



**St. George's**  
Episcopal Church

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

## LITURGY OF THE WORD, with Stripping of the Altar

**APRIL 1, 2021**  
**7:00 PM**

The Rev. Ann McLemore, *Interim Rector*

Ms. Mi-Young Kim, *Music Director*

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**The mission of St. George's Episcopal Church is to worship God and share our faith through word, action, and service.**

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*WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE WITH US.* In this difficult and uncertain time, our commitment to one another as the Body of Christ is more important than ever. We are blessed to be able to join together in prayer, even as we are unable to be together in person as we would wish. Our online services are all available from the [Online Worship](#) page of our website.

On MAUNDY THURSDAY, we remember the Last Supper, when Jesus shared bread and wine with his disciples, establishing a new covenant in his body and his blood. He also washed the feet of the disciples and told them to serve others in the same way. The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin "mandatum," meaning commandment, in reference to Jesus' instruction to his disciples at this meal: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). Maundy Thursday also marks the beginning the Triduum, the ancient observation of the three days leading up to Easter. The Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil liturgies together lead us through Christ's despair, his abandonment by his friends, his suffering, and ultimately his death, toward his resurrection. At the end of tonight's service, we will watch as the Altar is stripped. All ornamentation is stripped away as we prepare to experience the crucifixion once again, to travel through the darkness with Christ and with each other. When we leave this service, we hear no blessing, no dismissal, because it is not yet over.

### GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS

**H** – 1982 Hymnal

**G** – Gather Hymnal

**BCP** – Book of Common Prayer

## WELCOME

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

## OPENING HYMN

**Triduum Hymn: Wondrous Love** (verses 1,2,4,5)

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1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul? What  
 2 The night be - fore the end of his life, of his life, The  
 4 As ser - vant, then, he knelt at their feet, at their feet, As  
 5 "What I have done for you in my love, in my love, What



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this that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread - ful curse for my  
 end, my Lord sat with his friends, And off - ered them the meal of his  
 knelt, a ser - vant's towel for belt, He showed the love he felt at their  
 you, so you are called to do, To be a ser - vant true in your



soul, for my soul; To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul?  
 death and his life, He off - ered them a share in his life.  
 feet, at their feet, He showed the love he felt at their feet.  
 love, in your love, To be a ser - vant true in your love."

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

**Officiant** 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.

**People** **Amen.**

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Migh - ty,  
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924).

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

*Reader* A reading from the book of Exodus.

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. 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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 116:1, 10-17**

**DILEXI, QUONIAM**

*Please join in reading the psalm.*

- 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.  
Hallelujah!**

**SECOND LESSON**

**1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26**

*Reader*            A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant,  
 2 We are pil - grims on a journ - ey,  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you;  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing;  
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en,  
 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant,

let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may  
 we are trav - 'lers on the road; we are here to  
 in the night - time of your fear; I will hold my  
 when you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your  
 we shall find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've  
 let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may

have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.  
 help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
 hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
 joy and sor - row 'til we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.  
 have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.

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*Officiant*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*                **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.”

*Officiant*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE REV. ANN MCLEMORE

FOOTWASHING ANTHEMS

BCP 274

*Officiant*            The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, 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.”

*People*                **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.**

*Officiant*            I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

*People*                **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.**

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

## THE PRAYERS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III

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*Intercessor* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Intercessor* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Intercessor* We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai, our bishops; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Intercessor* We pray for Joe our president, Greg our governor, Steve our mayor, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Intercessor* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Intercessor* Have compassion on Raynelle, August, Gladys, Phillip, Charles, Ralph, Kirk, Janet, Divesh, Mark, Iris, Casey, Belinda, Mary, Metis, Ruben, Nancy, Ben, Glenn, Preston, Rochelle, Jon, Alyssa, JoAnn, those suffering from COVID-19, and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Intercessor* Give to Tom, those killed in the shootings in Atlanta and Boulder, those who have died from COVID-19, and to all the departed, eternal rest;

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Intercessor* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*(Silence)*

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

*People* **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.**

*Officiant* Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*Officiant* 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.

*People* **Amen.**



Officiant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

People **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.**

Officiant 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.

People **Amen.**

### THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CLOSING HYMN

#### *Stay Here and Keep Watch (sung twice)*

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Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.

Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.

