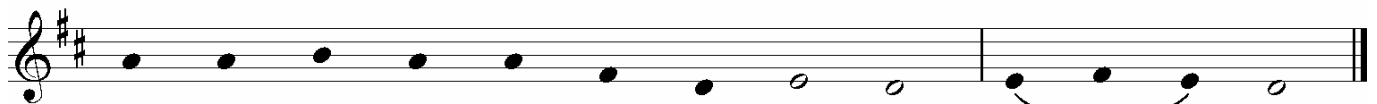
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant:* 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.**

*Please be seated.*

### **First Reading:** *Exodus 12:1–14*

*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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

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:** *Psalm 116:1, 10–17*

- 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 Paul’s First Letter to the Church in Corinth.

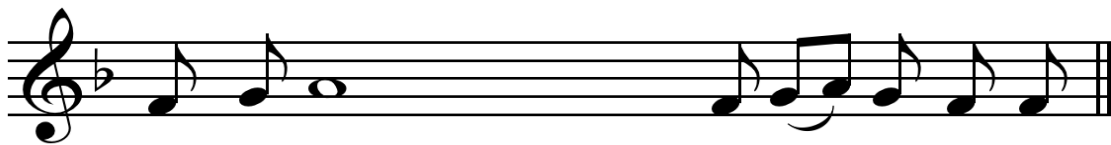
I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “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.***

*As the cantor begins to sing the Gospel Acclamation, please stand as you are able.*

## **Gospel Acclamation**



Praise to you O Christ, King of e - ter - nal glo - ry.

## **Holy Gospel:** *John 13:1–17, 31b–35*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* ***And also with you***

*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.***

## **Sermon**

Fr. Jarred

*The preacher invokes the Name of the Trinity, all respond "Amen," and then sit for the sermon.*

## **The Washing of the Feet**

*The priest takes off the chasuble and washes twelve people's feet, representing the twelve disciples at the Last Supper. The following passages of Scripture are read and the hymn Ubi Caritas ("Where charity and love are, God is there") is sung.*

The Lord Jesus, after he had supper with his disciples and has 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."

I have given you a new commandment: 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.

# Hymns:

“Ubi caritas”

#831 *Wonder, Love, and Praise*

*Descant*

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems. The first system is a descant, marked 'A', with lyrics: 'U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha'. The second system has lyrics: 'u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est. Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō.'. The third system is marked 'B' and includes a triplet in the piano accompaniment. Its lyrics are: 'u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est. Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō.'. The piano accompaniment uses block chords and simple melodic lines.

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.  
Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō.

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.  
Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō.

*Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is there.*

“Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling”

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*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.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Prayers of the People:**

*The Celebrant introduces the prayers*

Loving God, on this, the night he was betrayed, Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.

Lord, hear us.

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church.

Lord, hear us.

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message.

We pray for the mission of your Church.

Lord, hear us.

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved.

Lord, hear us.

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

On this night, he reminded his disciples that if the world hated them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, hear us.

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

On this night, he accepted the cup of death and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom. We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ.

Lord, hear us.

***Lord, graciously hear us.***

*Celebrant:* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## The Peace

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*All share signs of Christ's peace with one another, especially seeking to amend any hurts or conflicts. During this time, all may acknowledge the peace of Christ in and with one another without touch and with a bow from a distance.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*The offering is taken and the altar is set for the Eucharist.*

*Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the Lord's name, bring offerings and come into God's courts.*

**Offertory Anthem:** (choir) "Drop, drop, slow tears" Words: Phineas Fletcher (1582-1650)

Music: Ronald Arnatt (1930-2018), based on a tune by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

*Drop, drop, slow tears. and bathe those beauteous feet,  
Which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.*

*Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;*

*To cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.*

*In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;*

*Nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Eucharistic Prayer

*Celebrant* | *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* | *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

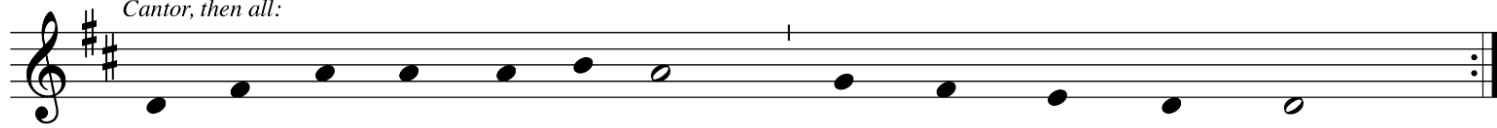
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds by singing the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer, after which all sing the Sanctus.

