



Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023 | 7:30 PM



All are welcome at Saint John's regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, socioeconomic position, immigration path, or faith journey. We believe that a diverse and inclusive congregation benefits all, and that we grow when we listen to and learn from those who are different from us. Scripture teaches us to do good and seek justice, and we invite you to join us in striving for a just world. We are committed to continuing the work of anti-racism, social and economic justice, and environmental care. We look forward to learning from one another and growing together on this journey of faith, grace, and love.

Jesus said: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. So that we may be in contact with you, we invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. Our programs are open to all and you are invited to participate. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

Children are welcome. We encourage them to attend worship with their parents—even their noise and restlessness are surely a delight to God. Children's bulletins are available.

To assist you during worship: Large print worship bulletins are available from the ushers. Please inform an usher if you would like the pastor to commune you at your pew.

Offerings: St. John's is a tithing church. We dedicate a percentage of our offerings to the mission of the wider church through the NJ Synod of the ELCA and to many other mission partners. We are able to support these ministries because of your offerings and tithes.

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We're delighted you're worshiping with us. As part of our ongoing outreach, your voice and your image may be videographed and photographed and used by St. John's for ministry purposes. For any questions or concerns, contact the church office.

PRELUDE Le Banquet celeste

Olivier Messaien

Please stand.

GATHERING HYMN ACS 930 Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now



1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing
2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -
3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you



feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and
vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry
ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in



life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.
is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731-1807, adapt.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this day let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, and enter the paschal celebration reconciled with God and with one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the \dagger Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Individuals may come forward and kneel at the altar rail to receive individual absolution.

HYMN ELW 814 Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

HYMN ACS 1041 God Is Love

God is love. God is love; let us love one an -

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

oth-er as God first loved us. God is love.

The second system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

God is love. God is love.

The third system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

Text: Mark Mummert, b. 1965, based on 1 John 4:11, 16, 19
Music: GOD IS LOVE, Mark Mummert
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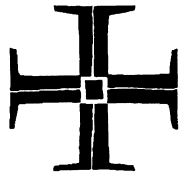
Please stand.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Please be seated.

FIRST READING Exodus 12:1–14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴If 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. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³The 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. ¹⁴This 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 reader concludes: The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:1–2, 12–19

Choir sings light verses, assembly bold verses.

I love the LORD, who has ¹ heard my voice,
and listened to my ¹ supplication,

**²for the LORD has given ¹ ear to me
whenev- ¹ er I called.**

¹²How shall I re- ¹ pay the LORD
for all the good things God has ¹ done for me?

**¹³I will lift the cup ¹ of salvation
and call on the name ¹ of the LORD.**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows ¹ to the LORD
in the presence of ¹ all God's people.

**¹⁵Precious in your ¹ sight, O LORD,
is the death ¹ of your servants.**

¹⁶O LORD, truly I ¹ am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me ¹ from my bonds.

**¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice ¹ of thanksgiving
and call upon the name ¹ of the LORD.**

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows ¹ to the LORD
in the presence of ¹ all God's people,

**¹⁹in the courts of ¹ the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, ¹ O Jerusalem.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

²³For 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In 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.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

FOOTWASHING

On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is so signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

All are invited to participate in the ancient rite of footwashing. During the singing of the hymn, remove one or both shoes and socks and proceed down the center aisle to one of the stations. Your feet, held over a basin, will be ritually washed with the pouring of water and dried with an individual towel. After the washing you may embrace the person who washed your feet. Having had your feet washed, kneel, if you are able, and wash the next person's feet. If you cannot kneel to wash another's feet, one of the ministers will be at the station to continue the footwashing.

HYMN ELW 642 Ubi caritas et amor

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system of music has the following lyrics: "U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, / Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,". The second system of music has the following lyrics: "u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est. / God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. There are some triplets in the piano part of the second system.

Text: Latin antiphon, 9th cent.; Taizé Community; tr. *With One Voice*

Music: TAIZÉ UBI CARITAS, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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Please stand.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In these holiest of days, we offer prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

Gracious God, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.

Hear us, O God, **and humble us.**

On this night, Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church.

Hear us, O God, **and unite us.**

On this night, Jesus prayed for those who were to believe through the disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your Church.

Hear us, O God, **and renew our zeal.**

On this night, Jesus commanded the disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved.

Hear us, O God, **and fill us with your love.**

On this night, Jesus reminded the disciples that if the world hated them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

Hear us, O God, **and give us your peace.**

On this night, Jesus accepted the cup of death and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom. We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ.

Hear us, O God, **and welcome all your children into paradise.**

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy. **Amen.**

PEACE

On this night, Jesus said to his disciples and now says to us: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We present offerings for God's mission in the world through this congregation. Both visitors and members alike may use the pew envelope to make a contribution. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org or scan this code.



OFFERING MUSIC Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Amen.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.
Amen.

