



Holy Week *at* St. John's  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Maundy Thursday

Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
April 2, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

## ST. JOHN'S CLERGY & STAFF

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The Rev. Ripp Hardaway, Rector  
The Rev. Matthew Bloss, Associate Priest  
Riva Heron, Seminarian  
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Art Gonzales, Sexton  
James Bangert, Assistant Sexton

## WORSHIP MINISTERS

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Altar Guild	Ann Amoroso
Greeter	Lynn Norvell
Eucharistic Ministers	Katherine DeGrasse, Lynn Campaigne
Ushers	Will Brown, Kathy Simmons

PRELUDE | When I Survey the Wondrous Cross / What Wondrous Love Is This – arr. Joel Raney

OPENING HYMN | My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread

Hymn 321

OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

THE TRISAGION

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*Celebrant* Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

*People* **Have mercy upon us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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*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.**

FIRST LESSON | Exodus 12:1-14

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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 116:1, 10-17

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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.**

## SECOND LESSON | 1 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.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

## GOSPEL HYMN | God Is Love and Where True Love Is (v 1-2)

Hymn 577

## GOSPEL | John 13:1-17, 31b-35

*Celebrant*       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."

*Celebrant*       The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## GOSPEL HYMN | God Is Love and Where True Love Is (refrains, v 3)

Hymn 577

## HOMILY

The Rev. Matthew Bloss

## THE CONFESSION AND FOOT & HAND WASHING

*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, and he commanded us to follow his example by washing one another's feet.

When Simon Peter exclaimed, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head," our Lord replied, "the one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet." Therefore, let us who have been baptized into the death of our Lord Jesus Christ draw near with faith, and make our humble confession to Almighty God seeking God's comfort and forgiveness before we seek to offer service to one another.

*Silence kept. You are invited to kneel, if you are able.*

Almighty and most merciful father, **we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant stands and says,*

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.**

I now invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that we may follow the example of our Lord, remembering the new commandment that he gave this night, "love one another as I have loved you. By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: that you love one another."

*You are invited to serve one another as Christ served his disciples, with foot washing stations available at the front of the sanctuary and hand washing stations located at the back.*

HYMN | Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Hymn 602

Holy Week Medley – Faye López, arr. Thompson

THE PEACE

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

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | And We Remember – Douglas E. Wagner

Worship Choir

*In this holy place the Lord is with us.*

*In our hearts we know his pain and passion.*

*By the Word made flesh we die no more.*

*Still our hands reach out for mercy's sake.*

*Born to vanquish sin, heaven's gate to win,  
as new life begins, and we remember.*

*Christ, the sacrifice, opened paradise,  
bought at such a price, and we remember.*

*In the upper room they met together.*

*He who gave his life, gave us the promise,  
never to forsake or turn away.*

*Bread was broken, and the cup was passed.*

*Symbols of a love, sent from God above,*

*Death upon the tree won the victory.*

*to partake thereof, and we remember.*

*Christ has made us free, and we remember.*

*We remember.*

DOXOLOGY

*Celebrant* All things come from you, O Lord.

*People* **And of your own have we given you.**

*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

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Holy, 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.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(continued)*

*(The people stand or kneel.)*

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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 forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE INVITATION

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*Celebrant* 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 by faith, with thanksgiving.

## THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

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*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. To receive the bread, place one hand over the other with palms facing upward. To indicate that you would like to receive a blessing instead, cross arms over chest. Gluten free wafer available.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC | Where True Charity and Love Dwell

Hymn 606

What Wondrous Love Is This – arr. John Carter

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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**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 for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*At this time the Altar Guild, assisted by the clergy, will begin removing all liturgical implements and trappings from the altar. This process prepares the sanctuary for the Good Friday service but also invokes the moments that follow the Last Supper, when Jesus himself is taken away, stripped of his possessions and dignity, and ultimately lead away to his death. The stripping of the altar is followed by music, then the recitation of Psalm 22.*

## HYMN | Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling

Hymn 329

## PSALM 22 | in unison

BCP p 610

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

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

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

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 I am poured out like water;  
all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

15 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.

16 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.

17 They stare and gloat over me; \*  
they divide my garments among them;  
they cast lots for my clothing.

18 Be not far away, O LORD; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Save me from the sword, \*  
my life from the power of the dog.

