

Maundy Thursday



St. Mark's Episcopal Anglican Church

Fairland Parish

Rev. Dr. Christopher I. Wilkins, Rector

Maundy Thursday

The People enter in silence. The altar is set for a Eucharist. A table before it is set with simple foods: bread, wine, and oil. Donations for local food pantries are present. Candles are lit.

The Altar party process.

Opening Hymn: *Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray* Hymnal #315

1. Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray that all thy Church might be for ever one, grant us at every Eucharist to say with longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done." O may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity.

2. For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede; make thou our sad divisions soon to cease; draw us the nearer each to each, we plead, by drawing all to

thee, O Prince of Peace; thus may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity.

3. So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease, may we be one with all thy Church above, one with thy saints in one unbroken peace, one with thy saints in one unbounded love; more blessed still, in peace and love to be one with the Trinity in Unity.

Maundy Collect

The Celebrant says the Collect

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus gathered at table with his friends, and set examples for them by prayer, teaching, comfort, and acts of humble service. He showed them that strength and growth come to the children of God not from power or authority or miracle, but by faithful service performed in peace. Mindful of his example, may we love one another in all things with grace, without judgment, and in thanksgiving. Amen.

The Trisagion:

Hymnal #S-100

The Choristers lead the People as they sing:

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

The Celebrant then says:

Jesus said, “Behold, I give you a new commandment: that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, so should you love one another” (*John 13.34*).

The Washing of Hands and the Blessings over Donations

The following prayer is said,

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, and that in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: cleanse our hands, cleanse our minds, cleanse our hearts, and by the might of Thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that Thou art God, and as such make Thee known; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant and LEM cleanse each other’s hands.

The People may cleanse their hand or come forward to have them cleansed.

The Celebrant then says this prayer:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You give us all that we possess, and have made the earth fruitful, that we might set our hands to labor upon it to bring forth what is needful for life. Cleanse our hearts as we cleanse our hands before you, that we may be free from all sickness, fatigue, and contagion, and, mindful of our needs and those of others, share freely the bounty of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness. Amen.

The Celebrant and LEM move to the altar. The Celebrant then recites the blessings:

Over Wine

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and on this night you promised to refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

Over Bread

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and on this night you promised us the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. As grain sown upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church to sow the seeds of your kingdom upon Earth to your glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

Over Oil

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You blessed the land of your birth to bring forth the olive tree, and from its fruit we press oil for use in lamp, table, and blessing. As oil gathered to its greatness shows forth your grandeur, may we show forth your pity, care, and mercy, now and forever. *Amen.*

Over Foods to be Donated

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to feed all who hunger. Let this food strengthen who receive it, and let our giving it strengthen us for the fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Over the Elements to be Consecrated

O Lord Jesus Christ, who in the blessed Sacrament has given us a memorial of your passion: Grant us, we pray, so to cherish the sacred mysteries of your body and blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of your redemption, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Parishioners remove the foods for donation.

The LEM and acolytes move the elements for consecration to the retable.

The Cantor or Choristers chant:

Psalm 42, vv.1-5, 8-11

¹As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so longs my soul for you, O God.

²My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and behold the face of God?

³My tears have been my food day and night,
while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

⁴These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went
and led the throng to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving.

⁵Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why so unquiet within me? Hope in
God; for I shall again praise God, who is my help.

⁸By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with
me, a prayer to the God of my life.

⁹I say to God, "Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I mourn because the enemy oppresses me?"

¹⁰As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me, "Where is your God?"

¹¹Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why so unquiet within me? Hope in
God; for I shall again praise God, who is my help.

1st Gospel Reading:

John 16:12-16

¹²I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to

you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁶A little while and you will no longer see me, & again a little while, and you will see me.

Hymn: *Go to dark Gethsemane*

Hymnal #171

1. 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.

2. Follow to the judgment hall; view the
Lord of life arraigned; O the
wormwood and the gall! O the pangs

his soul sustained! Shun not suffering,
shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the
cross.

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

2nd Gospel Reading:

John 17:20-21

²⁰I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

Hymn: *Sunset to sunrise changes now*

Hymnal #163

1. Sunset to sunrise changes now, for
God doth make his world anew; on the
Redeemer's thorn-crowned brow the
wonders of that dawn we view.

