

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

Maundy Thursday

April 18, 2019

As people of God, we celebrate Christ in the heart of Victoria through joyful worship,
building inclusive community, and putting faith into action.

St. John's acknowledges these ancestral territories of the Lekwungen people.

7:30 pm Parish Eucharist, Washing of Feet, and Stripping of Altars

*The congregation is invited to join in the hymns, responses and prayers marked in **bold print**.*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

MUSIC BEFORE THE MASS

Le banquet céleste

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

'Celui qui mange ma chair et boit mon sang demeure en moi et moi en lui'

HYMN (CP 442)

ST. PETERSBURG

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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

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.

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God,

**All: your Son Jesus Christ 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 PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-14

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *(sung by the choir)*

116:10-17

How can I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?

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

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

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

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (SPr 59)

INTERCESSOR

THE GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Before the Gospel:

Cantor: Praise to you O_____ Christ, *All:* King of e - ter - nal glo - ry!

Deacon or cantor: I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.

All: Praise to you O_____ Christ, King of e - ter - nal glo - ry!

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

THE WASHING OF FEET

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 power, authority, or even miracle,
but by such lowly service.
Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ,
to come forward,
that I may recall whose servant I am by following the example of my Master.
But come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you
is also to be done by you to others,
for “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.”

All who wish to join in having their feet washed are invited to come forward to a chair.

ANTHEM DURING THE WASHING OF FEET

The choir sings:

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

Music: Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

The washing of feet ends with this prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
Give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father through Christ,
the saviour of the world.

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

Lord, hear us

All: and humble us.

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

Lord, hear us

All: and unite us.

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through their message. We pray for the mission of your Church.

Lord, hear us

All: and renew our zeal.

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

Lord, hear us

All: and fill us with your love.

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

Lord, hear us

All: and give us your peace.

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

Lord, hear us

All: and welcome all your children into paradise.

Almighty God, as we stand at the foot of the cross of your Son, help us to see and know your love for us, so that in humility, love and joy we may place at his feet all that we have and all that we are; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

THE PEACE

Please stand.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN (NEH 302)

SONG 1

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Father, we spread this table
to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus 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.

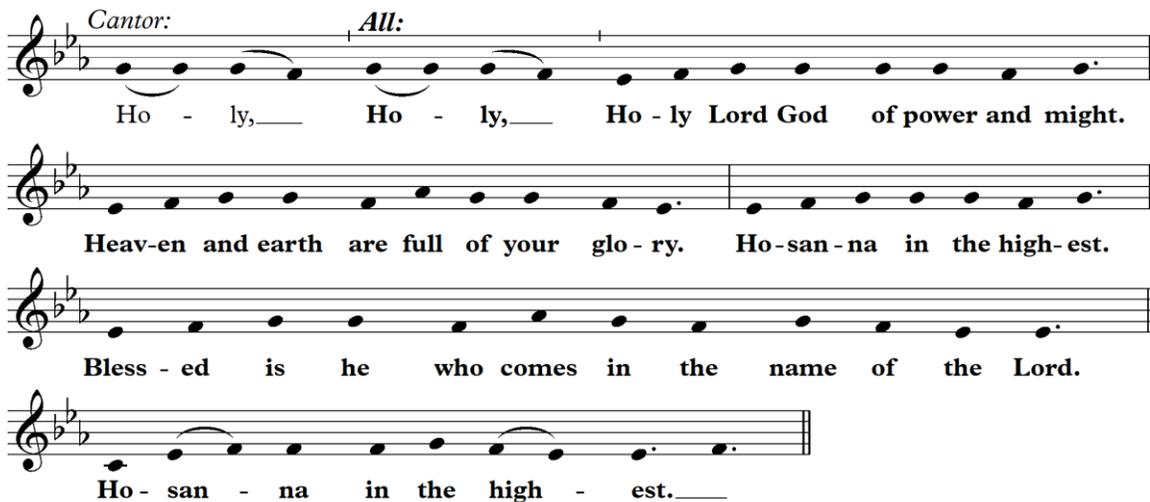
All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Priest: The Lord be with you. *All:* And al-so with you. *Priest:* Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them to the Lord.
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *All:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 a 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.



