

# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

## Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



### Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023 | 6:00 pm

The Rev. Karen Swanson – Celebrant  
The Rev. David Y. Ota – Preacher

## Prelude

*Please stand as the ministers enter*

## Entrance Hymn

*Hail, thou once despised Jesus!*

**Hymnal 495**



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -  
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on  
3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er  
\*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy

le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;  
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,  
to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,  
to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,

thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal  
thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -  
seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art  
right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic

Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it  
giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the  
plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us  
spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our

we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name  
gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.  
in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;  
*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*Celebrant* 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."

## Confession of Sin

*All kneel.*

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant 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 our Savior 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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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

*Amen.*

## Kyrie eleison

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Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.  
Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy, Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy up - on \_\_\_\_\_ us.  
Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy up - on \_\_\_\_\_ us.

## 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.*

## The Lessons

*The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

### **A reading from the book of Exodus (12:1-14a)**

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.

*After the Reading, the Lector says*

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 116:1, 10-17** *Dilexi, quoniam*



- 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.

*After the Reading, the Lector says*

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

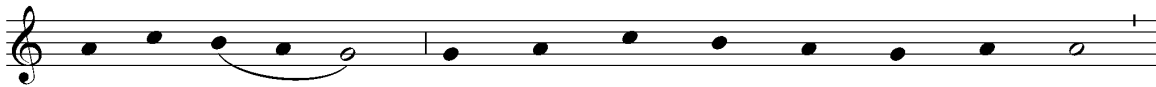
## Sequence Hymn

*Now, my tongue, the mystery telling*

Hymnal 329 (vv1-4)



1 Now, my tongue, the mys - tery tell - ing of the glo - rious  
 2 Given for us, and con - de - scend - ing to be born for  
 3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing mid the twelve, his  
 4 Word made flesh, the bread he tak - eth, by his word his  
 \*5 There - fore we, be - fore him bend - ing, this great Sac - ra -  
 \*6 Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



1 Bo - dy sing, and the Blood, all price ex - cell - ing,  
 2 us be - low, he with us in con - verse blend - ing  
 3 cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,  
 4 Flesh to be; wine his sa - cred Blood he mak - eth,  
 5 ment re - vere; types and sha - dows have their end - ing,  
 6 and the Son, hon - or, thanks, and praise ad - dress - ing,



1 which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, once on earth a -  
 2 dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, till he closed with  
 3 keeps the feast its rites de - mand; then, more pre - cious  
 4 though the sens - es fail to see; faith a - lone the  
 5 for the new - er rite is here; faith, our out - ward  
 6 while e - ter - nal a - ges run; ev - er too his



1 mong us dwell - ing, shed for this world's ran - som - ing.  
 2 won - drous end - ing his most pa - tient life of woe.  
 3 food sup - ply - ing, gives him - self with his own hand.  
 4 true heart wak - eth to be - hold the mys - ter - y.  
 5 sense be - friend - ing, makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.  
 6 love con - fess - ing who from both with both is One.

## The Gospel

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Homily

The Rev. David Y. Ota

## Introduction to the foot and hand washing

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. Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ to come forward, remembering Jesus' 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."

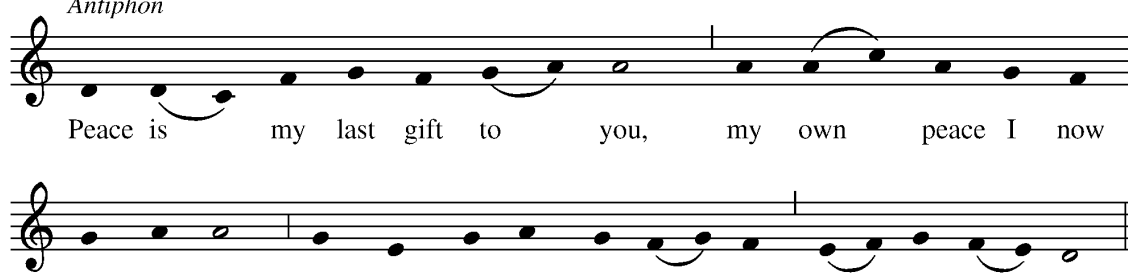
## Foot and hand washing (optional)

*The priest and another member will enact the foot and hand washing for the congregation. Congregants who would like to participate are then invited to come forward, first to be washed, and then to wash another if desired. During the washing, the congregation sings the following chants.*

