

Christ Episcopal Church

Sparta, NC

*A Home to All
Sharing God's Unconditional Love*



Maundy Thursday: Love One Another *March 29, 2018 6:00PM*

The Rt. Rev José McLoughlin
Bishop of Western North Carolina

The Rev. Stephanie E. Parker
Rector

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

We are delighted God has brought you to this special place. Our tradition is to invite newcomers to introduce themselves during the announcements, if they would like. Following the service, the ushers have guest cards which we hope you will fill out, so we can personally welcome you to the church community. Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall afterwards.

What do you need to know about worship? Everything you need for your worship today is in the booklet you are holding. Our service is based on the Book of Common Prayer, using music from sources including the Hymnal 1982 and Taizé.

Are you worshipping with us for the first time? We would love to get to know you! Please fill out one of the pew cards tucked into the pew in front of you. Let us know if we can call you, answer questions, or pray for you. And know that wherever you are on your journey of faith, there is a place for you at Christ Church.

Home communion visits: Do you know someone who isn't able to get to church, but would like a home communion visit? Please call the church office at 336.372.7983 to arrange a visit.

Please wear a name tag. No permanent one? Please use the temporary adhesive name tags found in the church entryway. We're happy to make you a new nametag, a replacement, or simply a spare. For permanent name tags, sign up on the clipboard in the entryway.

Newsletter: Sign up today to receive our electronic newsletter, the weekly Good News & Notes. Email the church office at ccepiscopal@skybest.com.

Sermons Available Recent sermons available at www.christchurchallegany.com.

Adult Formation at Christ Church includes an Adult Forum series Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the fellowship hall downstairs.

We extend special thanks today to the following people:

Jonathan Halsey, for serving as musician and for being so generous with his talents.

Love One Another

Tonight, we recall the intimacy of Jesus' table fellowship with his first disciples, following his command to "do this" as both sign and means of his living presence among us now.

Please find a seat at one of the tables.

The food that is on the tables will be shared later in the service.

When a chime sounds, all begin to read the poem, "Love III," by George Herbert.

People Love bade me welcome, yet my soul drew back,
 Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack
 From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
 If I lack'd anything.
"A guest," I answer'd, "worthy to be here";

Reader "You shall be he."

People "I, the unkind, the ungrateful? ah my dear,
 I cannot look on thee."
Love took my hand and smiling did reply,

Reader "Who made the eyes but I?"

People "Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them; let my shame
 Go where it doth deserve."

Reader "And know you not, who bore the blame?"

People "My dear, then I will serve."

Reader "You must sit down, and taste my meat."

People So I did sit – and eat.

Wonder Love Praise 831

Ubi caritas

Jacques Berthier

Descant

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

A

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 - bi est.
Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō.

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

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

After the reflection, the Presider stands (the People remain seated).

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

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.

Reader Here ends the reading.

Psalm 78: 14-20, 23-25 (in unison)

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.

How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death / of his servants.

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

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the LORD'S house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Reader Here ends the reading.

Second Reflection: "A Prayer Before the Washing of Feet"

by David Coleman in *Eggs and Ashes*

Please stand, as able

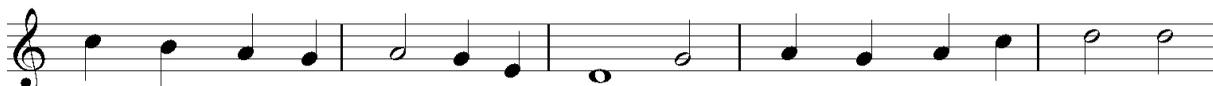
Gospel Hymn #439

What wondrous love is this

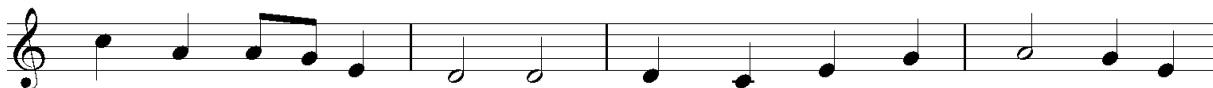
Unison



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835 Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

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."

Washing One Another's Feet

The foot washing begins after the Gospel is read.

