

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Maundy Thursday

Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

March 28, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.



*We are glad that you are here today — to worship God, renew your spirit,
deepen your faith, meet new friends, and find new ways to serve.*

***Children are very welcome in worship:
in the pews, in the chapel Prayerground, or in the parish hall!***

*If you are a visitor or newcomer, we welcome you! We invite you to sign the guest register or scan the QR code
at the back of the bulletin so we can let you know of upcoming services and events.*

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Prelude, Native American Flute, Susan Clauss

Opening Hymn, My God, thy table now is spread, Hymnal 321

The musical score is written for a Native American flute in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, with the first three stanzas having four parts each and the fourth stanza having three parts. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The bass line provides a harmonic foundation with chords and single notes.

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
3 Drawn by thy quick-en-ing grace, O Lord, in coun - tless
4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmsody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

Welcome

Priest: Blessed be the God of our salvation:
People: **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Kyrie, Hymnal S-96

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

This system consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It contains a melody with eighth and quarter notes, including a descending scale at the end. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are printed below each staff.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, —

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

This system continues the melody and accompaniment. The upper staff features a similar melodic line, ending with a long note marked with a fermata. The lower staff continues the harmonic support. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, — have mer - cy. Lord, —

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The third system shows the continuation of the musical phrase. The upper staff has a more active melody with eighth notes. The lower staff provides a steady accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the staves.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

The final system of the hymn. The upper staff concludes with a final chord and a fermata. The lower staff also concludes with a final chord and a fermata. The lyrics are printed below the staves.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty God, 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.

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. (12:1-14a)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

Psalm 116:1, 10-17, *Dilexi, quoniam*, Plainsong Tone II.1

Sung by the choir

- 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.

Silence may be kept.

A reading from the first letter 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. (11:23-26)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

Sequence Hymn, I come with joy to meet my Lord, vs. 1-4, Hymnal 304

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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Priest: 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.

Jesus said, "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." (13:1-17, 31-35)

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Warren E. Crews

A meditative moment of silence is kept after the sermon to allow time for the Holy Spirit to carry the Word deep into our hearts.

The Foot Washing

All are invited to come forward and have their foot washed. Those desiring to do so may also stay to wash and/or dry the foot of the person following them in line.

During the ceremony, the following is said:

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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.

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

Beloved, Let Us Love One Another, Daniel Burton

Emmanuel Quartet

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God;
and ev'ry one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God,
for God is love.

This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments:
For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world;
For God is love.

Prayers of the People

God of love, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

The people are invited to share their petitions aloud or in the silence of their hearts.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, then says: Let us confess our sins to God.

After silence is kept, all say

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Priest: Loving God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace

*La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.
Christu shanti meetho ellapudu undunnugaka.
The peace of Christ be always with you.*

***Y con tu espíritu.
Neetho kooda.
And also with you.***

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem, Ubi caritas, Ola Gjeilo

Emmanuel Choir

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where there is charity and love, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us as one.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us honor and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures high and low.
Praise God in Jesus fully known. Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks and praise to God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

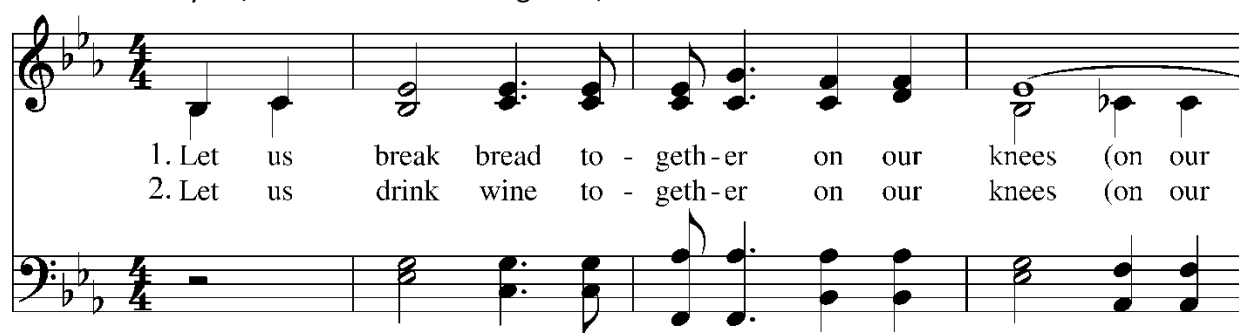
Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

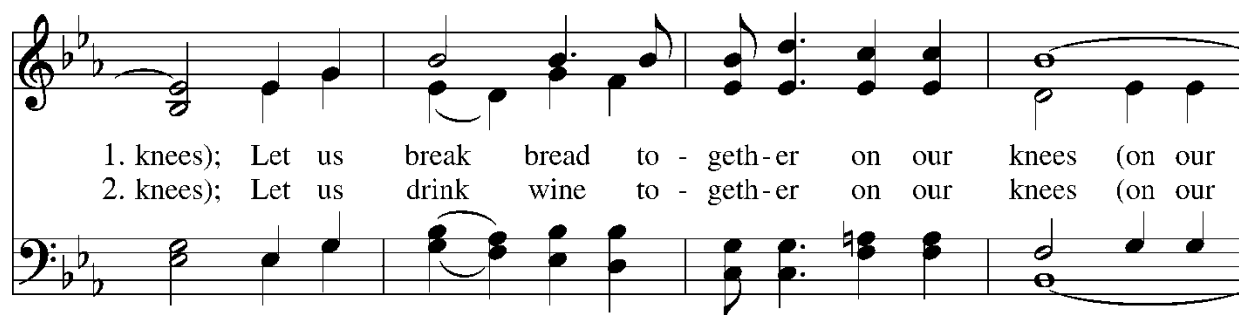
Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

