

MAUNDY THURSDAY
MARCH 28, 2024
7:30 PM

Welcome to St. John's Norwood

At the heart of our church family is a desire to reflect God's love and gracious hospitality to all.

Our members represent a variety of racial and ethnic backgrounds, nationalities, family configurations, political affiliations, sexual orientations, abilities, and religious traditions. We are single, married, partnered, divorced, widowed, remarried, LGBTQIA+, with and without children, empty nesters, old and young, and people with disabilities; you name it - we are here, and we're glad you've come.

THE WORD OF GOD

Voluntary Herzlich tut mich verlangen

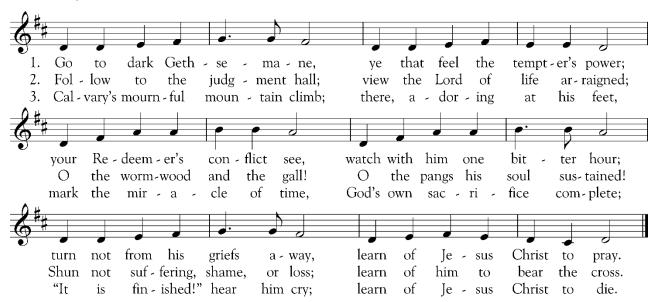
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Based on hymn 168

Please stand and sing



PETRA



The Opening Acclamation and Collect of the Day

Celebrant Bless be the God of our salvation:

People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People O God, on the night he was betrayed Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and gave himself in

a meal of bread and wine. May we who celebrate these signs of his love, serve and give ourselves to others in his name and to your glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and

reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated

The Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Lector A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

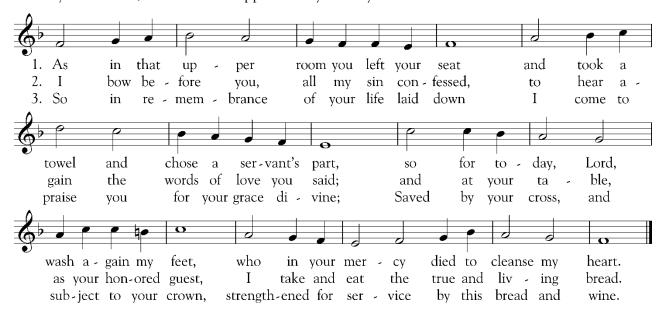
I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn WLP 729 "As in that upper room you left your seat"





The Gospel John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Deacon 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. John Talbird

Please stand as you are able

The Prayers of the People

Leader Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God who kneels to wash our feet, gather your church this holy week. Humble the powerful, lift up

the marginalized. Renew our faith and make us bold in your service. Merciful God,

People Receive our prayer.

Leader You give us our daily bread, fruit of the earth and work of human hands. Bless those who labor

and tend to their crops and those who prepare our meals. Strengthen us to advocate for food

justice and a fair distribution of resources. Merciful God,

People Receive our prayer.

Leader Savior and Teacher, you stoop down to us in servant love. Transform unjust human systems that

oppress some for the gain of others. Restore communities as places of justice and care. Teach us

to pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

People Receive our prayer.

Leader You incline your ear to us in every need. Befriend all who are lonely. Comfort those who grieve.

Soothe any who are anxious. Console all who are distressed. Graciously tend to the hurts of your

children who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Merciful God,

People Receive our prayer.

Leader God who brings new life out of death, we remember and give thanks for those who have died,

especially those we now name. (*Pause for remembrances*.) With them, we trust your promise to love

your children until the end. Merciful God,

People Receive our prayer.

The Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

People Holy God, we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;

we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;

we spoil rather than steward your creation;

we cause hurt though you call us to heal;

we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen.

