

THE KALENDAR

S. Stephen's Church
in Providence

MAUNDY THURSDAY

9 APRIL 2020

VIRTUAL LOW MASS 7:30 PM

THE OPENING RITE

OPENING ACCLAMATION *(Please stand)*

Celebrant ✠ Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People His mercy endureth for ever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *(Bells may be rung at the beginning)*

Glory be to God on high,

and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,

we worship thee,

we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high ✠ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY (*Maundy Thursday*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, did institute the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of him who in these holy mysteries giveth us a pledge of life eternal, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING – *Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 (Please be seated)*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall be for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month they shall take every man a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household; and if the household is too small for a lamb, then a man and his neighbor next to his house shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. In this manner you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord’s passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you, upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall fall upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as an ordinance for ever.”

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:1-2, 11-16 *Dilexi, quoniam (Read in unison)*

- 1 My delight is in the Lord; * **because he hath heard the voice of my prayer.**
- 2 **Because he hath inclined his ear unto me; * therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.**

- 11 What reward shall I give unto the Lord * for all the benefits
that he hath done unto me?
- 12 I will receive the cup of salvation, * and call upon the
Name of the Lord.
- 13 I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people: *
right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.
- 14 Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant; * I am thy
servant, and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast broken
my bonds in sunder.
- 15 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, * and will
call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his
people, * in the courts of the Lord's house; even in the
midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son *
and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be *
world without end. Amen.

EPISTLE READING – *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, 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.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL – *John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (Please stand)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. And during supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper, laid aside his garments, and girded himself with a towel. Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded. He came to Simon Peter; and Peter said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not

know now, but afterward you will understand.” Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part in me.” Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” Jesus said to him, “He who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but he is clean all over; and you are clean, but not every one of you.” For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “You are not all clean.” When he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. Now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified; if God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

HOMILY (*Video can be accessed on the website*)

Fr. Mead

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please be seated for the anthem

(Music for this service can be accessed on the website)

ANTHEM – *Pange lingua (vv. 1-2)*

William Byrd (c. 1539 – 1623)

1. Pange lingua gloriosi corporis
mysterium sanguinisque pretiosi,
quem in mundi pretium fructus
ventris generosi Rex effudit
Gentium. 2. Nobis datus, nobis
natus ex intacta virgine et in
mundo conversatus, sparso verbi
semine, sui moras incolatus miro
clausit ordine.

*1. Sing, my tongue, the Saviour's glory,
of His Flesh, the mystery sing; of the
Blood, all price exceeding, shed by our
Immortal King, destined, for the world's
redemption, from a noble Womb to
spring. 2. Of a pure and spotless Virgin
born for us on earth below, He, as Man,
with man conversing, stayed, the seeds of
truth to sow; then He closed in solemn
order wond'rously His Life of woe.*

Tr. by Edward Caswall (1814 – 1878)

ORATE, FRATRES *(Please remain standing)*

Celebrant Pray, brothers and sisters, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.**

SURSUM CORDA & PREFACE

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them unto to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I *(Please kneel)*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat,

THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU.
Do this in remembrance of me."



Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of this;

FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD,
OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU,
AND FOR MANY, FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”



Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, ✠ be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

✠ By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray: As our Savior Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION – ECCE AGNUS DEI

Celebrant ✠ Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world. Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof.

People But speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of thy Church, where thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to thee. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch thy Body, so the soul of thy servant may be healed by like faith in thee, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through thy tender mercy, who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God. Amen.

ANTHEM – *Pange lingua (vv. 3-4)*

William Byrd

3. In supremae nocte cenae recumbens cum fratribus observata lege plene cibis in legalibus, cibum turbae duodenae se dat suis manibus. 4. Verbum caro, panem verum verbo carnem efficit: fitque sanguis Christi merum, et si sensus deficit, ad firmandum cor sincerum sola fides sufficit.