2. E'en though the sun withholds its
light, lo! a more heavenly lamp shines

here, and from the cross on Calvary's
height gleams of eternity appear.

3. Here in o'erwhelming final strife the
Lord of life hath victory, and sin is
slain, and death brings life, and earth
inherits heaven's key.

3rd Gospel Reading:

Luke 22:39-42, 45-46

³⁹He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." ⁴¹Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴²Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.

⁴⁵When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you do not come into the time of trial."

Homily: Then He Withdrew

The Peace

The People stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you,

People: And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another at physical distance.

Choral Anthem: *When Jesus Died to Save Us*

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The Deacon or Priest prepares the altar for the Eucharist.

The Holy Eucharist: The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, holy Lord, creator of heaven and earth, because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us, live and die as one of us, reconciling us to one other and all of us to you, that we might be delivered from sin and death, and become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining with Angels and Archangels and with all the host of heaven, who forever sing this hymn, to the glory of your Name,

The People, led by the LEM, say

The Sanctus

Hymnal #S-124

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

And now, Father, redeemed by him and made new, we pray you sanctify these gifts by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On this night, when he was betrayed, our Lord took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, given for you. Do this in memory of me." ‡

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in memory of me." ‡

Remembering his work of redemption, and offering this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: We celebrate his death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Hagar, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, O Lord, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN. ††

Now, as Christ taught us, we are bold to say,

The People, led by the LEM, say

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, then keeps a period of silence.

The People, led by the Choristers, sing:

Fraction Anthem: *Agnus Dei*

Hymnal #S-161

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 peace.

The Celebrant says

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People come forward to receive the gifts.

The Stripping of the Altar

The Celebrant, LEM, and Altar Guild strip the altar and sanctuary as the Choristers lead the People to chant responsively by whole verse:

Psalm 22:1-21

- 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, 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.

The Bidding

The Celebrant prays:

Blessed are you, Lord God of our fathers and mothers, who has brought us in safety to this night. We remember that Jesus, after his final supper with his friends, went forth to pray alone, and to face his time of trial and his death. May we in your grace keep watch with him this night, and be found faithful unto him when morning dawns.

Withdrawal Hymn: *Alone thou goest forth*

Hymnal #164

1. Alone thou goest forth, O Lord, in sacrifice to die; is this thy sorrow nought to us who pass unheeding by?

2. Our sins, not thine, thou bearest, Lord; make us thy sorrow feel, till through our pity and our shame love answers love's appeal.

3. This is earth's darkest hour, but thou dost light and life restore; then let all praise be given thee who livest evermore.

4. Grant us with thee to suffer pain that, as we share this hour, thy cross may bring us to thy joy and resurrection power.

The Dismissal

The Celebrant says:

Jesus said, "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. I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you."

The LEM says:

Let us go forth, in peace, to love and to serve the Lord.

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Liturgical Note: The English word "Maundy" gives tonight's service its shape and title. It comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means "commandment." The commandment in question is one that Jesus gave his disciples during supper on the evening before he died. We hear it near the beginning of our service, "I give you a new commandment: that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, so should you love one another" (John 13:34). The love he means is the kind conveyed by the Greek word *agape*, which is the same self-giving love by which God gave the world his only-begotten son, to the end that we might not perish but have everlasting life. If we show this kind of love to one another, Jesus says, all the world will know that we are his disciples. They will know that we listen to him, and do what he tells us to do.

How best might we show that love? This liturgy invites us to think prayerfully through our answers to this question.

In ages past, Christians adopted the practice of washing one another's feet on Maundy Thursday, much as Jesus had done earlier that evening and asked his disciples to do. There is no record that they ever did so. Moreover, Jesus himself noted that his washing of their feet did not make them clean – Judas, after all, had his feet washed along with everyone else, and left to betray him before hearing the new commandment – but gave them "a share" in him (John 13:8).

We honor ancient custom as well as modern hygiene this night by having members of the altar party wash one another's hands, not feet, and by inviting members of the congregation to do likewise if they wish. We follow the *mandatum* Jesus gave by blessing simple foods, the bread and wine to be consecrated for our Eucharist, and donations we make for those in our community who hunger and thirst. We take our share with Jesus in doing this, and in the form of the Eucharist itself. We memorialize his agony in the garden and upcoming trial and death by stripping the altar and sanctuary of their liturgical accoutrements until we face, as he did, bare wood, cold iron, and a silent sky.