Cantor: Ho - ly, *All:* Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of power and might.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho- san - na in the high - est.

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;
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 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.”

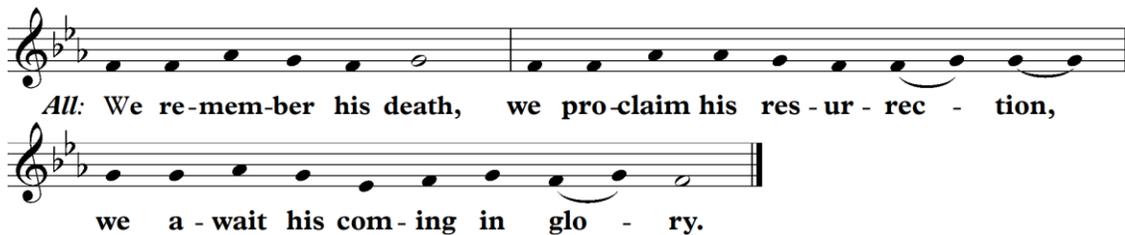
After supper he took the cup of wine;

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, Father, according to his command,



The image shows two staves of musical notation in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature. The melody consists of a series of quarter notes: G4, A4, B-flat4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B-flat5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B-flat6, C7. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes: D7, E7, F7, G7, A7, B-flat7, C8, D8, E8, F8, G8, A8, B-flat8, C9. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The lyrics are: "All: We re-mem-ber his death, we pro-claim his res-ur-rec-tion, we a-wait his com-ing in glo-ry." The second staff ends with a double bar line.

All: We re-mem-ber his death, we pro-claim his res-ur-rec-tion,
we a-wait his com-ing in glo-ry.

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 children;
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 Father,
now and forever.



All: A men A - men A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ambrosian Chant

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread,

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

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.**

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

Merbecke, adapted

Musical notation for the Agnus Dei. It is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the first two verses, and the second staff is for the third verse. Each staff has a 'Cantor:' part and an 'All:' part. The melody is a simple, repetitive line of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The first two notes (G and A) are beamed together. The final note (G) is a half note.

1, 2. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.

3. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: Grant us peace.

All are invited to receive communion. We share bread and wine at the front of the Church and recommend you wait until the row in front of you has received rather than joining a line-up. If you prefer for any reason not to take either the bread or wine then sharing 'in one kind' is still sharing full communion. It is the practice of the ACC not to dip the bread into the wine. Any not receiving communion are invited to come forward and have a prayer said for you by those distributing the bread, and to indicate that by holding their arms crossed on their chest.

We don't wish there to be any barriers to receiving – Gluten Free Wafers are available at both stations on request and if you are unable to come forward for communion please make this known to the Greeters and we will bring communion to you. All are welcome at Christ's table!

There will be a silent pause for reflection and personal prayer following the sharing of Holy Communion.

THE STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY AND THE WATCH

The sanctuary is now stripped and will remain bare until Holy Saturday (Easter Eve).

During the stripping of the altars, the choir sings verses from the Lamentations of Jeremiah, in the setting by T.L. di Victoria, in Latin. Further verses may be sung in English plainsong.

ALEPH. Quomodo sedet sola civitas plena populo!
Facta est quasi vidua domina gentium;
princeps provinciarum facta est sub tributo.

*ALEPH. How lonely sits the city that was full of people!
How like a widow has she become, she that was great among the nations!
She that was a princess among the cities has become a vassal.*

BETH. Plorans ploravit in nocte, et lacrimæ ejus in maxillis ejus:
non est qui consoletur eam, ex omnibus caris ejus;
omnes amici ejus spreverunt eam, et facti sunt ei inimici.

*BETH. She weeps bitterly in the night, tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers she has none to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies.*

Ierusalem, convertere ad Dominum Deum tuum
Jerusalem, return to the Lord thy God

Those who wish to depart may do so following the stripping.

Please depart in silence.

THE PRAYER VIGIL

*Those who wish to remain in silence for a while are invited to join the Priest in the Walking Together Chapel.
Or please remain in your pews as you desire.*

GOSPEL OF THE WATCH

Matthew 26:36-56

The prayer vigil will finish at 9:30 pm when the Church will be closed.