20 Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 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.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of  
those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"

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

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.

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

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

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

## SILENT RECEPTION

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*Celebrant* 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.

*We ask that you assist your fellow parishioners in preserving the solemnity of this space and this time by departing not just the sanctuary, but the whole campus, in silence.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**“Change for Change” Children’s Ministry Coin Drive for our Capital Campaign**  
Bring your spare change each Sunday through April.

## **Meal Train Opportunities for our Growing St. John’s Family**

Consider providing a meal or gift card for St. John’s families who have recently welcomed new babies. Contact Alyssa Davidson at [lyssadavidson16@gmail.com](mailto:lyssadavidson16@gmail.com) to help.

## **Good Friday | April 3 at 12 (spoken) & 6:30 p.m. (choral)**

We remember the events leading up to and including the Crucifixion.

## **Easter Egg Hunt | Saturday, April 4 | 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Heritage Village**

Invite friends and neighbors to this community Easter celebration the Saturday before Easter. Enjoy an egg hunt, lunch, a visit from the Easter Bunny, plus family-friendly activities and a coffee truck. Join us rain or shine!

## **Easter Vigil | April 4 at 8 p.m.**

The Vigil covers all of salvation history in a single service. We begin in candlelight, hearing the story of creation and other Old Testament readings. Then, midway through the service, the lights are raised and we say “Alleluia!” for the first time since the beginning of Lent. We joyfully celebrate Christ’s Resurrection and the bringing of Christ’s Light into the world. This is truly a unique service!

## **Easter Sunday - THREE services this year! | April 5**

To make more room for everyone this Easter, we will be offering *three* services on Easter Sunday. Join us at 8:45 or 11 a.m. for a traditional service with brass, organ, and choir in the Sanctuary. At 11:15 a.m., our “All Things New” service will be held in the Parish Hall, featuring guitar, percussion, and a blend of traditional hymns and modern music.

## **The Church Office is closed Monday, April 6.**

## **St. John’s Lunch Bunch | Wednesday, April 8 at 11 a.m. | Buttermilk Cafe (1324 E. Common St.)**

Come enjoy good food and fellowship with friends old and new. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Pete Meaden at 832-689-8957 or [pete.meaden@outlook.com](mailto:pete.meaden@outlook.com)

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## **Nails & Prayers Service Retreat | April 10 - 12 at Camp Capers *Learn more and register at [dwtx.org/events](http://dwtx.org/events).***

A service-based weekend for 10th graders through adults of all ages. Projects may include trail work, painting, landscaping, and other hands-on improvements.

## **Worship in the Park: Heritage Village | April 12 at 10:30 a.m. | 1370 Church Hill Drive**

This year, we’ll be led in lively song by The Oompahs, bringing festive polka music to our worship. After the service, stay for a picnic lunch, games, and fellowship for all ages. Some benches are available but please BYOChair if you prefer! An abbreviated 8:45 a.m. service will be held at St. John’s for those unable to attend Worship in the Park.

## **The Good, The True, & The Beautiful Retreat | April 17–19, 2026 at Camp Capers**

Join Bishop David Read at Camp Capers for a creativity and spiritual retreat exploring storytelling, songwriting, and the arts through the lens of faith. Enjoy meaningful worship, fellowship, delicious meals, and time in the beauty of nature as you deepen your faith and creative gifts. *Learn more and register at [dwtx.org/events](http://dwtx.org/events).*

## **Cursillo #300 (Men Only) | April 30 - May 3 at Mustang Island Conference Center *registration coming soon!***

**Upcoming Baptism Date: Pentecost Sunday (May 24) *Contact Jenny ([jenny@stjohnsnb.com](mailto:jenny@stjohnsnb.com)) if you are interested.***



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# Holy Week

## **Palm Sunday**

March 29 at 8:45 & 11 a.m.

## **Requiem**

March 29 at 3 p.m.

## **Maundy Thursday**

April 2 at 6:30 p.m.

## **Good Friday**

April 3 at 12 & 6:30 p.m.

## **Egg Hunt at Heritage Village**

April 4 at 10:30 a.m.

## **Easter Vigil**

April 4 at 8 p.m.

## **Easter Sunday**

April 5 at 8:45, 11, & 11:15 a.m.

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to read about these offerings