OFFERING HYMN ELW 360 Love Consecrates the Humblest Act

1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and ha - loes mer - cy's deeds;
2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet
3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true

it sheds a ben - e - dic - tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.
of his dis - ci - ples, he gave us a sign of love com - plete.
has free - ly done for one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system contains the first three lines of lyrics. The second system contains the remaining lyrics. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

Text: Silas B. McManus, 1845–1917
Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

Please stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Jesus, true vine and bread of life, ever giving yourself that the world might live, let us share your death and passion: make us perfect in your love. Amen.**



GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en 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.



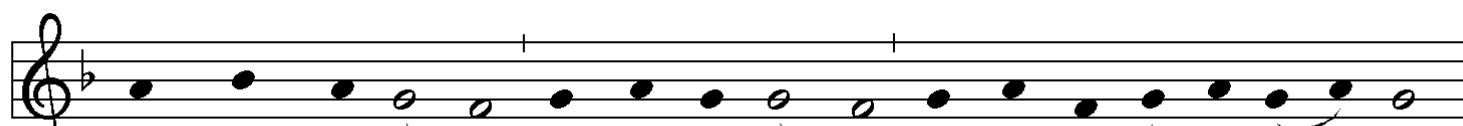
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER


THE LORD'S PRAYER



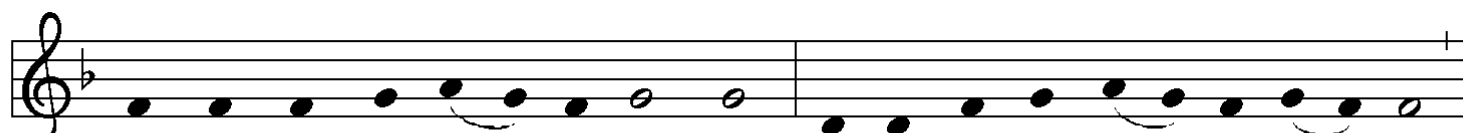
Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,




your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.




Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we



for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al



and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,



and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Please be seated.

RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

If you wish to receive communion, please approach the pastor one at a time.

The pastor will place a wafer in your open hands. Please indicate if you need a gluten free wafer.

Wine is served from the chalice—either by intinction or drinking from the common cup.

Wine and grape juice are available in pre-filled individual cups.

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table.

If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD ELW 357 Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless



Lamb of God, pure and sin - less, once on the cross an of - f'ring,



pa - tient, low - ly, guilt - less, for - sak - en in your suf - f'ring:



from sin's grasp you have torn us, from gloom to hope have borne us.



- 1 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.
- 2 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.
- 3 Your peace be with us, O Je - sus. A - - men.

Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1485–1550; tr. composite

Music: O LAMM GOTTES, UNSCHULDIG, Nikolaus Decius

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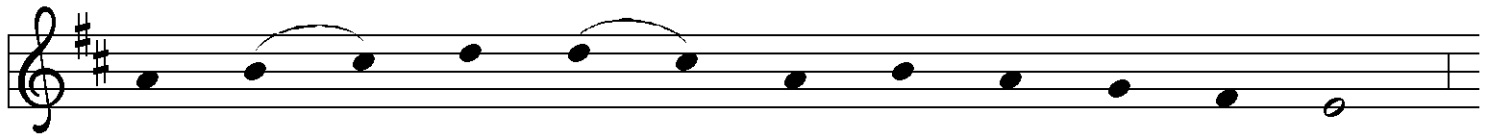
COMMUNION HYMN ELW 476 Thee We Adore, O Savior



1 Thee we a - dore, O Sav - ior, God most true,
2 O true re - mem - brance of Christ cru - ci - fied,
3 Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God,
4 Je - sus, by faith we see thee here be - low;



thy glo - ry clothed in bread and wine a - new;
the bread of life to us for whom he died;
cleanse us, O Christ, with thy most cleans - ing blood:
send us, we pray thee, what we thirst for so:



our hearts to thee in true de - vo - tion bow,
lend us this life then; feed and feast our mind,
in - crease our faith and love, that we may know
some - day to gaze up - on thy face in light,



in hum - ble awe, we hail thy pres - ence now.
be thou the sweet - ness we were meant to find.
the hope and peace which from thy pres - ence flow.
blest ev - er - more with thy full glo - ry's sight. A - men.

Text: Thomas Aquinas, 1227–1274; tr. Gerard Manley Hopkins, 1844–1889, and James R. Woodford, 1820–1885, alt.
Music: ADORE TE DEVOTE, plainsong mode V; Processionale, Paris, 1697

COMMUNION HYMN WOV 667 Stay Here

Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.

Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.

Text: Matt. 26:38, 45; Taizé Community
Music: STAY HERE, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **Lord God, in a wonderful sacrament you have left us a memorial of your suffering and death. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the redemption you have brought; for you live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please kneel or be seated.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

As the altar is stripped, Psalm 22 will be intoned by the cantors.

After the paschal candle is removed from the sanctuary, all depart in silence.

*The service continues tomorrow with the Good Friday liturgies at
12:00 PM and 7:30 PM.*

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Reconciling in Christ

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