Some of us remain behind in the darkness within, keeping watch as he bade his disciples keep watch. Others leave as the service ends. Be it soon or late, however, we go into the darkness without, hoping to be lights that it cannot overcome. While we may be troubled this night by the mystery of our salvation and its cost, we pray that we may be comforted by its grace, and by the power shown in it of God's self-giving love.

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St. Mark's Announcements

1. **Sunday Adult Study and Discussion:** will resume on Sunday, April 7, 2024. All are welcome. Please see Rev. Christopher for more information.

Our new topic of study: Walter Rauschenbusch and the Social Gospel Movement.

2. **Altar Flowers:** Beginning with Easter and through the season of Epiphany, you may sponsor the Altar Flowers for any Sunday or major feast day in memory of your loved ones, a birthday, an anniversary, or any other suitable occasion – or even just because. The sign-up book with details is in the church office or, on Sundays, in the narthex (at

the back of the church). Please contact the office for more information or to support this part of our worship.

3. **Assisting with Worship and Other Ministries:** We welcome and encourage you to serve at either worship service as Lector (Reader), Intercessor, Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM), Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV), Acolyte, Usher, and Greeter. We also would welcome a new Head of Outreach, or a team of leaders, to lead this ministry, and new members to the Fellowship Committee, Counter Team, and Altar Guild. Please see Rev. Christopher if you would like to serve in any of these roles.
4. **Tending Our Soil:** Tending Our Soil is putting together a small team to take input from the congregation and public on the “Welcoming Children” project and then design it. This project should take fewer than 90 days. To express interest, please contact Beth Walton in person or by texting 240-461-1647.
5. **Bag Lunches for Elizabeth House:** On the 3rd Sunday of each month, following the 8:00am service, St. Mark’s Outreach ministry makes bag lunches for those in need at Elizabeth House. St. Mark’s is looking for volunteers to help make these bag lunches. Please contact Linda Toran or the office if you would like to volunteer.
6. **Coffee Hour Hosting:** Please consider helping to host the *Coffee Hour* following the 10:30 service. Help is needed with setup, cleanup, and purchasing. There is a sign-up notebook located on the wall beside the coffee pot in the Parish Hall. The notebook includes instructions on what a host needs to do. We give thanks for all those who help with this ministry of hospitality.
7. **Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) Meeting:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 7:00pm in the library. Please let the Parish Administrator know if you would like to attend this meeting via Zoom.
8. **Vestry Meeting:** Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Please let the Parish Administrator know if you would like to attend this meeting Zoom.

Please check your e-letters and the website for the most up-to-date information.

Save the Date

Wednesday, April 3, 2024: MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION:

St. Mark’s has partnered with the Capitol Area Foodbank and Vietnamese American Services (VAS), to bring fresh vegetables and fruits to the community on a first come,

first served basis, once a month between **1pm and 3pm**. Please pick up at the Parish Hall. St. Mark's parishioners may call the office at 301-622-5860 to reserve a produce bag. All reserved food must be picked up no later than 3pm on Friday. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:** if you can spare an hour or two.

Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter Services

Friday, March 29, 2024: Good Friday: Central Montgomery Episcopalians Shared Service, 12:00noon-2:00pm, *Sanctuary*; Solemn Collects & Passion Gospel using *A Women's Lectionary*, Year W, 7:00pm, *Sanctuary*.

Saturday, March 30, 2024: Easter Vigil: Central Montgomery Episcopalians Shared Service, St. Francis, Potomac, 7:30pm.

Sunday, March 31, 2024: Easter Sunday:

8:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, *Sanctuary*

9:00am Continental breakfast will be available in the Parish Hall lobby.

10:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite 2, *Sanctuary*

The Maundy Thursday service, the Good Friday services, and the 10:30 Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services will be live-streamed and recorded for later viewing.

St. Mark's Mission & Vision

Mission

- ❖ To love God, love our Neighbors, and serve Christ in all persons.

Vision: St. Mark's

- ❖ Invites, welcomes, and connects people to God and one another in a thriving church community.
- ❖ Fosters opportunities for people to serve those around them.
- ❖ Promotes equity, justice, accessibility, and care for creation.

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We hope that today's service has been a blessing to you.

We are here to serve you and hope to see you again.

Please feel free to call us, email us, or visit us online.

