

Welcome to
St. John's Episcopal Church
Chula Vista

Maundy Thursday – Agape Meal
Passover – Seder Meal

April 1, 2021
7:00 pm

*No matter who you are or where you are on your spiritual journey,
you are welcome here*



In accordance with our current health guidelines, those attending our worship service in-person are asked to wear a double mask, maintain social distance (6 feet), perform hand hygiene, to refrain from singing, and regretfully, no physical touch. If you are joining our service virtually, the music is printed in the worship bulletin for you to sing along.

Prelude

Gathering Song

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

Hymnal 602

Chorus

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2 Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and
3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
white, neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.
love. All are neigh - bors to us and you.
slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

Repeat Chorus

Salutation

Presider Blessed be our God.

People **Forever and ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day (Maundy Thursday – adapted)

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, gave freely of himself to his beloved in the washing of feet and instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, and follow his great command to love one another as he eternally loves us all; who has given himself for the whole world, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preparation of the Table (Maundy Thursday / Agape Meal / Seder Meal)

Seder Plate / bowl of salt water / plate of Matza

Lighting of the Festival Candles (Seder Meal)

Blessed are you, Lord our God ruler of the universe, who sanctified us with his commandments, and commanded us to light the festival lights.

Blessed are you Lord our God, ruler of the universe who has kept us in life, and sustained us, and enabled us to reach this festive season.

Washing of the Hands (Seder Meal)

The Four Questions (Seder Meal)

Why is this night different from all other nights?

1. *Why is it that on all other nights we eat either leavened or unleavened bread, but on this night we eat only unleavened bread?*
2. *Why is it that on all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables, but on this night we eat bitter herbs?*
3. *Why is it that on all other nights we do not dip our food even once, but on this night we dip them twice?*
4. *Why is it that on all other nights we dine sitting upright or reclining, but on this night we all recline?*

The First Lesson (Read at Maundy Thursday / Agape Meal / Seder Meal)

Exodus 12:1-14a

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 78:14-20, 23-25 (Maundy Thursday)

He led them with a cloud by day,
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

He split the hard rocks in the wilderness
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

He brought streams out of the cliff,
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

But they went on sinning against him,
rebelling in the desert against the Most High.

They tested God in their hearts,
demanding food for their craving.

They railed against God and said,
"Can God set a table in the wilderness?

True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the gullies overflowed;
but is he able to give bread or to provide meat for his people?"

So he commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven.

He rained down manna upon them to eat
and gave them grain from heaven.

So mortals ate the bread of angels;
he provided for them food enough.

The Second Lesson (Maundy Thursday)

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.

Gradual*Where charity and love prevail*

Hymnal 581 v 1&2



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn;

1 brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.
2 let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in re - turn.

The Gospel (Maundy Thursday)

John 13:1-15

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Prayers of the People

On this holy night, we come together as God's children, and at this table, we come to love and serve one another.

On this holy night, let us pray for all the people of God throughout the world:

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Inspire our leaders with wisdom and compassion;

Give them sound judgment in this time of pandemic.

Let your healing power flow throughout the earth;

Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy and poor, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the unemployed be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Lord's Prayer

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

***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.***

Blessing Over Wine or Juice – Kiddush (From the Agape and Seder Meal)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and on this night you have refreshed us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Blessing Over Bread (Maundy Thursday: Agape Meal)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and on this night you have given us the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Blessing Over the Other Foods (Maundy Thursday: Agape Meal)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen us in the fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 for ever. **Amen.**

Communion

The Body and Blood of Christ keep you in everlasting life.

Spiritual Communion

Spiritual Communion is an ancient practice of the church. It is our desire to receive Jesus in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Because we cannot all be together, some of you watching our liturgy online and cannot physically receive Holy Communion, yet, you still wish to receive Christ spiritually. Let us pray together:

Blessed Jesus, I believe that we are fed with the spiritual food of your Body and Blood. Since I cannot receive You physically today, I now desire to receive you spiritually into my soul. Unite my heart with those of my community gathered to celebrate the great meal of thanksgiving and make us all one with you. May this spiritual communion strengthen my faith and grant me confidence in your loving care now and forever. Amen.

Song at Communion

The Servant Song

Concluding Collect

Let us pray

Merciful God, In the anxiety and confusion of this world, you do not cease to be present to us with your Word and Spirit. Trusting in your gracious will for your creation, we ask you to come to the aid of your people: Strengthen the flock you have gathered from east to west, and preserve us in the bonds of charity. This we ask in the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing (Seder Meal)

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, Creator of all living beings. We thank You for all that You have created to sustain us. Blessed be the Eternal.

Traditionally, his evening would end with the stripping of the altar and the repose of the Blessed Sacrament.

There is no dismissal and all leave in silent prayer to wait for the quiet gathering at the cross on Good Friday.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown for my soul.

Liturgical Ministers

Presider	Rev. Roger Haenke
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Gospeller and	
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