# Trinity Episcopal Church 400 W. Ash P.O. Box 507 El Dorado, Kansas



Thursday, March 28, 2024

Maundy Thursday

Worship at 7:00 PM

Holy Eucharist Rite II & Stripping of the Altar

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Clergy enter in silence and reverence

# Opening Acclamation

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. *His mercy endures forever*.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

#### The Confession

The people kneel or stand as able.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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* 

#### The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all your goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen* 

# The Kyrie

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

# The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. And also with you

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, forever and ever. *Amen* 

The Lessons

The people sit

#### Old Testament

Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14

#### A reading from 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 judgements: 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 116:1, 10-19

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.

How shall I repay the Lord, for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord, in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord, is the death of his servants.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving; and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord; in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

# The Epistle Reading

1 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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The Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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. 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Seq. "God is Love, And Where True Love is"

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The Homily

The Reverend Les Jackson

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service. We all need to remember his example, but none stand more in need of this reminder than those whom the Lord has called to the ordained ministry.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that I may recall whose servant I am by following the example of my Master. But come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by others, for "a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

Washing of the Feet

Hymn

# "Brother, Sister, let me Serve You"

Brother, sister, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travelers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you in the nighttime of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

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# The Prayers of the People

The Rev. Anthony Clerkin

The remembrance of your mercy, O God, is from generation to generation. We join our voices to those of our forbearers in faith and with all who seek your face:

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

We have received from the Lord the broken bread and raised cup, a covenant in his body and blood, that we may proclaim his death and resurrection through the fullness of time:

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord.

As Jesus stooped to wash the feet of his disciples, grant us servant hearts.

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Make us to strive for the poor and disenfranchised, for the hungry and oppressed, the captive and the imprisoned:

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Make us labor for the reign of true justice and genuine peace and buffet our conscience whenever we grow slack.

#### I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

May our service to one another in the body of Christ prepare us for your service in the wider world:

#### I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord.

As we celebrate Eucharist this Maundy Thursday grant us the sorrow of the world's wounds born by our Savior, and kindle within us the embers of Easter hope and promise:

#### I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen* 

#### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

#### Announcements

# Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

Instrumental Music

Deb Harstine

# The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.* 

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# 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.

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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 forever. *Amen* 

# The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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* 

# The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

#### The Invitation

This is the banquet of the Lamb. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more. So come, you have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is Christ's will that those who want him should meet him here.



# Stripping and Washing of the Altar

\*The stripping of altar hangings, linens, candles, and ornamentation remind us of the disrespect and indignity suffered by Jesus at the hands of those charged to carry out his execution. Those soldiers who stripped him of his clothes, nailed him to the cross, and then cast lots for his clothing.

\*Finally, the altar is washed by the clergy with a mixture of wine and water reminding us of the blood and water that flowed from Jesus pierced side.

#### The Psalm: Psalm 22

The Rev. Anthony Clerkin

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

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 in, and gangs of evil doers 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 the 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 forever!"

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 forever.

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

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

At the conclusion of stripping and washing the altar all leave in silence.

Ministers for This Service

The Rev. Les Jackson

The Rev. Anthony Clerkin

David Reynolds, Acolyte

Cherilyn Chiaro, Flautist

The Rev. Díane Kruger, Deacon

Denise rwin, Lector

Deb Harstine, Organist

# Holy Week Schedule

Friday, March 29, 2024

Community Good Friday Service

12 Noon

First United Methodist Parking Lot

El Dorado, Kansas

Friday, March 29, 2024

Good Friday: A Solemn Spoken Service

6:00 PM

Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

10:00 AM