



MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 2, 2026, 4:00 PM
Holy Eucharist – Rite II

Welcome to Advent Episcopal Church, offering worship of The Episcopal Church to the Northwest Valley. Everyone is welcome to come in person or you can join us on-line on Advent's Facebook page or Advent's YouTube channel. Our worship follows the Holy Eucharist according to the Book of Common Prayer with a brief homily. Following the Litany of Healing, healing prayers will be offered for those who desire it. We hope you enjoy the service!

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN W 254

All standing, the Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever.

The Celebrant continues

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 Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

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

TRISAGION (*sung three times*) S 102

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant *The Lord be with you.*

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant *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.*

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS [12:1-4, 11-14]

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 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.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 116:1, 10-17 (*sung*)

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.

A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE 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.

R: The Word of the Lord. P: *Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN H 171

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN [13:1-17, 31b-35]

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."

D: The Gospel of the Lord. P: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Beverley Rader

Foot Washing *Those who wish to participate come forward to have your feet washed in commemoration of Jesus washing the disciples' feet at the Last Supper*

Celebrant 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.***

Celebrant 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.***

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

On this holy day we dine together as the body of Christ, and at the table come to love and serve one another. On this holy day, then, let us pray for the church and the world, saying: God of love and mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the whole church of God, that it may grow in unity and servanthood:
God of love and mercy,
hear our prayer.

For our congregation, that in these holy days we may grow in love for one another and for all people:
God of love and mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those who will be baptized at Easter, that they may rejoice in their passage through death into new life:
God of love and mercy,
hear our prayer.

For all the leaders and people of the world, that reconciliation and peace may overcome conflict and oppression
God of love and mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the hungry in body or spirit, that they may be fed:
God of love and mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the sick and those in pain, for the lonely and the forgotten, for the dying and all who mourn, that they may know the full extent of God's love for them:
God of love and mercy,
hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for the saints and martyrs and for all the faithful departed who join us at your table of grace:
God of love and mercy,
hear our prayer.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and forever. *Amen.*

PEACE *All stand*
The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

CELEBRANT OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver.

The people stand as able while the offerings of bread, wine, and money are presented and placed on the Altar.

The people remain standing.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A* BCP 361

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 him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant 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:

Sanctus (*sung*) S 125

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...

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:

Celebrant and People

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... 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 are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.*

People and Celebrant

**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 *(Silence is kept)*

FRACTION ANTHEM: LAMB OF GOD *S 158*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. All that we ask is that you are seeking to know Christ better. Please come to the altar rail when directed by an usher in a single file, one at a time to a communion station to receive the bread. Holding it in your hands, intinct it in the wine, then return to your seat.

(Silence is kept)

COMMUNION HYMN H 321

After communion the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

POST COMMUNION HYMN H 158

During this time the Altar Party takes the Eucharist to the Altar of Repose in the Narthex. They will return to the altar and continue the service.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR *All kneel.*

During the stripping of the Altar by Lay Ministers and Members of the Altar Guild, a Psalm will be slowly read by a lector.

PSALM 22 BCP 610

Upon conclusion of the Stripping of the Altar and Psalm 22 the altar party will leave through the side door.

Take a few minutes now to kneel or sit in prayerful contemplation. No dismissal is given. No postlude is played.

Please leave the church in silence.

*The service of the Three Great Days
continues tomorrow at 12 Noon.*