**Sanctus: "Holy, holy, holy Lord"**


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*Cantor, then all:*

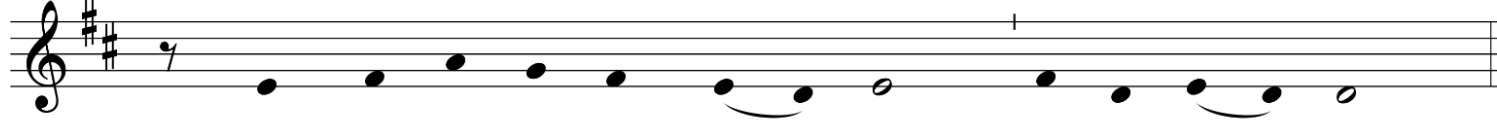


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.

*Cantor:*




Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



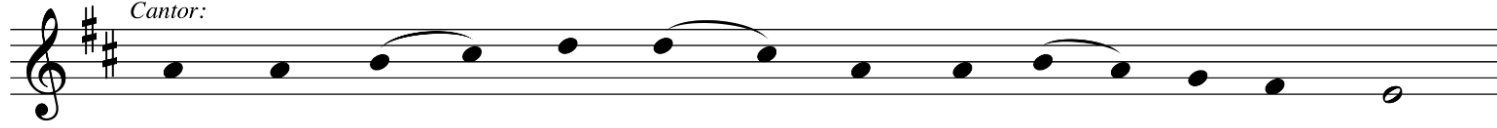
Ho - san - na in the high - est, in the high - est.

*All:*



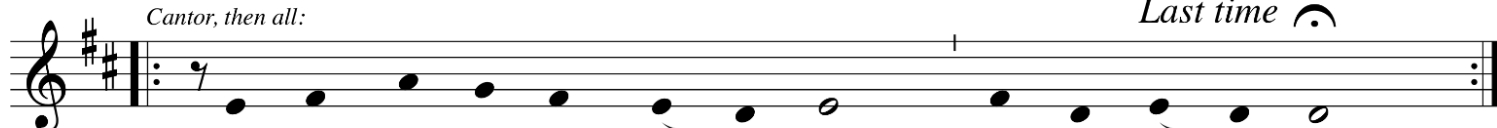
Ho - san - na in the high - est, in the high - est.

*Cantor:*



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

*Cantor, then all:* *Last time* ☹



Ho - san - na in the high - est, in the high - est.



*Please kneel as you are able.*

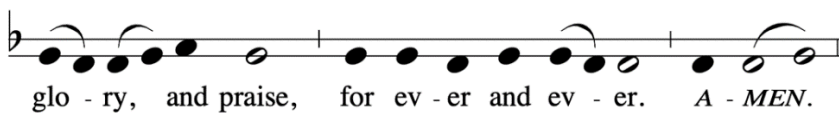
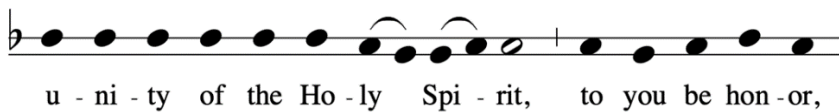
*The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer. After the words of institution this Acclamation may be used:*

Great is the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.***

*The Celebrant continues with the Doxology, to which all respond with the “great Amen.”*



*The Celebrant then continues*

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

*People & Celebrant:*

***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.***

## Fraction: The Breaking of the Bread

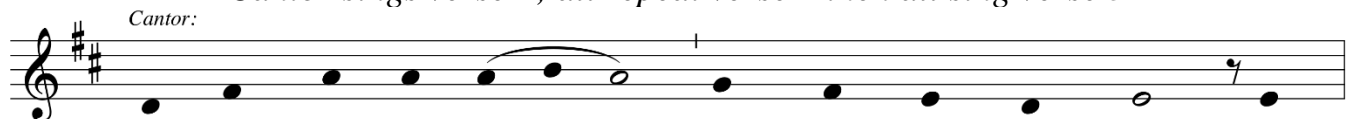
*Celebrant:* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ

*People:* *We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.*

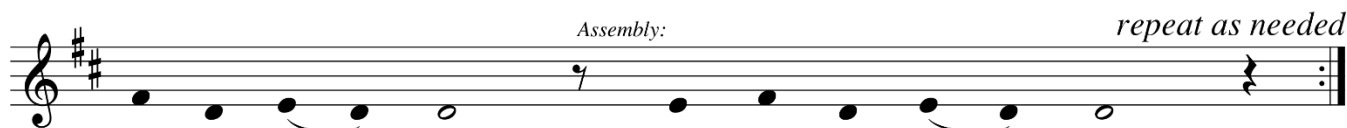
### Agnus Dei: "Jesus, Lamb of God"

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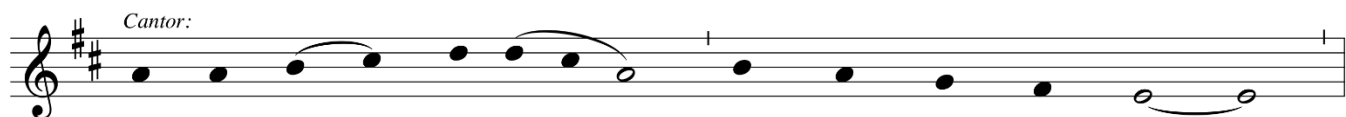
*Cantor sings verse 1; all repeat verse 1 then all sing verse 5*



1. Je - sus, Lamb of God, Bear - er of our sins,
2. Je - sus, Lamb of God, Sav - ior of the world, have
3. Je - sus, Lamb of God, Bread come down from heav'n,
4. Je - sus, Lamb of God, Shep - herd of our souls,



mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. *repeat as needed*



5. Je - sus, Lamb of God, gen - tle Prince of peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.



Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: *Corpus Christi Mass, Adoro te devote*, setting by Richard Proulx, © 1992, GIA Publications, Inc.

## **Giving of Communion** *Please kneel as you are able*

*Celebrant:* Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*People:* **Lord I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Those present come forward to receive communion, released by pew by an usher. There is no requirement to be a member of St. Paul's or Episcopalian to receive communion here. We believe that all are welcome, regardless of tradition or denomination, to be nourished at Christ's table and strengthened to live the faith of their baptism. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign of this.*

*If you would like communion brought to your seat, please let your usher know.*

*We are now receiving communion in both kinds (bread and wine). If one wishes to receive the bread only due to the pandemic, this in no way diminishes the sacrament. It has always been the teaching of the Church that the whole Christ is present to us whether we receive both bread and wine together or only one. **Intinction (dipping bread into the wine) is not allowed.***

*Please take a sip from the common cup to receive. If you are not receiving the wine, cross your arms over your chest in front of the chalice after receiving the bread and acknowledge Christ's presence with us by saying "Amen" after the chalice bearer says, "the blood of Christ."*

*All remain kneeling as they are able upon returning to their seats after communion.*

## **Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

*Those unable to be present who are worshiping with us at a distance may pray this prayer of spiritual communion:*

*Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

*(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

# Communion Hymn "Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray"

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*Unison or harmony*

1 Thou, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray  
2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - ceade;  
3 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,

that all thy Church might be for ev - er one,  
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,

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.

*Please stand as you are able.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant prays the post communion prayer:*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,

we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament  
 you have given us the memorial of your passion;  
 grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries  
 of your body and blood  
 that we may know within ourselves  
 and show forth in our lives  
 the fruit of your redemption,  
 for you are alive and reign, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

*When the Prayer after Communion has been said, the sacrament to be kept for Holy Communion on Good Friday is taken in procession to the Altar of Repose in St. Anna's Chapel. The procession represents Jesus going to the Garden of Gethsemane after the Last Supper. During the procession the congregation follows behind the sacrament to the Altar of Repose in St. Anna's Chapel and the hymn Pange Lingua (Tell, my tongue) is sung. Verses 5 and 6 are not sung until the sacrament has been placed on the Altar of Repose.*

Please stand as you are able.