### Foot washing antiphon

Hymnal S 347

*Antiphon*

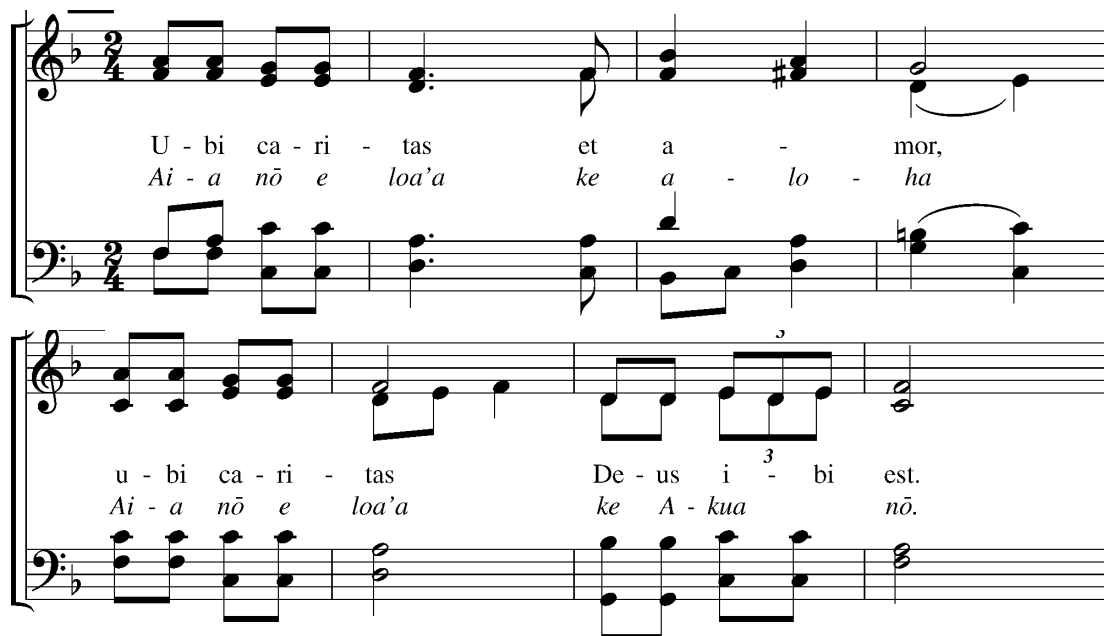


Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now  
leave with you; peace which the world can - not give, I give to you.

### Foot washing hymn

*Ubi Caritas (Aia nō loa'a)*

WLP 831



U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i <sup>3</sup> bi est.  
Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō.

*Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is there.*



*As the washing comes to a close, the leader and the people end with the following anthem.*

### **Maundy Thursday anthem**

*Leader* 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.

*All*

**Hymnal S 347**

*Antiphon*

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now  
leave with you; peace which the world can - not give, I give to you.

*Leader* I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

*All*

**Hymnal S 347**

*Antiphon*

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now  
leave with you; peace which the world can - not give, I give to you.

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

*All*

**Hymnal S 347**

*Antiphon*

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now  
leave with you; peace which the world can - not give, I give to you.

## The Prayers of the People

Maundy Thursday

*In the silence that follows each bidding, intercessions may be offered silently, or aloud.*

*Celebrant* In the company of Jesus and in unity with his faithful followers in years past and in our present day, let us offer our prayers responding, “Kyrie eleison.”

*Leader* For the gift of humility, that we may mirror the servanthood of Jesus, bending the knee of our hearts to all whose feet have journeyed a long distance, and whose hands have washed away the burdens of others. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.*

*Leader* Let us pray,  
*People* **Kyrie eleison.**

For peace throughout the world, especially in Ukraine and all places where the lust for power fosters tyranny and war. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.*

Let us pray,  
**Kyrie eleison.**

For the courage to face our own unfaithfulness: the kisses of deception, the subtle betrayals, our spiritual sleepiness; that in turning to Christ we may receive the grace that changes lives. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

Let us pray,  
**Kyrie eleison.**

For those who keep watch this night, that in watching they may be found, in seeking they may be filled with the Spirit, and in waiting they may find peace. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.*

Let us pray,  
**Kyrie eleison.**

For those who keep watch every night: the hungry, the homeless, the fearful, that Christ may find them in their own gardens of Gethsemane and not leave them in despair. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.*

Let us pray,  
**Kyrie eleison.**

In thanksgiving for this eucharistic meal, which gathers us into the fellowship of all the beloved, uniting us with Jesus, whose Divine Presence we now share. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.*

Let us pray,  
**Kyrie eleison.**

In companionship with Peter, John, and all the apostles, let us continue our prayers.

