



**Thursday, April 2, 2026**

**Maundy Thursday**

**5:00 p.m.**

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Book of Common Prayer \*  
Rite I

Music from  
1982 Hymnal (H)

Today's Worship Leaders

Celebrant: Rev Gerardo Brambila  
Verger: Patty Emanuelson  
Crucifer: Judi Sock  
Gospel Book: Fr. Gerardo and Readers  
Eucharistic Ministers: Judi Sock & Patty Emanuelson

First Lesson & The Psalm: Marva Martinez  
Second Lesson: Diane Plein  
Prayers of the People: Beth Mayhew

Today's Music Leaders

Music Director & Organist: Mr. Don Palm

## The Holy Eucharist – Rite I

### Prelude

### Vestry Announcements

*Please stand as able*

### Processional

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

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Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Kyrie:

*Kyrie Eleison*

*Attached*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you**

### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: 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.*

*Please sit for the lessons.*

### First Reading: Exodus 12: 1-4, (5-10), 11-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:

This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell 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. If 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. [Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.] This 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. For 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 judgments: I am the Lord. The 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.

This 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.

**People: Thanks be to God**

**The Psalm**  
**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.**

*[The "Hallelujah!" which closes verse 17 is omitted on Maundy Thursday.]*

### **The Epistle**

#### **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

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, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In 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." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Gospel Hymn:**                      *Just As I Am*

H-711, Vs 1, 2, 3

### **The Holy Gospel**

#### **John 13: 1-17, 31b-35**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "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. 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.

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

### **Sermon – Reverend Gerardo Brambila**

#### **Washing of the Feet**

BOS 93

Celebrant: 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. We all need to remember his example, but none stand more in need of this reminder than those whom the Lord has called to the ordained ministry.

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."

Celebrant: The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with the disciples and had washed their feet, he 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."

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I may 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.

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

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

### **Prayers of the People Form I**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples. especially those suffering the ravages of war, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Sean our presiding bishop, Jennifer our diocesan bishop, for Gerardo our priest and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this community, the nation, and the world; especially for members of The Diocese of Virginia – Episcopal Church, and Sun City Christian Church, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially for those on our parish prayer list, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who serve as law enforcement, fire and first responders, as well as the armed forces, especially Matt, Zach, Christopher, and Tierra let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died, in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed especially, Lois Marie Jones, Susan Barnette, Karolena Cardella, Jo Anne Hansen, Raul Zamora and Ruth Jones, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of St. Christopher and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

The Peace

BCP 360

*All stand*

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

**People: And also with you.**

Birthdays/Anniversaries/Travel Blessings

### Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

BCP 376

Offertory Anthem:

Doxology:

*Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*

H-380, V 3

### The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 360

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Preface

Celebrant: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and

the graded, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Sanctus

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord*

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Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Celebrant** **Christ has died**

**& People:** **Christ has risen**

**Christ will come again**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.*

**People:**     **Amen.**

Celebrant:   And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Our Father*   (*spoken*)

Fraction Anthem:         *Christ Our Passover*

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The Invitation

Distribution

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread saying:*

Celebrant:   Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:**     **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant:   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.

Communion Hymn:         *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord*

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Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

### **The Invitation & Distribution**

Lay Eucharistic Minister's Prayer

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The Blessing

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. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

## Stripping of the Altar

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

### Psalm 22

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

*[The "Gloria Patri" which ends the psalm is omitted on Maundy Thursday.]*

Dismissal Acclamation

BCP 366

*Leave in Quiet Remorse*

**St. Christopher's uses the following texts as worship aides:**

The Book of Common Prayer = BCP  
The 1982 Hymnal = H  
Wonder, Love & Praise Hymnal = WLP

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**Kyrie: Kyrie** ..... (Sung)..... **Clark**

**Choir:** Look around you, can you see?  
Times are troubled, people grieve.  
See the violence, feel the hardness.  
All my people weep with me.

**All sing refrain:**

Voice Ky - ri - o e - lei - son, Chris - to e - lei - son,

Vo. ky - ri - o e - lei - son.

**Choir and Congregation:**  
Walk among them; I'll go with you.  
Reach out to them with my hands.  
Suffer with me, and together  
We will serve them, help them stand.

**REFRAIN**

**Choir and Congregation:** Forgive them Father; hear our prayer.  
We would walk with you anywhere.  
Through your suffering with forgiveness,  
Take your life into the world.

**REFRAIN**