

St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

Ocean City, Maryland



Maundy Thursday
April 1, 2021

The Gathering of the Faithful

Penitential Order: Rite Two

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 1982 #168

O Sacred Head Sore Wounded

O sacred head, sore wounded, Defiled and put to scorn:
O kingly head, surrounded With mocking crown of thorn;
What sorrow mars thy grandeur? Can death thy bloom deflow'r?
O countenance whose splendor The hosts of heav'n adore!

What language shall I borrow To thank thee, dearest friend,
For this thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever! And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love for thee.

My days are few, O fail not, With thine immortal pow'r,
To hold me that I quail not In death's most fearful hour:
That I may fight befriended, And see in my last strife
To me thine arms extended Upon the cross of life.

The people standing, the Officiant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People

His mercy endures for ever.

The Officiant reads the following sentence.

Jesus said, "the first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

Mark 12: 29-31

Confession and Absolution

The Officiant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

Officiant 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 neighbor 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 Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

The Trisagion follows (said 3 times)

Holy God

Holy and Mighty

Holy Immortal One

Have mercy upon us.

The 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 Lessons

The people sit.

Old Testament Reading

A Reading from the Book of Exodus 12:1-14a

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass

over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

After the Reading, the reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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.
Hallelujah!

New Testament Reading

A Reading from St. Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians 11:23-26

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

After the Reading, the reader says

The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 1982 #158

Ah Holy Jesus, how has thou Offended

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee!
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

Gospel Reading

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke 22:14-30

¹⁴When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²²For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!” ²³Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

²⁴A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵But he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

²⁸“You are those who have stood by me in my trials; ²⁹and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, ³⁰so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

After the Reading, the reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Officiant

In place of a Homily this evening, we will be remembering the events which we commemorate this night.

In the Gospel from Luke, Jesus tells his disciples that a kingdom will be conferred to them but not one in which they will become leaders but rather ones who serve. Tonight, in remembering the Last Supper, we begin the Three Sacred Days of our faith. As we are unable to have a priest with us this evening, and to include those joining us virtually, I ask you to join with me in the following prayer requesting we receive in Spirit the presence of the elements of Holy Communion.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

The Officiant and People together say

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 Sacraments. 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.

The Officiant says

In the other choice of Gospel readings for this night, from the Gospel of John, we hear how Jesus shows his disciples that they are to serve, by the humble act of washing their feet and showing love. Tonight we also remember this act of love and humility:

The Officiant continues

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

People ***Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.***

Officiant I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

People ***Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.***

Officiant By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

Officiant

Let us stand and affirm our faith by saying,

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again,

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our Bishop Santosh, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Peace

All Stand

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you***

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us we pray

Officiant and people together

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.

Closing Prayer

The officiant offers the following Prayer over the People

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.

The Altar Guild strips the altar.

The reader recites Psalm 22

They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

8 “He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”

9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.

12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; *
they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

17 They stare and gloat over me; *
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

18 Be not far away, O Lord; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.

20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to
the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

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

They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

The people leave in silence.

Today's Worship Leaders

Lay Worship Leaders: Paul Rogers, Amy Rothermel, Debbie Shuster, and Tom Shuster

Organist & Music Director: Shirley Hailey

Altar Guild: Mary Wright, Amanda Cropper, Kay Ayres

Ushers: Amanda Cropper, Nancy & John Knotts



GOOD FRIDAY

The Way of the Cross

The Church will be open tomorrow, Noon-2pm, for anyone who would like to take a self-guided walk through the Stations of the Cross. A bulletin with prayers for each station will be available. *The bulletin is also on our website to use at home.*

Please enter through the Orange Doors on the northwest corner of the building. A mask must be worn at all times and social distancing maintained.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paid Parking in Ocean City

Paid parking will return to Third Street this Thursday, April 1. However, paid parking will only be enforced on the weekends (Friday, Saturday & Sunday).

Beginning Saturday, May 1, paid parking will be enforced Monday through Sunday and will continue through Thursday, September 30.

Help Needed to Prepare the Church for Easter:

The Altar Guild will be shining, polishing and decorating on Saturday, April 3rd at 9am. If you have a free hour or two, please join us and help prepare St. Paul's by-the-Sea for a glorious Easter. Thank you! Mary Wright.

Good Friday Cross Walk:

Everyone is invited to celebrate Good Friday by participating in a Cross Walk on the Ocean City boardwalk on Friday, April 2nd. Christian community will meet outside The Son'Spot on Worcester Street at Noon for a short time of ministry, and then proceed down the boardwalk, past the sand sculpture, and end at Atlantic United Methodist Church on Fourth Street. We will walk together in a socially distanced manner, carrying a cross, singing songs, and having a brief time of ministry at several stops along the way. This Good Friday ministry is coordinated by the Ocean City Christian Ministers Association. For additional information, call 410-289-7430.

Easter Sunrise Service:

Everyone is invited to our community's Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 4th, at 6am on the Boardwalk at North Division Street. Ministers, musicians, and singers from many of Ocean City's Christian churches will participate. This service will celebrate our risen Lord with singing, scripture, and preaching. This is always a wonderful service and we hope you can attend. A limited number of chairs will be provided and will be spaced apart for social distancing. You may want to bring a chair or blanket to sit on the beach. For additional information, call 410-289-7430.