3. On the night of that Last Supper, seated with His chosen band, He, the Paschal Victim eating, first fulfils the Law's command; then as Food to His Apostles gives Himself with His own Hand. 4. Word-made-Flesh, the bread of nature by His Word to Flesh He turns; wine into His Blood He changes; what though sense no change discerns? Only be the heart in earnest, faith her lesson quickly learns.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTARS

Please remain kneeling during the Stripping of the Altars

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

The Priest exposes the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance (please remain kneeling)

ANTHEM – *Pange lingua* (vv. 5-6)

William Byrd

5. Tantum ergo sacramentum
veneremur cernui, et antiquum
documentum novo cedat ritui;
praestet fides supplementum
sensuum defectui. 6. Genitori
Genitoque laus et iubilatio, salus,
honor, virtus quoque sit et
benedictio; procedenti ab utroque
compar sit laudatio. Amen.

*5. Down in adoration falling, This great
Sacrament we hail, O'er ancient forms of
worship Never rites of grace prevail;
Faith will tell us Christ is present, When
our human senses fail. 6. To the
Everlasting Father, And the Son who
made us free And the Spirit, God
proceeding From them Each eternally, Be
salvation, honour, blessing, Might and
endless majesty. Amen.*

LITANY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

After the Anthem, the following Litany is said:

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father,

God the Son,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, One God.

Blessed Jesus, God and Man

Jesus, Whom the Heavens cannot contain, yet art really present on our Altars,

Jesus, adored by the Heavenly Hosts, yet accepting our praises,

Jesus, veiling Thy Majesty, that we may draw nigh to thee,

Jesus, Bread of Life, Whom whoso eateth lives forever,

Jesus, Good Shepherd, laying down thy Life for thy sheep,

Jesus, giving us thine own Flesh and Blood, under the forms of bread and wine,

Jesus, becoming one with us in this Holy Sacrament,

Jesus, thyself both Priest and Sacrifice,

Have mercy, O Lord,

and pardon our sins.

Have mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us.

(etc.)

Have mercy, O Lord,
and renew our souls.

From measuring thy Omnipotence by our weak understanding,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From doubts, distractions, and irreverence,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From unworthy and unfruitful receiving,

(etc.)

From coldness, hardness of heart, and ingratitude,

By thy Blessed Body, really present in the Holy Communion,

By thy Precious Blood, really present in the Cup of Blessing,

We sinners beseech thee to hear us: That we may believe all thy Truths revealed to us,

Hear us, O Lord.

That we may acknowledge our absolute subjection to thy Will,

Hear us, O Lord.

That we may thankfully adore thy Goodness,

(etc.)

That we may gratefully respond to thy gracious invitations,

That we may approach this ineffable Mystery in perfect charity with all the world,

That receiving thy most Sacred Body and Blood, our souls may dissolve in reverence and love,

That returning from this Great Sacrament, our hearts may continue recollected in thee,

That we may be healed of all infirmities, and strengthened against all relapses,

That we now adore thee veiled in Mystery, we may hereafter see thee face to face,

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

Let us pray: O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There follows a period of silent adoration, during and after which, all depart in silence

THE WATCH AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

And Jesus came out, and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. And when he came to the place he said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.” And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, “Father, if thou art willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.” And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them, “Why do you sleep? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.” While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, “Judas, would you betray the Son of man with a kiss?” (*Luke 22:39-48*)



The Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane (c. 1465)
by Giovanni Bellini (c. 1430 – 1516). National Gallery, London, United Kingdom.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday

9 April 2020

Virtual Maundy Thursday Liturgy 7:30 pm

Virtual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30-9:30 pm

Good Friday

10 April 2020

Virtual Good Friday Liturgy 12 noon

Virtual Stations of the Cross 2:30 pm

Virtual Ringing of the Chimes 3 pm

Easter Eve

11 April 2020

Virtual Great Vigil of Easter

7:30 pm

Easter Day

12 April 2020

Virtual Sunday of the Resurrection

Low Mass 10 am

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