**Hymn:** "Now, my tongue, the mystery telling"

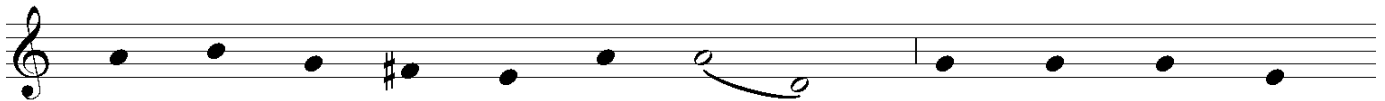
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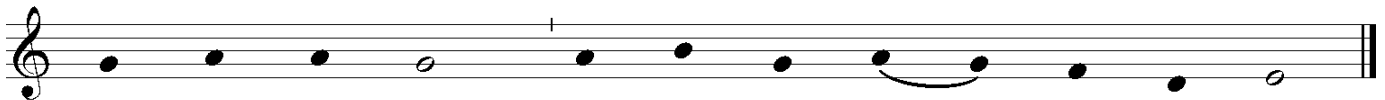
1 Now, my tongue, the mys - tery tell - ing of the glo - rious  
2 Given for us, and con - de - scend - ing to be born for  
3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing mid the twelve, his  
4 Word made flesh, the bread he tak - eth, by his word his  
\*5 There - fore we, be - fore him bend - ing, this great Sac - ra -  
\*6 Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



1 Bo - dy sing, and the Blood, all price ex - cell - ing,  
2 us be - low, he with us in con - verse blend - ing  
3 cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,  
4 Flesh to be; wine his sa - cred Blood he mak - eth,  
5 ment re - vere; types and sha - dows have their end - ing,  
6 and the Son, hon - or, thanks, and praise ad - dress - ing,



1 which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, once on earth a -  
2 dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, till he closed with  
3 keeps the feast its rites de - mand; then, more pre - cious  
4 though the sens - es fail to see; faith a - lone the  
5 for the new - er rite is here; faith, our out - ward  
6 while e - ter - nal a - ges run; ev - er too his



1 mong us dwell - ing, shed for this world's ran - som - ing.  
2 won - drous end - ing his most pa - tient life of woe.  
3 food sup - ply - ing, gives him - self with his own hand.  
4 true heart wak - eth to be - hold the mys - ter - y.  
5 sense be - friend - ing, makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.  
6 love con - fess - ing who from both with both is One.

*After a short time of silent adoration, the clergy and servers return to the church for the stripping of the altars. **Those who wish to witness the stripping of the altars return to the church. You may also remain in St. Anna's Chapel before the Altar of Repose.** While the altars are being stripped, verses of **Psalm 22** are sung. Not only did Jesus strip himself of his outer clothing to humbly wash his disciples' feet, but in his crucifixion Christ is also stripped of his clothing as the soldiers "divided [Christ's] clothes among themselves, and for [his] clothing they cast lots." After his death his body was washed and prepared for burial. In the stripping of the altars, we are preparing for Good Friday when Christ was laid bare on the cross, wearing only our sins.*

***After the stripping of the altars those in the church may return to the chapel for the Watch. A Watch is kept before the Altar of Repose in St. Anna's Chapel until 12.00am.** As Jesus asks his disciples to stay awake and pray with him in the garden, so we join him there, spending some time in silence before the sacrament of Christ crucified and risen, reflecting on the meaning of his passion, and contemplating the suffering love of God for us and for the whole world. **Feel free to remain as long as you wish in the Chapel.***

*After the stripping of the altars and time of silent prayer before the Altar of Repose, all **leave in silence.** Even our leaving the church is participation in the story of salvation. Just as the disciples scattered when Christ was betrayed and arrested, so we go out into the night, scattered in different directions.*

## **TODAY'S SERVICE LEADERS**

**Clergy:** The Rev. Dr. Jarred A. Mercer

**Music Director:** Mark Meyer

**Choir:** Terry Anderson, Richard Blumenscheid, Karen Caplan, Joyce Cejka, Pam Jones, Virginia Meyer, Jane Niebling

**Lay Eucharistic Minister:** Pam Jones

**Lector:** Joyce Cejka

**Good Friday, April 15 at 7 PM:** The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. A solemn and beautiful liturgy in which we meet Christ at the cross of our salvation.

***Blessing of the Easter Baskets, Saturday, April 16 at 1 PM***

All are welcome to our Blessing of Traditional Polish Easter Baskets or any Easter basket you would like to bring.

***The Easter Vigil, Saturday April 16 at 8 PM:*** The Great Vigil of Easter is the most significant service of the entire year. It tells the whole story of salvation, and the actions we take in the liturgy participate in it—from light to darkness, from the font of our baptism to the altar of Christ's sacrifice, we enter into the fullness of our life together at the Vigil and begin our celebration of Christ's resurrection. \*We will have bubbly (alcoholic and non-alcoholic versions available) and treats following the Vigil to bring in the Easter season together!\*

***Easter Sunday, April 17 at 9 AM:*** A celebration of the Eucharist on Easter morning. Pre-service organ music begins at 8.50 AM.

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