

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

7:00 PM THE INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
WITH FOOT WASHING AND STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

OPEN DOORS. OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS.

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Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, celebrating 167 years of service and worship in Wilmington.

7:00 PM THE INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER WITH FOOT WASHING AND STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

*Our worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). The hymns can be found in the blue 1982 Hymnal.
Other hymns will be marked accordingly. Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

Voluntary

The Celestial Banquet

Olivier Messiaen

Processional Hymn

'Twas on that night when doomed to know

Rockingham

1 'Twas on that night when doomed to know
the eager rage of every foe,
that night in which he was betrayed,
the Savior of the world took bread;

2 And after thanks and glory given
to him that rules in earth and heaven,
that symbol of his flesh he broke,
and thus to all his followers spoke:

3 "My broken body thus I give
for you, for all; take, eat, and live;
and oft the sacred rite renew
that brings my wondrous love to view."

4 Then in his hands the cup he raised,
and God anew he thanked and praised,
While kindness in his bosom glowed,
and from his lips salvation flowed.

5 "My blood I thus pour forth," he cries,
"to cleanse the soul in sin that lies;
in this the covenant is sealed,
And heaven's eternal grace revealed."

The Rev. John Morison (1750-1798)
as in Scottish Paraphrases, 1781

THE WORD OF GOD

The Acclamation and Response

BCP 351

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: This is the day that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.
This is the day that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.
This is the day that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example of what we should do to others as he has done to us.
This is the day that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

The 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.

Please be seated.

Gradual Hymn

Three holy days enfold us now

Deus tuorum militum

1 Three holy days enfold us now,
in washing feet and breaking bread,
in cross and font and life renewed;
in Christ, God's first-born from the dead.

2 The myst'ry hid from ages past
is where revealed in word and sign,
for Jesus' story is our own:
new life through death is God's design.

3 Christ lifted high upon the tree,
before you ev'ry knee shall bend
and ev'ry tongue in praise proclaim:
"You are the Lord of all. Amen"

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 13: 1-17, 31b-35.

Gospeller: 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."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

THE WASHING OF FEET

Celebrant: 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.

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 you to 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."

*The ushers will direct those who wish to participate in the ceremony of foot-washing to stations at the foot of the chancel steps.
During the washing of feet, the choir and congregation sing the following Taizé chants.*

Taizé Chant

Ubi caritas

Jacques Berthier

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - - fast mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

Hymn 602

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

Jesu, Jesu

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

Repeat Chorus

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.

The Prayers of the People

- Celebrant:** We gather as the household of God, apostles, prophets, martyrs, servants, to pray for the church, and all humankind, saying: Come, Lord Jesus.
- Intercessor:** For refugees, for the homeless, and for all who have nowhere to lay their head, we pray:
People: *Come, Lord Jesus.*
- Intercessor:** For those unable to eat at the Lord's Table or at any other table, we pray:
People: *Come, Lord Jesus.*
- Intercessor:** For the body of Christ fractured in a world of violence and war, we pray:
People: *Come, Lord Jesus.*
- Intercessor:** For those who betray, and for those whom they betray, we pray:
People: *Come, Lord Jesus.*
- Intercessor:** For all in any need, we pray:
People: *Come, Lord Jesus.*

Intercessor: For ourselves, who gather to celebrate the Lord's Passover in the bread we eat and the cup we drink, we pray:
People: *Come, Lord Jesus.*
Celebrant: Almighty God, we recall the wonders you worked for our ancestors and we marvel at the love shown us by your Son. Hear us as we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP 360

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is kept.

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.

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.*

Please stand.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Offertory Anthem

Ave verum corpus

W. A. Mozart

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria virgine; Vere passum immolatum in crucis pro homine.
Cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side flowed water and blood: Be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet
in the trial of death!*

*Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.
If you would like to give electronically, please turn to page 11 for the QR code.*

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Presentation Hymn

Doxology

Woodworth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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 God 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Land of Rest

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are
 full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues.

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:

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

The Celebrant continues.