Celebrant Beloved of God, hear the Good News:

God's grace is far greater than our failings. God embraces you with divine mercy,

forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

People Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please be seated

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

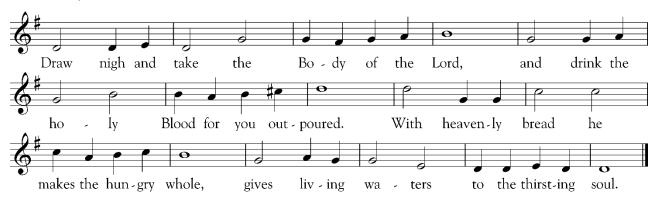
Offertory Anthem Thee, we Adore Thee

Frederick H. Candlyn (1892-1964)

Please stand and sing

Presentation Hymn

ELLERS



The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 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 shed 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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Come among us now in the power of your Holy Spirit, that we, your people, may become a blessing to you and all the world, and that this bread of sustenance and this wine of celebration may become for us the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ.

God of all, in your mercy you hear the fragile world's cries for justice. Shape us in the habits of faithfulness, the disciplines of holiness, and the practices of peace, that we may find your goodness and mercy as we walk with your Son on the way of the cross; until that day when we hunger, thirst, and wander no more, united in life abundant with you in the risen Christ, through whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant 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.

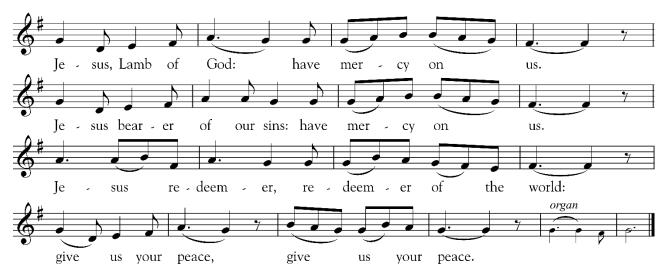
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem S 164

Schubert

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread



Celebrant All are welcome at the Lord's table.

If you are joining us from home this evening,

we invite you at this time to partake of the consecrated bread and wine made available to you.

We who are many, and in many places, are one body,

People because we all share in one bread and one cup.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion of the People

At St. John's, all are welcome to the Lord's Table.

Our "bread" is in the form of wheat-based wafers (though gluten-free are also available) and our wine is fermented/contains alcohol.

You may receive the wine from a silver chalice, or keep your wafer in hand to intinct (dip) in a ceramic chalice.

If you prefer to receive the bread only, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest after receiving the bread.

Or, if you'd like to receive a blessing instead of communion, simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

If you require assistance to reach the altar or need to receive Communion at your seat, please inform a Welcome Team member.

Foot Washing

If you wish to participate in the foot washing ceremony, please do so *immediately after receiving communion* by proceeding to the foot washing station (located to the right of the sanctuary near the piano) and removing your shoes, where the clergy will wash your feet in remembrance of our call humbly to serve one another.

Communion Anthems

Faithful Cross Mandatum Leo Nester (1948-2019)

JKWest

Communion Hymn Eat this Bread

Taizé



Please kneel or stand

The Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence is kept while the Reserved Sacrament is carried out.

Please be seated

Stripping of the Altar

As the altar is stripped, the choir chants Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? * and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; * by night as well, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One, * enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

Our forefathers put their trust in you; * they trusted, and you delivered them.

They cried out to you and were delivered; * they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

But as for me, I am a worm and no man, * scorned by all and despised by the people.

All who see me laugh me to scorn; *

they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

"He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; * let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, * and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; * you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near, * and there is none to help.

Many young bulls encircle me; * strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

They open wide their jaws at me, * like a ravening and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; *

my heart within my breast is melting wax.

My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; * and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

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.

They stare and gloat over me; *

they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

Be not far away, O LORD; *

you are my strength; hasten to help me.

Save me from the sword, *

my life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth, *

my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

I will declare your Name to my brethren; *

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *

stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

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.

My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the LORD; *

he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

Please stand as you are able

The Strepitus

Silence is kept while the Paschal Candle is carried out.

A loud noise is made, recalling the earthquake at the crucifixion.

The People depart in silence.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

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The St. John's Choir

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