*Special intentions of the congregation, the diocese, and the Anglican Communion may be added here or before the formal intercessions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

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

## **The Announcements**

## **The Offertory Sentence**

*The Celebrant says*

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 Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

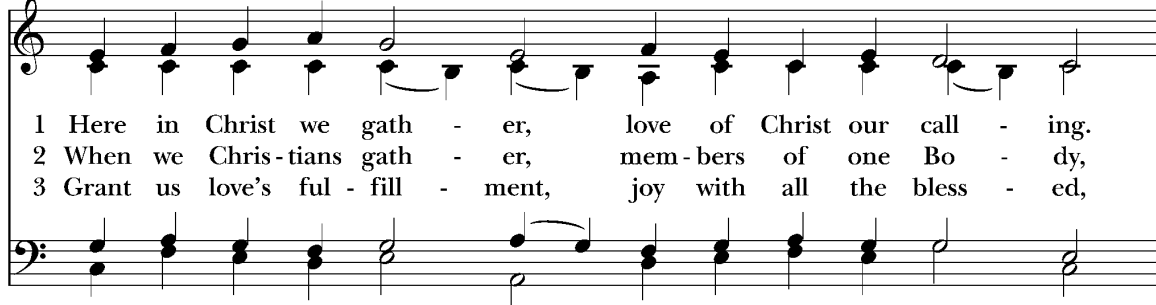
*Here in Christ we gather (God is love)*

Hymnal 577

*Refrain*




God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.



1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.  
 2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,  
 3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,

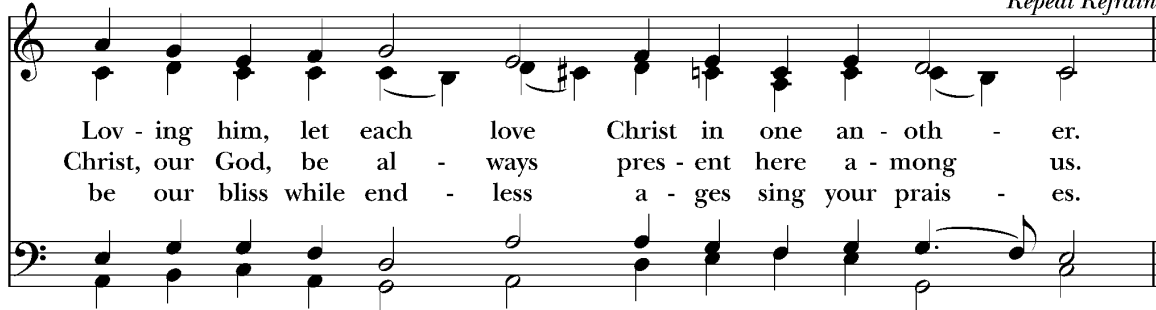


Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.  
 let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.  
 when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.



Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.  
 Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.  
 Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

*Repeat Refrain*



Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.  
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.  
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

# The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings*

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

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:

*Celebrant and People then sing the Sanctus*

**EOM1 56**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, —

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. \_\_\_\_

Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

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*The people stand or kneel. 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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

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.**

*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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

*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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The musical score is written for Soprano and Bass voices. It consists of four systems of music. The first system begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The lyrics are: "Lamb \_\_\_\_ of God, you take \_\_\_\_ a - way the". The second system continues the lyrics: "sins of the world, have \_\_\_\_ mer - cy on us." The third system repeats the first system's lyrics: "Lamb \_\_\_\_ of God, you take \_\_\_\_ a - way the". The fourth system continues the lyrics: "sins of the world, grant \_\_\_\_ us peace." The music is in a key with three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The Soprano line is in the treble clef and the Bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing.

Lamb \_\_\_\_ of God, you take \_\_\_\_ a - way the

sins of the world, have \_\_\_\_ mer - cy on us.

Lamb \_\_\_\_ of God, you take \_\_\_\_ a - way the

sins of the world, grant \_\_\_\_ us peace.

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*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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.



