

Maundy Thursday
April 1, 2010

Agape Meal, Holy Eucharist
and Stripping of the Altar

Gathering Hymn

Land of Rest

1 Where cha - ri - ty___ and love pre - vail___ there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate - ful joy___ and ho - ly fear___ his cha - ri - ty___ we learn;

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love___ by love are we___ thus bound.
let us with heart___ and mind and strength now love him in___ re - turn.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

People Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe.
You bring forth bread from the earth;
and on this night you have given us the bread of life
in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ.
As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf,
so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son.
To you be the glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

Agape Meal

The celebrant will direct each table to get soup at the buffet.
Servers will clear the tables at the end of the meal.
Please remain seated at your table for the liturgy.



Hymn of Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda

1 As in that up per room you left your seat and took a towel and chose a servant's part, so

for to day, Lord, wash a-gain my feet, who in your mer cy died to cleanse my heart.

The Liturgy of the Word

John 13:1-15

Reader 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,

Table 1 Lord, are you going to wash my feet?

Table 2 You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.

Table 3 You will never wash my feet.

Table 4 Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.

Table 5 Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!

Table 6 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.

Reader 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.'

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.'

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

Reader 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; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

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



Hymn of Confession

Land of Rest



3 For - give we now__ each oth - er's faults__ as we our faults__ con - fess;
4 Let strife a - mong__ us be un - known,__ let all con - ten - tions cease;
5 Let us re - call__ that in our midst__ dwells God's be - got - ten Son;



and let us love__ each oth - er well__ in Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
be his the glo - ry that we seek,__ be ours his ho - ly peace.
as mem - bers of__ his Bod - y joined__ we are in him__ made one.

The Prayers of the People

Tables read petitions together and cantor leads responses.

Reader 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 life in the Kingdom of God is not one of power and authority over others, but one marked by love and service to others. Tonight we give thanks for all who follow Jesus' example of love.

Table 1 For our family and friends, and for the loving care that surrounds us,



Let us give thanks to God our Fa - ther.



We thank you, Lord.

Table 2 For those who teach us and set an example for us to follow,

Cantor Let us give thanks to God our Father.

People We thank you, Lord.

Table 3 For the musicians of St. Clement's, its lay leaders, acolytes, and altar guild, and for all those who make it possible for us to come together to worship,

Cantor Let us give thanks to God our Father.

People We thank you, Lord.

Table 4 For all those who cooked and cleaned and set up for tonight's meal,

Cantor Let us give thanks to God our Father.

People We thank you, Lord.

Table 5 For all those who serve and care for others in need in our neighborhoods and cities,

Cantor Let us give thanks to God our Father.
People We thank you, Lord.

Table 6 Above all, we thank you for the example of your Son Jesus Christ, who taught us to love as he loved us.

People Help us to show the power of your love to all among whom we live. Amen.

The Peace

All stand.

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

The people greet each other in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn

Sursum Corda



2 I bow be - fore you, all my sin con - fessed, to hear a - gain the words of love you said; and
3 So in re - membrance of your life laid down I come to praise you for your grace di - vine; saved



at your ta - ble, as your hon ored guest, I take and eat the true and liv - ing Bread.
by your cross, and sub ject to your crown, strength - ened for ser - vice by this bread and wine.

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing and gather near the altar.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, —
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, —
hea-ven and earth are full, — full — of your glo - ry. Ho-
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes — in the name of the Lord. — Ho-
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues with the Words of Institution.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

After taking communion, walk in silence to the church.

The Stripping of the Altar

Anthem sung by the Youth Choir

Jesus Alone
by Gilbert M. Martin

'Tis midnight, and on Olive's brow
the star is dimmed that lately shone;
'Tis midnight, in the garden now
the suffering Savior prays alone.

'Tis midnight, and for others' guilt
the Man of Sorrows weeps in blood;
Yet he that hath in anguish knelt
is not forsaken by his God.

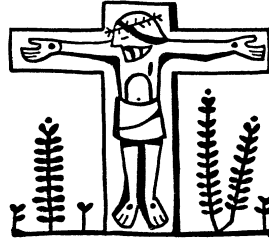
'Tis midnight, and from heavenly plains
is borne the song the angels know;
Unheard by mortals are the strains
that sweetly soothe the Savior's woe.

'Tis midnight, and on Olive's brow
the star is dimmed that lately shone;
'Tis midnight, in the garden now
the suffering Savior prays alone.

Psalm 22

recited in unison, kneeling

- 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 ravening 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!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
All the families of the nations shall 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 people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.

Celebrant Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please depart the church in silence.

The Agape Feast

by the Rev. Salying Wong

The Agape, or “Love-feast”, in its earliest form, was a loosely structured social and religious meal, with putative connections with the Eucharist.

If indeed this meal was connected to communion, it was separated from it by the early second century. Pliny the Younger reported that Christians regularly met early Sunday mornings for prayer to Christ and would later in the day “reassemble, to eat in common a harmless meal.”

Hopefully, this was true in the Early Church because it seemed to be a problem in the New Testament Church. St. Paul attests to this problem in 1 Corinthians 11:20-22. He chastises his community for making a mockery of the meal:

“When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord’s supper. For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead with your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk.

“What! Do you not have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!”

But when done properly, these feasts were about sharing love for one another, being together. Perhaps, it was an early form of the potluck!

The prominence of the Agape in the early writings of the church suggests that this informal meal was second in church life only to the Eucharist.

SERVING TONIGHT

*Thank you to those whose gift of loving service
has helped make this evening meal possible.*

Reader	Allie Bailey
Cantor	Cambell Conour
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Karen McMahon
Altar Guild	Jan Towler Melissa Newel

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Good Friday

April 2 12:00 PM Three Hour Liturgy:
The Way of the Cross
Stabat Mater by Franz Schubert

*You are welcome to come and go
during any of the three hours.*

Easter Day

April 4 8:00 AM Holy Communion with Easter hymns
10:00 AM Choral Eucharist with Easter hymns