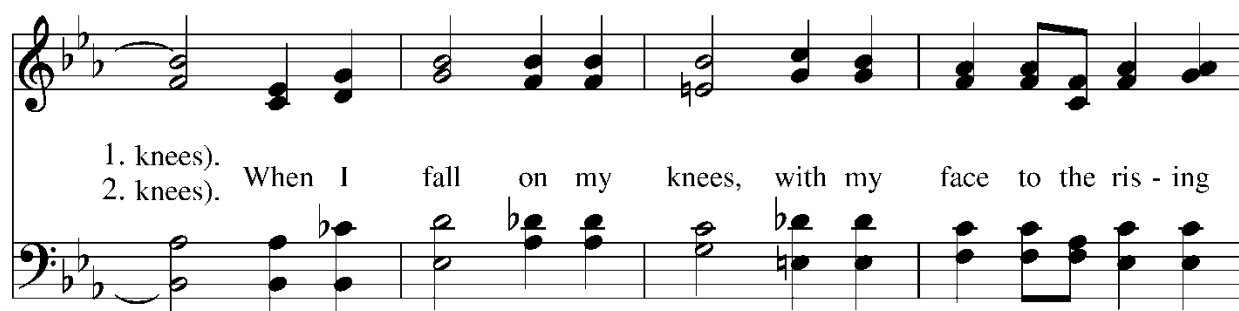
Communion Hymn, Let us break bread together, LEVAS



1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our



1. knees); Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees (on our
2. knees); Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees (on our



1. knees). When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
2. knees). When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, Oh— Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me). me).
1. 2.



Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees); Let us

praise God to - geth - er on our knees (yes, on our knees). When I

fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun, Oh—

Lord, have mer - cy on me (on me).

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The ministers remove the reserved sacrament to the Altar of Repose in the chapel for use on Good Friday. After Communion, the Celebrant says: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The priest blesses the people and may use the following words:

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **People: Amen.**

(There is no dismissal from this service as it is the beginning of the Sacred Triduum – see the notes at the end of this bulletin)

Stripping of the Altar

All kneel or sit in silence. Members of the Altar Guild strip the altar and sanctuary.

Hymn, Go to dark Gethsemane, Hymnal 171

1 Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt-er's power;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of life ar - rained;
3 Cal-vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

your Re-deem - er's con-flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour;
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete;

turn not from his griefs a - way, learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - fering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.
"It is fi - nished!" hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

The congregation then slowly prays Psalm 22

Psalm 22, *Deus, Deus meus*

- 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 for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn*

the saving deeds that he has done.

Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant	The Rev. Sujanna Raj
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Section Leaders	Lauren Romano, Patrick Zelaya
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Instrumentalist	Susan Clauss, Native American Flute
Tech Minister	Alex Hughey

DIVINE PURPOSE STATEMENT

WE BELIEVE that we are called to live in service to others following the example of Jesus Christ, our Savior, helping to heal a broken world and preserve God's creation. We believe God calls us to accept and celebrate everyone - LGBTQIA+, race/ethnicity, status, age, or ability - no exceptions.

WE WORSHIP in community, in-person and online. Grounded in the Book of Common Prayer, our prayer and music embraces diversity of spiritual life. All are invited to receive Holy Eucharist at God's table and to participate in worship. Children are a valued presence and contribute to worship.

WE SERVE all of God's people in partnership with our local, national, and international neighbors, learning from them and working with them toward true justice and equitable access to God's abundance.

We respectfully recognize that we are on traditional, ancestral lands of the Kaskaskia, Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo), Myaamia, Očhéthi, Šakówin, O-ga-xpa Ma-zho" (O-ga-xpa) and Osage Nations. We acknowledge our complicity in the process of colonization that removed these people from their ancestral lands and affirm our commitment to stand with indigenous communities today as we all work towards racial justice, equity, liberation for all people.

A Note on Today's Liturgy

Tonight's Eucharist begins the Sacred Triduum, or Three Sacred Days, of our redemption. This is a celebration: a celebration of our Lord's institution of the sacrament of his Body and Blood; but it is pervaded by the shadow of the cross. Jesus gathered with his disciples in the context of the greatest of all events in Israel's redemption—the exodus and the Passover. Yet the normal joy of such an evening was muted by betrayal, the failure of his friends to understand what he was doing, and his own fear of what was to come.

It was a farewell dinner in which Jesus, by washing his disciples' feet, sought to illustrate one final time the character of love and ministry which is central in the life to which he calls us: self-giving love to the point of dying for one's friends (the Medieval English word for commandment is 'maundy') that we, like him, must serve others. We hear the ancient instructions for celebrating the Passover, Paul's account of the institution of the Eucharist, and John's account of the moment when Jesus washed his disciples' feet. After Holy Communion tonight, the liturgy will not end. It continues through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, coming to a conclusion at the celebration of the Great Vigil or Easter Sunday. We will take the Sacrament which remains tonight and reserve it for use at our Good Friday service. There is no communion at the Holy Saturday service.

You are invited to keep a prayer vigil at home for any length of time you choose in response to Jesus' question, "Could you not watch with me for one hour?"

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