## Ministration of Communion

*The people are seated. In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive the Holy Communion regardless of age or Christian tradition. Anglicans believe in the “Real Presence” where, in the Bread and Wine, Christ is made “real” and “present.” The nature of this grace is that Christ is received even if one of the elements is received alone. During this time of pandemic as case numbers decline, vaccinations increase, and treatments improve, we are again distributing the Bread and the Wine in Communion. Communing from the common cup is optional, based on your personal judgment. The chalice on your left (facing the altar) will be for intinction; the chalice on the right is for those who wish to drink from the cup. Please refrain if you are not feeling well. Those who are not baptized may receive a blessing; please join in the movement to the altar and cross your arms over your heart; this will alert the Celebrant of your desire to receive a blessing.*

*Faith @ Home: Prayer/ Act of Reception for those who cannot receive the Sacrament*

*(from St. Augustine’s Prayer Book, Order of the Holy Cross)*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.*

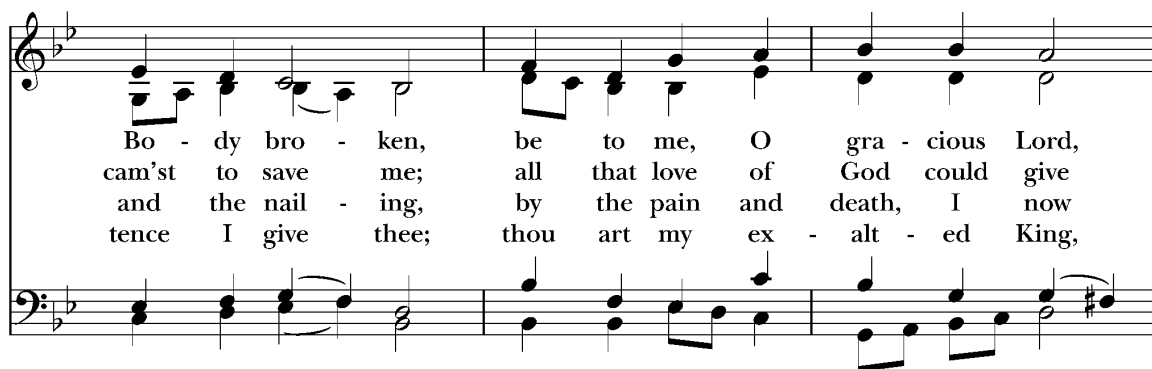
## Communion Hymn

*Let thy blood in mercy poured*

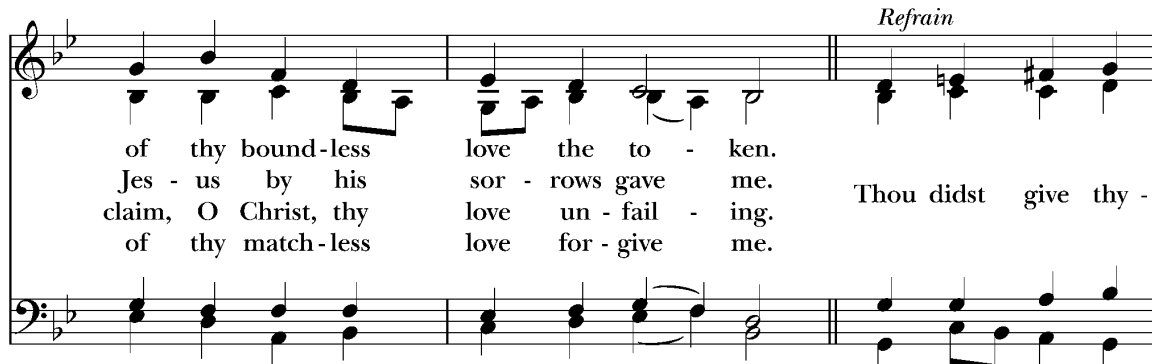
Hymnal 313



1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious  
2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou  
3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound  
4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -



Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,  
cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give  
and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now  
tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,



*Refrain*  
of thy bound-less love the to - ken.  
Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -  
claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.  
of thy match-less love for - give me.



self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

*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 for ever. Amen.**

## **Blessing of the People**

May God the Father, who does not despise a broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart.  
*Amen.*

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds. *Amen.*

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace.  
*Amen.*

And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you this day and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

## **The Stripping of the Altar**

## A reading from the Gospel of Matthew (26:36-46)

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me. And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

## Taizé chant

*Stay with me*

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*Please chant in the language of your choice.*

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and  
No - ho pū, no - ho mai me ia'u, ki - a'i a

pray watch and pray.  
pu - le, kiai a pule.

*The Maundy Thursday service ends in silence after the Altar Guild has stripped the altar.  
Please depart, or move to the Altar of Repose, when you are ready.*

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