



Episcopal Church of the Cross
7:00 PM; March 28, 2024
Maundy Thursday
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The mission of the Episcopal Church of the Cross is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and soul, and strength, and mind, and our neighbors as ourselves. We are the ECC: Loving God and our neighbors.

All: **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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Opening Song:

Simple Gifts

‘Tis the gift to be simple, ‘tis the gift to be free,
‘tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
‘twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained
To bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed,
To turn, turn, will be our delight
till by turning, turning we come round right.

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **God’s mercy endures forever.**

Presider: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider: Lord, have mercy. The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: 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. Amen.

The First Reading: I 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Reader: 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.'

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Message

The Washing of Feet

After the washing of feet...

Presider: 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.**

Presider: 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.**

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

The Prayers of the Community

Prayer Leader: Let us pray. Loving Lord, guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: Grant, Merciful God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Bring peace, we pray, to the people of Ukraine and the Middle East. We place before you, either silently or aloud, our own petitions and thanksgivings...

An open space to offer our petitions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud...

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: Everlasting God, your Son Jesus Christ girded himself with a towel and washed his disciples' feet; increase in us, we pray, our love of you and our neighbors.

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: Let us confess ourselves to God...

All: **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.**

Presider: Almighty God has mercy on you, forgives you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthens you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keeps you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Our Offering:

*Offerings made by check or in cash may be placed in the offering basket near the back of the worship service. Offerings can also be made by texting ECCLAKETRAVIS with your amount to **73256**.*

Song of Offering:

I Come with Joy

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
In awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
Is in such friendship better known: We see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
And as his people in the world we'll live and speak his praise.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is always right to give you thanks and praise, Loving Lord, especially at this table.

We thank you for always revealing yourself: In the Created Order; in the scriptures; in your people, gathered and sent; and fully in your Son Jesus. Lifted high upon the cross, he draws the whole world to himself; and becomes the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

And so we join with the heavenly chorus to offer this hymn of praise:

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

Presider Loving God, we bring you these gifts. They represent the work, wisdom, and will you have given us. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

As we do whenever we are together, we pray this ancient story: On the night Jesus was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Father, we now celebrate the memorial of your Son. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of his death, and proclaim his resurrection, until he comes again.

Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Son Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, make us a living sacrifice of praise.

By him, and with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

All: **AMEN!**

The Lord's Prayer:

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.

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast!**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts, with thanksgiving.

Please come forward to receive communion as you are called to do so.

Song During Communion:

O Sacred Head Sore Wounded

O sacred head, sore wounded,
Defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded
With mocking crown of thorn:
What sorrow mars thy grandeur?
Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendor
The hosts of heaven adore!

Thy beauty, long desired,
Hath vanished from our sight;
Thy power is all expired,
And quenched the light of light.
Ah me! For whom thou diest,
Hide now so far thy grace:
Show me, O Love most highest,
The brightness of thy face.

In thy most bitter passion
My heart to share doth cry,
With thee for my salvation
Upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus moved
To stand thy cross beneath,
To mourn thee, well-beloved,
Yet thank thee for thy death.

What language shall I borrow
To thank thee, dearest friend,
For this thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine for ever!
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never,
Outlive my love for thee.

Jesus Remember Me

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your Kingdom
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your Kingdom

The Blessing

Closing Song:

Were You There?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh...

Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh...

Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Oh...

Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh...

Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

The stripping of the altar.

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Church of the Cross Welcomes You!

If you're with Church of the Cross for the first time today, or close to the first time, please scan the code to let us know you've been with the community this day! Thank you!



Holy Week Calendar

Friday, March 29—Good Friday

9:00 AM Worship: The Good Friday Liturgy

11:00 AM

Delivery of infant and mother materials to Foster Village and decoration of the trees

Meet at Foster Village; 15400 Fitzhugh Road; Dripping Springs 78620

6:00 PM Worship: Stations of the Cross

In the church space parking lot

Saturday, March 30

6:00 PM Evening Prayer

Sunday, March 31—Easter Day

9:30 AM Worship

After worship: Lots of treats, and an Egg Hunt!

Please plan to bring a treat to share for after worship!

Bring a bell to ring!

Invite a friend!