

The clergy enter in silence. The People stand, and the Officiant says;

Blessed be our God.
Now and for ever. Amen.

THE INVITATION

This is the night that Christ the Son of Man gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the night that Christ our Lord and Master took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, calling us to love one another as he has loved us.

This is the night that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his perfect sacrifice.

This is the night that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose most dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it in thankful remembrance of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

1 st Lesson	1 Corinthians 11:23-29	Gail Sulpher
	Psalm 116:1-2; 12-19	The Rector

I love the Lord,
because he heard the voice of my prayer.

Because he inclined his ear to me;
therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all his people;
dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, and the child of your handmaid;
you have broken my bonds asunder.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all his people;
in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of you,
O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

2nd Lesson John 13:1-17; 31-35 Pauline Bettney

THE SERMON

Simon Teague

THE FOOT-WASHING

The Officiant introduces the ceremony with a brief address;

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the kingdom of God come not by worldly power and authority, but by such lowly service.

Therefore, I invite you [who have been appointed as representatives of the Congregation and] who share in the royal priesthood of Christ to come forward, that we may recall whose servants we are by following the example of our Master. Come now remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others. Engrave on your hearts and mirror in your actions Jesus' words: "A servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray to Jesus our Master and Teacher saying; “Lord Jesus, help us to follow you and serve.”

Jesus said; “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.”

Master, we hear your call;

Lord Jesus, help us to follow you and serve.

Jesus said; “Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all. For the Son of Man himself has not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life to set many others free.”

Master, we hear your call;

Lord Jesus, help us to follow you and serve.

Jesus said; “Unless you change your whole outlook and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Master, we hear your call;

Lord Jesus, help us to follow you and serve.

Jesus said; “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”

Master, we hear your call;

Lord Jesus, help us to follow you and serve.

Jesus said; “You must love your enemies, and do good without expecting any return and without giving up hope; so will you be children of the Most High, because God indeed is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be compassionate, as your heavenly Father is compassionate.”

Master, we hear your call;

Lord Jesus, help us to follow you and serve.

Jesus said; “Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.”

Master, we hear your call;

Lord Jesus, help us to follow you and serve.

Jesus said; “This is my Father’s glory, that you may bear fruit in plenty and so be my disciples. If you dwell in me, as I dwell in you, you will bear much fruit; for apart from me, you can do nothing.”

Master, we hear your call;

Lord Jesus, help us to follow you and serve.

Jesus said; “There is no greater love than this, that you should lay down your life for your friends. This is my commandment; love one another, as I have loved you. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Master, we hear your call;

Lord Jesus, help us to follow you and serve.

Jesus said; “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.”

Master, we hear your call;

Lord Jesus, help us to follow you and serve.

Jesus said; “I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you.”

Master, we hear your call;

Lord Jesus, help us to follow you and serve.

Almighty God, we pray you accept these prayers, that we being strengthened by the death and resurrection of your beloved Son, may serve you with a quiet mind and a joyful hope; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**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 love 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 upon us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 JOHN 2:12

THE SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; and on the night before he suffered, he instituted these holy mysteries; that we, receiving the benefits of his passion and resurrection, might be partakers of his divine nature.

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:

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

**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.**

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On this very night, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in 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, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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 honour and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As now as our Saviour taught us, we are bold to pray:

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the cross.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,

but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up

the crumbs under your table;

but you are the same Lord

whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,

and to drink his blood,

that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,

and our souls washed through his most precious blood,

and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE ANGUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

grant us your peace.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

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.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every Communion table of your church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. For I pray in your holy name. Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,

**We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have
given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Matthew 26:30-46

Please remain seated during the readings, and as the ornaments and altar cloths are removed. Once completed, the clergy and congregation leave in silence.

Psalm 22

Holy Week and Easter Services

Good Friday

Friday, April 2, 2021

11:00 AM - Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 3, 2021

Meditation on the Stations of the Cross (on Zoom)

The Day of Resurrection ~ Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 4, 2020

10:00 AM - Holy Communion

