

Christ Church of Bethany and Woodbridge

Maundy Thursday (3/28/2024)

Prelude: *Ave Verum* Mozart

Announcements

Processional Hymn 315 *Thou Who At Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray* Unde et Memores

The Word of God, as beginning on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

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.**

A Reading from the Book of 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.

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.

A Reading from 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.

Sequence Hymn 310 *O Saving Victim* Herr Jesu Christ

At the introduction of the Gospel, the congregation responds, "Glory to you, Lord Christ"

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to St. Luke 22:14-30

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!' Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who

serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'

At the conclusion, the congregation responds, "Praise to you, Lord Christ"

The Homily

Choir Anthem: *So You Must Do* Haugen

Nicene Creed, page 358

Prayers of the People, Form III, BCP page 387

The congregation may add their own thanksgivings and petitions, either silently or aloud.

The Lay Minister may remember the altar flower dedications and the prayers for those members of our community and extended community as printed at the bottom of the order of service.

*The Celebrant, if applicable: We especially remember God's servant(s) _____. Give to the departed eternal rest. **Let light perpetual shine upon them.** May [his/her/their] soul(s) and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, **rest in peace.** Amen.*

The Confession and Absolution, page 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

(The choice of the Eucharistic Prayer is at the discretion of the Celebrant)

Offertory Hymn 314 *Humbly I Adore Thee* Adoro Te Devote

Doxology

The Sanctus (S-114)

The Breaking of the Bread

Music During the Distribution: *Pange Lingua Gloriosi* De Silva

The Post-Communion Prayer, page 365

Stripping of the Altar *Psalm 22 chanted*

(The Liturgy concludes with a period of silence followed by a prayer for Holy Week. There is no formal dismissal.)

Participants:

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. John Branson
Musician and Choir Director: Michelle Fraser

Lay Minister: Ruth Beardsley
Lector: Tom Sansone
Altar Guild: Shirley Skolozdra
Ecclesia Canem: Brother Jesse, CGC
Stewards of the Sacred Space: Ruth Beardsley and Michelle Fraser

Flower dedication: none this week

In our Petitions and Thanksgivings:

Jayne Johnson, Madeline Slicer, Doris Beswick, Sandy, Cate Horton, Lisa Caivano, Patricia, Paul, Frankie Sylvester, Pat Ryan, Rosalie Molnar, Steve Johnson, Gail Peabody, Nancy, Margaret Clements, Jeff Boyd, Greg Banks, John Matheson, Owen Horvath, Sharon Patrick, Josephine, William, Kerri Guida, Joan, MaryBeth Vientos