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.*

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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

Fraction Anthem S-170

Whoever eats this bread

Mason Martens

Antiphon
Cantor; then All

Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

Cantor

1. This is the true bread which comes down from hea - ven

and gives life to the world. *Cantor*

[Ant.] 2. Who - ev - er

believes in me shall not hun - ger or thirst, for the bread

which I give for the life of the world is my flesh. [Ant.]

Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God

St. Botolph

O Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us, and grant to us your peace.

The Communion of the People

Communion stations are available at the altar rail and in the baptistry. To receive the consecrated Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, please assist the chalice as it is offered; or, having consumed the Bread, you may return to your seat. We believe Christ fully present in either element. If you prefer not to receive the Sacrament, you may ask for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please speak to a priest when you come forward for Communion.

Communion Anthem

Mandatum

Robert Lehman

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples, and had washed their feet, said to them:
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.

Do you know what I, your Lord and your Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done.

Refrain

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

Refrain

Please stand.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.
All: Holy God,
 source of all love,
 on the night of his betrayal
 Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment,
 to love one another as he loved them.
 Write this commandment in our hearts;
 give us the will to serve others
 as he was the servant of all,
 who gave his life and died for us,
 yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever.
 Amen.

THE PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Hymn 331

Now, my tongue, the mystery telling

Grafton

*The Blessed Sacrament is carried to the Altar of Repose in the Clara Barton Hill Memorial Chapel.
 This procession reminds us that Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray.*

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Please kneel or be seated.

The altar is stripped as Psalm 22 is chanted.

BCP 610

The Stripping of the Altar reminds us that Jesus is arrested, beaten, and stripped of his clothing and dignity before his trial.

Silent Procession

All depart in silence.

The Watch is kept before the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel. All are invited to keep a vigil in the Chapel after this service.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant
 The Reverend James H. Green
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The Altar Guild of St. Paul's
The Schola of St. Paul's
Dr. Brendan Conner,
Music Director & Organist

HOLY WEEK 2026 SCHEDULE

Good Friday

April 3

12:10 pm - A Choral Liturgy for Good Friday*

Holy Saturday

April 4

7:00 pm - The Great Vigil of Easter*

(First Eucharist of Easter)

Easter Sunday

April 5

The Feast of the Resurrection

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist with Hymns

10:00 am - Easter Musical Prelude and the Flowering of the Cross begin

10:30 am - Festival Choral Eucharist*

*The usual coffee hour/reception on Easter will be **light snacks & lemonade** while the Childrens' Easter Egg Hunt occurs.*

**indicates service will be livestreamed..*

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ST. PAUL'S WELCOMES YOU

We are glad you are with us today. If you are new to St. Paul's, please fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter or an usher. Here are some quick facts that may be helpful.

Welcome: All are welcome to receive communion. If you prefer not to receive, you can remain seated, or come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. If you are allergic to wheat products, gluten-free communion bread is available. Please let your request be known to the priest as you approach the altar rail.

Help: Please see any of our ushers for assistance when you enter the worship area.

Handicapped Parking: Our facility is handicapped accessible with multiple handicapped parking spaces available in the lot off Market Street and the lot off Princess Street. Handicap ramps serve both parking lots.

Live-Streamed: Our service is live-streamed on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 am Please subscribe to St. Paul's on YouTube to view live-streamed services and concerts.

Worship: St. Paul's follows the services outlined in the Book of Common Prayer 1979. The services include Old and New Testament readings, a reading from the Gospel, a sermon and traditional communion.

Children: All children are welcome and encouraged to attend any of our services.

Worship Kits: Bags and boxes are located in the back of the church for different ages to use in the pew. Please return when church is over.

Nursery: The nursery is open most Sundays from 9:15 am to Noon upstairs in the Children's wing. The nursery is for infants to age 5.

Sunday School: Sunday School meets from 9:30-10:15 am upstairs in the Children's Wing for ages 4-11.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): EYC meets Sunday from 9:30-10:15 am in the conference room for 6th grade and older.



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