



MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 9, 2020

The Three Holy Days:
Worshipping Together for Holy Week 2020

First Parish Congregational Church, Yarmouth
St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Yarmouth

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Dear Members of First Parish and St. Bartholomew's,

As we enter Holy Week, we are grateful to be praying together, two communities of faith celebrating three days central to the Christian year. Because of the pandemic, we cannot hold these important services together in our churches. Yet we can worship together in spirit and truth, with hearts united in prayer for the well-being of our communities and our world.

These three services are really one event, stretched over three days: from Maundy Thursday, through Good Friday and into Easter. As a sign of our unity in this time of distress, we are joining together in worship each of the three nights. While Easter is a joyful festival, we keep it now in a time of difficulty and world-wide sorrow. Still, we believe that Christ is with us in his word, by his Spirit drawing us together as one before God. And we believe that the gospel of Christ gives us strength amid distress and comfort in the face of our sufferings.

With thanks for the staff and clergy of First Parish Yarmouth and St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, our choir and music directors, readers, production people, the Episcopal Diocese of Maine and Bishop Thomas James Brown, and YOU. It's good to do this holy work together.

*Rev. Kate Dalton First Parish
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*The Rev. Nina Pooley St. Bart's
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Resources:

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Other resources include:

The Book of Common Prayer 1979 and The Hymnal 1982: Episcopal Church Publishing; the Book of Alternative Services: Anglican Church of Canada. Unless otherwise noted, Biblical texts are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. Material adapted from the New Living Translation, Ezekiel 37, is from Keeping the Feast; Reimagining Holy Week, out of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago. Jan Richardson: Circle of Grace, paintedprayerbook.com.

Set out a bowl, a small pitcher of water, and a clean towel on your altar or sacred space. You may also want candles, and a red cloth, if you are following the colors of Holy Week.

Opening Music

Journey to Gethsemane

Evan Cuddy

Welcome

The Rev. Nina Pooley

Opening Sentences and Confession

Rev. Kelli Whitman

Blessed be the God of our salvation,
who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

This is the night Jesus gathered with his friends in the upper room,
to give thanks to God, as we gather together tonight.

We remember God's forgiveness:

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. Our sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. **Amen.**

A Collect for Maundy Thursday

Rev. Abby d'Ambruso

God be with you.
Let us pray.

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: The Book of 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116: 1-4, 6-8, 10-12

Mike Perfetti

- 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.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

- 4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the LORD has treated you well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD *
in the land of the living.
- 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.

The Second Lesson:

Rev. Abby d'Ambruoso

The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 11:23-26

For 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Lesson: John 13:1–17, 31b–35

Rev. Kate Dalton

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.

A Reflection for Maundy Thursday

The Rev. Nina Pooley

An Invitation to Foot Washing

While the choir sings, you are invited to wash your hands or feet, using the water in the bowl, recalling Jesus washing his disciples' feet.

Ubi Caritas, sung by members of St. Bart's Choir

WLP #831

The Prayers of the People

Rev. Kelli Whitman

Let us pray together:

United with Christians around the globe on this Maundy Thursday, let us pray for the church, the earth, our troubled world, and all in need, responding to each petition with the words **Your mercy is great.**

A brief silence.

Blessed are you, holy God, for the church. Gather all the baptized around your presence in the Word. Strengthen the body of your people even when we cannot assemble for worship. Give our bishops and all our clergy faithfulness and creativity for their ministry in this time, and accompany those preparing for baptism.

A brief silence.

Hear us, holy God. **Your mercy is great.**

Blessed are you, bountiful God, for this good earth and for the flowering of springtime. Save dry lands from destructive droughts. Protect the waters from pollution. Allow in this time the planting of fields for food. Make us into care-givers of your plants and animals.

A brief silence.

Hear us, bountiful God. **Your mercy is great.**

Blessed are you, sovereign God, for our nation. Inspire all people to live in peace and concord. Grant wisdom and courage to heads of state and to legislators as they face the coronavirus. Lead our elected officials to champion the cause of the needy.

A brief silence.

Hear us, sovereign God. **Your mercy is great.**

Blessed are you, faithful God, for you accompany suffering humanity with love. Abide wherever the coronavirus has struck. Visit all who mourn their dead; all who have contracted the virus; those who are quarantined or stranded away from home; those who have lost their employment; those who fear the present and the future. Support physicians, nurses, and home health aides; medical researchers; and the World Health Organization.

A brief silence.

Hear us, faithful God. **Your mercy is great.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, for you care for the needy. We beg you to feed the hungry, protect the refugee, embrace the distressed, house the homeless, nurse the sick, and comfort the dying. Especially we pray for those we name before you now, either silently or aloud...

A brief silence.

Hear us, gracious God. **Your mercy is great.**

Blessed are you, loving God, that your Son knelt before us, your unworthy servants. Preserve our lives, comfort our anxiety, and receive now the petitions of our hearts.

A longer period of silence.

Hear us, loving God. **Your mercy is great.**

Blessed are you, eternal God, for all who have died in the faith, and those whom we name before you here.

A brief silence.

At the end, bring us with them into your everlasting glory.

Hear us, eternal God. **Your mercy is great.**

Musical Response, please sing
O Lord hear my pray'r

WLP #827

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a series of chords and a few notes, including a quarter note G4. The second staff continues with more chords and notes, including a quarter note G4. The third staff concludes the piece with a final chord and a quarter note G4, marked with a fermata and the word 'Fine' above it. The lyrics are: 'O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r. When I call, an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r. O Lord hear my pray'r Come and list-ten to me. O'.

Closing Sentences

This is the night,
one whom Jesus loved would betray him,
another would deny him.
No one would stay awake with him in his hour of need.

The Rev. Nina Pooley

The Stripping of the Altar

You are invited to strip your home altar or sacred space - removing candles and cloth - leaving the altar area empty. You may even want to wash it with a few drops from your pitcher of water and wipe it dry.

This is the night, praying,
“Abba, Father, not my will but your will be done,”
Jesus allowed himself to be delivered into the hands
of those who would crucify him.

Rev. Kate Dalton

Closing Music

Jesus Remember Me

Amanda Gale

Our observance of the Three Holy Days continues tomorrow, with the service for Good Friday.

Tomorrow we will set a cross on our altar space, and a single candle.

If you have been using colored cloth to mark the days of Holy Week, tomorrow you will want something black.