All are encouraged to participate in this powerful ritual given to us by Jesus. To have your feet washed, please come to one of the stations, remove your shoes and wait your turn.

Lift Every Voice and Sing 74

Jesu, Jesu

Ghana Folk Song

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you. **Fine**

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and
 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are
 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 2. white, neigh - bors are near and far a - way.
 3. love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 4. slaves, this is the way we should live with you.
 5. feet, this is the way we should live with you. **D.C.**

The Agape Meal

As the washing of the feet ends, the soup is ready for serving. Gather your soup and begin to eat, maintaining silence.

After the third reflection, portions of Jesus' "Farewell Discourses" from the Gospel of John will be read, with silence kept between the readings.

Third Reflection: "It Would Not Have Been God's Table"

by Cheryl Lawn

The Farewell Discourses

Gospel of John

Prayers of the People

After the meal, the tables will be cleared, and the people will pray in small groups around their tables.

The sound of a chime will conclude the prayer time. After the prayers, all sing as the bread and wine are prepared for consecration.

Offertory

Jonathan Halsey

Hymn #304

I come with joy

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also 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 God thanks and praise.

As in the early days of Christian liturgy, the Presider improvises the Prayer of Consecration.

The Sanctus **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

At the end of the Prayer, the people make a firm AMEN.

Then we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 forever. AMEN.**

The bread is broken.

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

The People communicate with one another at each table.

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King-dom.

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King-dom.

Response after Communion

Presider	The cross...
All	We shall take it.
Presider	The bread...
All	We shall break it.
Presider	The pain...
All	We shall bear it.
Presider	The joy...
All	We shall share it.
Presider	The gospel...
All	We shall live it.
Presider	The love...
All	We shall give it.
Presider	The light...
All	We shall cherish it.
Presider	The darkness...
All	God shall perish it. Amen!

Preparing for the Altar of Repose and Stripping the Altar

Hymn #158

Ah, holy Jesus (vss 1, 2, 5)

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

1 judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 2 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 3 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 4 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 5 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty

1 by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 2 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
 3 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 4 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 5 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Words: Johann Heermann (1585-1647); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930) Music: *Herzliebster Jesu*, Johann Crüger (1598-1662), alt.

The Arrest

The Arrest Gospel: Mark 14:41b-50

He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him.

Then they laid hands on him and arrested him.

But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled."

All of them deserted him and fled.

After the readings, all sing "Bless the Lord my soul" while the Presider leads a procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the sanctuary. When the People have assembled in the church, all kneel, as able, for one final verse.

WLP Hymn #825

Bless the Lord my soul

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

The Presider delivers the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose, a symbol of the garden tomb.

The Stripping and Washing of the Altar

After "Tarry here" is read, Altar linens, candles and decorations are all removed, recalling the stripping of Christ. The altar will then be washed, and the sanctuary will remain bare until Easter.

Presider: Tarry here, and watch with me.
Blood and body proffered now;
to satisfy the peoples will.
From warmth and comfort driven now,
to that most bitter cup.

People **And as he pled, we slept.**

Presider: Tarry here, and watch with me.
Bowed by sin yet unredeemed,
in sorrow even unto death.
Thy will, not mine, be done this night.
In agony he prayed.

People **And as he bled, we slept.**

Presider: Tarry here, and watch with me.
Friends, as stone's throw distance kept;
succor sought by angels given.
A kiss, betrayal, and a cross.
The hour is at hand.

People **And as it fled, we slept.**

The Watch begins.

All who wish may take time to remain and pray.

Please depart in silence.

We will gather again tomorrow at 12 noon for the Liturgy of Good Friday.

The Following People are Assisting with the Services

Role	Today's service	Good Friday, March 30
Altar Guild	Bruce Smith	Bruce Smith

Lector I	Brenda Weems	Ann Hazard
Lector II	Cynthia Grant	Frances Buckle
Voice I	Sheila Pfaender	
Voice II	Nancy Wilson	
Narrator		Stephanie Parker
Pilate		Brenda Weems
Jesus		Frank Hazard
Prayers of the People		Frances Buckle
Greeters/Ushers		Frank Hazard

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