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*The Garden of Gethsemane, Jerusalem
Photo by Christopher Dunn*

Maundy Thursday April 1st, 2021

7:00 pm

Zoom service that will also be recorded

The Ven. Christopher Dunn
The Rev. Simone Hurkmans
The Rev. Deacon Dr. Jarrett Carty
Music: Edith Troup
Children and Youth: Julie Newlands

Officiant: Dear friends, as we gather virtually, we acknowledge with gratitude the land that has been inhabited and cared for by Indigenous peoples from the beginning, and, in particular, the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people. We also recognize the contributions that Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples have made in shaping and strengthening our communities.

All: May we walk gently together on this land, seeking renewed relationship based on honour, respect, and peace.

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Officiant: This is the day that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room. This is the day that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

All: This is the day that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

Officiant: O God, your Son Jesus the Christ,

All: has left to us this meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and his blood. May we who celebrate this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson is from Exodus (24:3-8)

Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, "All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do." And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and set up twelve pillars, corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel. He sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt-offerings and sacrificed oxen as offerings of well-being to the Lord. Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he dashed against the altar. Then he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." Moses took the blood and dashed it on the people, and said, "See the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:10-17

One: I believed, even when I said,

All: "I have been brought very low."

One: In my distress I said,

All: "No one can be trusted."

One: How shall I repay you, O Lord,

All: for all the good things you have done for me?

One: I will lift up the cup of salvation

All: and call upon your name.

One: I will fulfil my vows to the Lord

All: in the presence of all the people.

One: Precious in your sight, O Lord

All: is the death of your servants.

One: O Lord, I am your servant;

**All: I am your servant and the child of your
handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.**

One: I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

All: and call upon the name of the Lord.

The Second Lesson from 1 Corinthians (10:16-17)

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Go to Dark Gethsemane

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

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

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (14: 12-26)

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as Jesus had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" Jesus said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. Jesus said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Prayers of the People

(Prepared by Patricia Bays)

One: God the Deliverer, on this night, Jesus gathered with his friends to observe the Passover meal. On this night, they celebrated their freedom from bondage in Egypt. In the death and resurrection of your son Jesus the Christ, we too are brought out of bondage into freedom, out of sorrow into joy. Help us to work for freedom and justice for all. O God,

All: hear our prayer.

One: God the Compassionate, on this night Jesus knelt and, as a servant, humbly washed the disciples' feet. Many of us are tired or anxious, and in need of your loving care. Wash away our weariness, and strengthen us to follow your example of loving service. O God,

All: hear our prayer.

One: God the Generous Host, on this night Jesus gave bread and wine to his friends. He shared with them his life and left us a way to remember and celebrate the new life he brings. Help us to be an inclusive and welcoming community, generous in hospitality and service. O God,

All: hear our prayer.

One: God who unites, on this night Jesus prayed that his disciples might be one. We pray for the unity of your Church. Help us to celebrate what we have in common, and to listen to each other to find common ground, so that we may work together to bring reconciliation and hope to a troubled world. O God,

All: hear our prayer.

One: God the merciful, on this night Jesus gave his friends a new commandment, to love one another. Increase in us a loving spirit, that we may follow

this commandment, and encourage peace and harmony throughout the world. O God,

All: hear our prayer.

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Officiant: Most merciful God,

All: 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 neighbours 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.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Officiant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Hymn: Before I Take the Body of My Lord #610

Before I take the body of my Lord,
before I share his life in bread and wine,
I recognise the sorry things within—these I lay down.

The words of hope I often failed to give,
the prayers of kindness buried by my pride,
the signs of care I argued out of sight: these I lay down.

The narrowness of vision and of mind,
the need for other folk to serve my will,
and every word and silence meant to hurt, these I lay down.

Of those around in whom I meet my Lord,
I ask their pardon and I grant them mine
that every contradiction of Christ's peace might be laid down.

Lord Jesus Christ, companion at this feast,
I empty now my heart and stretch my hands
and ask to meet you here in bread and wine—
which you lay down.

Officiant: Eternal God,

All: we spread this table to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus the Christ, your Son. Accept all we offer you this day. Bind us together in his love and in the love he has commanded us to bring one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Officiant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Officiant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our salvation became obedient unto death. The tree of defeat became the tree of victory: where life was lost, life has been restored. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the heavenly chorus, we cry out to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: 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.

Officiant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On this very night, when he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, according to his command,

All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Officiant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by

the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we say,

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant: We break this bread,

All: Communion in Christ's body one broken.

Officiant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

Officiant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Officiant: Dear friends, wherever you may be, receive Christ; in communion with the saints and the gathering of God's people, unseen yet present with us now.

All: We receive you Lord Jesus, we welcome your presence in us, and together proclaim our love for you; with our hearts, minds, our souls, and

our strength; with the saints we worship you, with the angels we adore you, with your whole Church we proclaim your reign. Come to us, though many, and make us one in you. Amen.

Those who are present receive Communion in one kind.

Officiant: Holy God, source of all love,

All: on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The service concludes with the Stripping of the Altar, during which we hear the words of Matthew's Gospel (26:30-46) and Psalm 22 is sung.

A Reading from Matthew

(Read by Eric Bays)

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter declared to him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." Jesus said to him, "Truly, I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go yonder and pray." And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me;

nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt.” And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, thy will be done." And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

Psalm 22

Sung Refrain:



We depart in darkness and silence.

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:
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