

# Sherwood Episcopal Church

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Maundy Thursday



**About Maundy Thursday:** *On Maundy Thursday, Jesus gives us a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you, signified in the washing of the feet. The altar is stripped in preparation for the desolation of Good Friday, and we will all leave in silence after we witness the stripping of the altar by the Altar Guild.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

PROCESSIONAL HYMN      Now, my tongue, the mystery telling      329

CONFESSION OF SIN      BCP Pg. 360

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**His mercy endures for ever.**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8,9

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**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 loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on 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 have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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.**

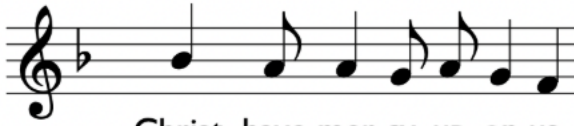
## KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us

setting by John Merbecke



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.



Christ, have mer-cy up-on us.



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-14

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:1, 10-17

*Said responsively by whole verse*

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 SECOND READING

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Rebecca C. Warlow

*Following the homily, let us pause for a period of silent reflection on God's holy word.*

THE CEREMONY OF THE WASHING OF THE FEET

BCP, p. 274

*Everyone is invited to take part in this symbolic act, which for many can be extremely moving. Before coming forward, remove your shoes, and socks/stockings while still in your pew. Merely sit in one of the chairs and your feet will be washed. If you would like, you may wash the next person's feet. Otherwise, Mother Nancy will wash the next person's feet. This simple and intimate act brings to life what the disciples must have felt when Jesus knelt down to wash their feet. It makes Jesus' new commandment to love one another real and impactful.*

HYMN

Brother, sister, let me serve you

1 Bro - ther, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, fel - low trav'l - lers  
 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll  
 5 When we sing to God in hea - ven, we shall find such  
 6 Bro - ther, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as

Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to  
 on the road; we are here to help each o - ther  
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
 har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to - geth - er  
 Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant too.  
 walk the mile and bear the load.  
 speak the peace you long to hear.  
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 of Christ's love and a gon - y.  
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

*Following the ceremony of the washing of the feet, the people stand as they are able for the Prayers of the People.*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people especially the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East and all people impacted by the war with Iran. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We especially pray for those our parish prayer list: Kevin M., Bill, the Leezer family, Steve K., Leslie C., Chloe R., Rosalie J., Anne, Dominic D., Butch H., Michael L., Stephanie, Conner, Janice R. Anne K. and family, Bob. O., Don S., Rich K., John H., and Chip.

*Silence*

I ask your thanksgiving for the blessings of this life, including those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*Celebrant concludes*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The people will greet one another with a sign of God's peace. Don't forget to show the sign of peace to our friends who are worshipping with us virtually.*

**Please be seated.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

What follows is the Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist, yet no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes you, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please see Mother Nancy following the service. To receive either bread or wine is considered full communion. You may receive the bread or a gluten-free wafer; please indicate to the minister your need. To receive the wine, please assist the Chalicist by holding the base of the chalice (cup) and guiding it to your lips.

If you are not baptized or would prefer not to receive communion for any personal or religious reason, you are still invited to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from the priest. (Please place your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.) Above all, remember that all are welcome here at Sherwood!

## THE OFFERTORY

*The people are seated while an offering is collected to support God's mission here at Sherwood Church and in the world. Your contributions of any size make a difference. [Give online](https://sherwoodcokeysville.org/give) (sherwoodcokeysville.org/give) or if you would prefer, mail your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cockeyville, 21030. Thank you!*



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*Please be seated.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Asperges Me

Josef Gruber

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own we have given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A - BCP pg. 361

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, hea - ven 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.\_\_\_\_\_

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Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic prayer and at the conclusion says*

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*The Celebrant says*

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
 sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
 sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
 sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*For those who are not able to be present for communion, please pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer while communion is distributed.*

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)*

*In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our*

*hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

COMMUNION HYMN

Go to dark Gethsemane

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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.

*Go to dark Gethsemane, #171 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854). Music: Petra, Richard Redhead (1820-1901).*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries**

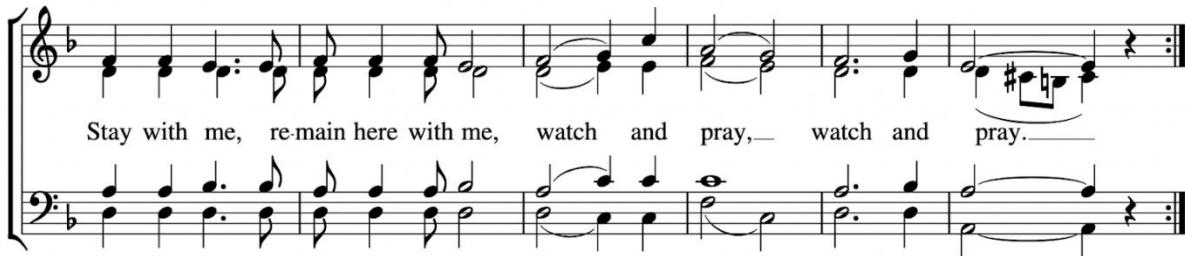
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*Please remain seated as the Altar Guild lovingly and reverently strips the Altar. This is a custom that has been done for centuries and is our symbolic act of preparing ourselves for Good Friday, just as Jesus prepared himself for his final hours. As we witness the stripping of the altar, we too are reminded of the emptiness we would feel if our Lord were not active in the world. We are laid bare, except for the Altar of Repose, where the Sacrament is reserved for Good Friday.*

Hymn

Stay with me (Taizé)



*Following the stripping of the altar, we will all exit the church in silence.*

**Please join us for the Good Friday service at noon tomorrow and for Easter on Sunday at 10 am.**

**Worship Participants for Maundy Thursday, April 2, 6 pm**

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey  
Deacon/Preacher: The Rev. Rebecca C. Warlow  
Music Director: Greg Seseck  
Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lectors: Mary D., Bronwyn S.,  
Crucifer/Acolyte: Dylan B.  
Ushers: Fran G., Kevin H.  
AV: Robin R.  
Altar Guild: Sandy T.

**Lay Participants for Good Friday, April 3, noon**

Lectors: Jack T., Jane T.  
Passion Readers: Jack T., Jane T.,  
Bronwyn S.  
Crucifer/Acolyte: Bronwyn S.

Ushers: Karyn G., Jack T.  
AV: Mary D.  
Altar Guild: Sandy T.

**Lay Participants for Easter Sunday, April 5, 10 am**

Lectors: Bronwyn S., Mary D.  
Crucifer: Dylan S.  
Acolyte: Dylan B.  
Ushers: Christina S., Alex S.

AV: Robin R.  
Hospitality:  
Altar Guild: Susan B., Joyce M.

**A very special welcome to visitors and newcomers! Thank you for joining us for worship. If you are seeking a church home and are interested in learning more about Sherwood Church, or if you would like to receive weekly emails and announcements from our parish, please contact us at [sherwoodparish@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com). Please be sure to check out our Facebook page for updates and remember to subscribe to our YouTube channel.**

***Please remember those on our parish prayer list with ongoing needs:***

*Shannon T., Joyce, Christine, Kendall, Sarah, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Danny, Debbie R., Marian, John M., Paige, Marissa, Frances T., David D., Hannah, Jessica, Ruth, Don M., Andrea, Peggy, Angelina, Leslie, and the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, and all impacted by the war with Iran.*