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### THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*The service ends in silence.*

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*The altar flowers have been given by James and Gayle Wall  
in loving memory of their granddaughter Amber Grace Metcalf,  
and of all those whose memory is cherished by the people of St. George's.*

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## PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

### ***For those who are sick or facing medical issues, especially:***

Raynelle Blech

August Dolan-Henderson

Gladys Dykes

Phillip Farmer

Charles Foster

Ralph Hausser

Kirk Hoffman

Janet Joslyn

Divesh Manohar

Mark Mays

Iris McBrayer

Casey McDonald

**Belinda McGhee**

Mary Parker

Metis Policano

Ruben Romero

Nancy Rushefsky

Ben Sears

Glenn Tatum

Preston Tyree

Rochelle & Jon Winkle

Those suffering from COVID-19

### ***For those who have died and their families, especially***

**Tom Wooten**

Those killed in the shootings in Atlanta and Boulder

Those who have died from COVID-19

### ***For those facing difficult circumstances, especially:***

Alyssa Danielle

JoAnn Mays

### ***For those serving in the armed forces and their families, especially:***

Andrew Hutton

### ***For our seminarian:***

Joel McAlister and his family

*Names newly added to the list of prayer requests are in bold.*

*Names can be added to this list by emailing Jennifer at [stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com).*

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## GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

Words like “unprecedented” seem too small to describe the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has sorely afflicted the lives of millions of people around the world. It is hard to get one’s mind around the impact of this crisis. And yet, for many Christians in the Middle East, the pandemic is just one more crisis to add to the list.



Worship during the pandemic at St. Christopher’s Cathedral, Bahrain. Note the laptop on the lectern. (Photo credit: The Ven. Bill Schwartz)

Reflecting upon the situation in Yemen, the Ven. Bill Schwartz, Archdeacon for the Gulf in the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, writes: “The COVID crisis is actually only one more difficulty for them in the face of three other ongoing epidemics (cholera, dengue fever, malaria) and all are greatly affected by all of the problems of the ongoing civil war.”

In the Middle East, the political instability of countries like Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, and Yemen can overshadow all other concerns. Governments in turmoil con-

tinue to create conditions which promote poverty, food insecurity and economic instability which put a desperate strain on refugees and displaced persons, health care, education and family life in the best of times.

The Good Friday Offering is an opportunity throughout the Episcopal Church to support our Anglican sisters and brothers in their ministry to their neighbors to help meet the needs of innocent people caught in the middle of these realities.

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To participate in the Good Friday Offering, visit the [Good Friday Offering](#) page of the national church’s website.

# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

All online Holy Week services will be available via [Facebook Live](#) and Zoom. (The Zoom link will be sent in an email to parishioners; for more information, contact [stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com).)

## MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 1

- **7:00 pm** – Liturgy of the Word, with Stripping of the Altar (online)

## GOOD FRIDAY, April 2

- **12:00 pm** – Good Friday service, with reading of the Passion and meditation on the Stations of the Cross (online)

## EASTER DAY, April 4

- **7:00 am** – Sunrise Service with Eucharist (in-person, [register online](#))
- **10:30 am** – Liturgy of the Word (online)
- **12:15 pm** – Outdoor Eucharist (in-person [register online](#))



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- ❖ **SUNRISE SERVICE** – On Easter morning, we will hold a Sunrise Service that will include elements of the Easter Vigil as well as Communion. This service will be limited to 12 people and require [online registration](#). It will last approximately 30-40 minutes and will be held at the rear of the playground. Communion will include distribution of the consecrated host only, not the wine. If you wish to sit, please bring your own chair; you are also welcome to stand. Masks and social distancing will be required.
  - ❖ **WEEKLY EUCHARIST** – We continue to hold a weekly in-person, outdoor Eucharist on **Sunday afternoons at 12:15 pm**. The services are limited to approximately 12 people and require [online registration](#). The service will last approximately 20-30 minutes and will be held at the rear of the playground. Communion will include distribution of the consecrated host only, not the wine. If you wish to sit, please bring your own chair; you are also welcome to stand. Masks and social distancing will be required. Please bring a Book of Common Prayer or a device to access the [Eucharist online](#).
  - ❖ **GIVING TO ST. GEORGE'S** – We are grateful for your financial support in these challenging times. Your gifts enable us to use modern technology to connect to each other, as well as to continue to pay our ongoing expenses. Please consider giving online at the [St. George's Donation page](#) (also accessible from the Stewardship page of our website at [www.sgchurch.org/stewardship](http://www.sgchurch.org/stewardship)), where you can set up regular weekly or monthly donation using a credit card or a bank account. You can also mail checks to the church office. Thank you for your generosity.
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## PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMON LIFE

### PRAYER IN TIMES OF TRANSITION

God of love, in this interim time, we pray for our parish family, that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, tireless in our commitment, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, open in our search, imaginative about our future, and daring in our faith. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. All this we pray, empowered by the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

**BCP 815**

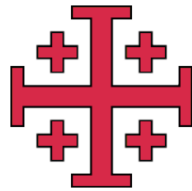
O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

**BCP 260**

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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## THOSE WHO SERVE

*Officiant/Preacher* – The Rev. Ann McLemore

*Organist/Pianist* – Mi-Young Kim

*Streaming Technicians* – Liam Dolan-Henderson, Lydia Fortuna

*Singers* – Stephanie Craven, Elaine Hosage, Jan Phillips,  
Suzette Puckett, Frances Rickard, John Rickard, Periwinkle Schuster

*Reader/Intercessor* – Mikail McIntosh-Doty

*Altar Guild* – Alice Nelson

*Flower Guild* – Jan Phillips

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