

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS VALLE CRUCIS, NORTH CAROLINA

The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842



THE LITURGY FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

Foot Washing & Holy Eucharist

7:00 pm

WELCOME to the Church of the Holy Cross.

All those who seek a deeper knowledge and love of the Lord are welcomed to receive the bread and wine of Holy Eucharist. Children are most welcome at all services.

The Maundy Thursday Liturgy

This day receives its name from the *Mandatum* or the “new commandment” given by our Lord. At the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples’ feet and commanded them to live and serve one another as he had done. This service has been called “a burst of sunshine in the gathering gloom.” We at once remember the joy of the institution of the Eucharist, the love and service which Jesus lived and taught, but then we recall the agony in the garden of Gethsemane, and the betrayal leading to the crucifixion.

Thus, the bread and wine of tonight’s celebration of the Last Supper take on new meaning as the actual Body broken and the Blood poured out on the cross for our salvation. Sufficient bread and wine is consecrated tonight for the *Mass of the Presanctified* given at the Good Friday evening liturgy. At the conclusion of tonight’s celebration of the Last Supper, this now blessed (consecrated) Sacrament is carried in procession to the Chapel of Repose (Skiles’ Altar) – symbolic of our Lord’s journey to the garden of Gethsemane – where the faithful are asked to “watch and pray.”

As the service nears completion, the church’s main altar, symbolic of Christ, is stripped of its vesture and the building is left bare for the solemnity of Good Friday.

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The Word of God

We Gather in Silent Prayer.

Greetings and Announcements:

Hymn: #577 “God is Love, and Where True Love Is” *Ubi caritas (Murray)*

The Acclamation:

Bless (†) the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: God’s mercy endures forever.

Collect for Purity:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Trisagion *(Said three times)*

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

Collect of the Day:

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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:

(All are seated for the Lessons)

The First Lesson:

Exodus 12:1-4,11-14a

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.

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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.

A time of silence is kept.

The Psalm: Psalm 116: 1, 10-17 *(Prayed responsively as noted in bold type)*

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 *(All)* **In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

The Second Lesson:

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For 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.

A time of silence is kept.

The Gradual Hymn: #628

"Help Us, O Lord, To Learn" *St. Ethelwald*

The Holy Gospel:

John 13:1-17,31b-35

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.

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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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated for the sermon

The Homily

The Rev. R. Allan McCaslin

A brief time of silent reflection follows the homily.

The Foot Washing

An Exhortation to foot washing – *all stand at the words, “I invite you...”*

The foot washing: *The members of the Vestry come forward and the Priest washes their feet saying,*

Priest: The Lord Jesus after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said unto 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 unto you.”

People: Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you;

Priest: Peace which the world cannot give,

People: I give to you.

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

People: Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you;

Priest: By this shall the world know that you are my disciples:

People: That we have love for one another.

Priest: If I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet: how much more ought you to wash one another’s feet.

People: Where true charity and love dwell: God himself is there.

All present are encouraged to come forward and participate in the footwashing by Priest & Vestry.

The hymns on the following page are sung during the footwashing.

Hymns during the Footwashing:

<i>(Green Hymnal)</i>	WLP #731	“Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now”
<i>(Green Hymnal)</i>	WLP #729	“As in That Upper Room You Left Your Seat”
<i>(sung as needed)</i>	#602	“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

The Prayers of the People:

BCP 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A time for silent personal prayer follows.

The Priest adds a Collect saying,

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.

People: Amen.

The Prayer of Confession:

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

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.**

The Absolution:

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.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace: *All stand.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

Concerning the Holy Communion

Instructions for receiving the Bread and Wine are now offered

The Holy Communion

The Offertory:

Choir Anthem: “You Laid Aside Your Rightful Reputation” Brown/Parry
(Text: WLP #734)

Presentation Hymn: “The Doxology” *Old 100th*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer B

The Sursum Corda:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The 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.**

*(All **remain** standing)*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*(All **kneel** as they are able.)*

On the night before he died for us, 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."

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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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon (†) these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being (†) sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brother Skiles, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

People: AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer *(Contemporary Version)*

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread (The Fraction)

The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Fraction Anthem:

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The Invitation to Communion:

The priest invites the people to communion saying,

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 Communion:

Please come to the Altar to receive Communion. At the Altar Rail move toward either wall so that those in the center will kneel last. Please wait to be dismissed; those in the center depart first.

Hymns during the Communion:

#315 “Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray”

#330 “Therefore We, Before Him Bending”

When all have communed, the following is prayed together:

Post Communion Prayer:

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Following the prayer, and with due reverence, the remaining consecrated bread and wine along with the reserved sacrament are placed on the Altar. The Priests and Altar ministers gather before the Altar and kneel with the congregation in silence before the sacrament for a brief time of silent prayer.

The Solemn Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose

All Stand. During the singing of the following hymn and preceded by the Crucifer carrying a veiled cross, and in commemoration of our Lord's journey to Gethsemane, the Priests and Altar ministers carry the blessed sacrament to Skiles' Altar where it will remain until the Good Friday liturgy.

(Note: It is customary to kneel as the sacrament passes by and remain kneeling through the remainder of this service as you are able.)

Hymn in Procession: #171 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Petra

The Stripping of the Altar:

The Procession to "Gethsemane" concluded, the Priests and Altar ministers return to the Altar and strip it of all ornamentation and vesture, and wash the Altar with vinegar and water as the kneeling congregation recites Psalm 22 as printed on the following page.

Psalm 22 (*Prayed in unison and repeated as needed until the Altar area is completely barren.*)

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 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 ravener 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!”

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- 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.

*When the praying of the Psalm is completed and the Altar barren,
all present kneel in silent prayer before singing the following hymn.*

Hymn of Reflection:

“Stay with Me”

Taizé Song #8

(Sung 5 times in Language of Choice)

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
Blei - bet hier und wa - chet mit mir, wa - chet und
pray, watch and pray.
be tet, wa - chet und be tet.

A vigil of silent prayer and adoration at Skiles' Altar now follows.

*The vigil which continues through midnight as you are able, is kept in honor of our Lord's inquiry,
“Could you not watch with me one hour.”*

*Please depart in silence and plan to return for the
Good Friday liturgy at 7:00 pm.*

We thank those who served this evening:

<i>Greeter:</i>	Katie Hall & Randy McDonough
<i>Ushers:</i>	Katie Hall & Randy McDonough
<i>Crucifer:</i>	Kim Gauss
<i>Lector:</i>	Tav Gauss
<i>Prayers of the People:</i>	Tav Gauss
<i>Chalice:</i>	John Goodrich

For Tonight's Visitors ...

The congregation of The Church of the Holy Cross wish you every blessing as you continue on your journey of faith. If we can be of any help to you, please let us know.

We look forward to worshipping with you again in the future.

Our Current Regular Worship Service schedule is as follows:

(Labor Day – Memorial Day)

Sundays:

8:30 AM *Quiet* Holy Communion (*no music*)

9:45 AM Christian Education Hour for **all** ages in Skiles Hall

11:00 AM Holy Communion (*with sacred music*) *Service is Live-Streamed on YouTube*

Wednesdays:

5:30 pm Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

By appointment. Please contact the Rector directly at (828) 963-4609 ext. 22

Worship Services in Holy Week:

Good Friday:

12:00 Noon: Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm: The Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday

Holy Saturday:

9:30 am: Morning Prayer

Easter Sunday:

8:30 am: Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

9:45 am: Annual Easter Brunch in Skiles Hall

11:00 am: Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

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