

Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church



Maundy Thursday
The Lord's Supper
April 9, 2020
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

The Word of God

Gathering Song:

“I Am The Bread of Life”

by John Michael Talbot
Sung by Martha Reynolds

Chorus

I am the Bread of Life
All who eat this Bread will never die
I am God's love revealed
I am broken that you might be healed

Verse 1

All who eat of this heavenly Bread
All who drink this cup of the covenant
You will live forever
For I will raise you up

Verse 2

No one who comes to Me shall ever hunger again
No one who believes shall ever thirst
All that the Father draws shall come to Me
And I will give them rest

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

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.

Old Testament Lesson

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.”

Psalm 116:10-17

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.
Hallelujah!

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.

Servanthood/Footwashing

Gospel

John 13:1-17

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 masters, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Anthem

“Abide with me”

Phil LeFevre

The Homily

Peter Stube

**Servanthood/Footwashing
Community/Holy Communion
Abandonment/The Stripping of the Altar**

The Prayers

Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ to take 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 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.*

(In the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, silently or to vocalize, choose the Chat icon on the bottom of your Zoom screen, type the prayers you would like to share, and hit enter on your keyboard)

We bid your prayers for God’s people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop Daniel, and for the leaders and ministers of our parish. Pray for the church.

We bid your prayers for the well-being of all people and nations; remembering our president, the Congress of the United States, Governors of our States, and Heads of the nations that they may lead wisely in this dangerous time and care deeply for the Common Good of the people of the earth committed to their care. Pray for health and peace on the earth.

We bid your prayers for those who live alone and those who are now isolated from family members, for the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, and the sick. We especially ask healing and strength for June, Margaret, Brian, Dorothea, Lou, Millie Graf, Norman

Milnes, Clara Bradbury, Ryan Mellor and Elisabeth Neu. And others we name in the silence.

We bid your prayers for all your children around the world who struggle to find peace and health in this time of pandemic. As our eyes are firmly fixed on you, help us find your way through this time. In this time heal us and give us new vision to anticipate the changed world we will encounter on the when the pandemic is past. Prepare our hearts to embrace your future.

We bid your prayers for families as they gather at home as a result of schools closing early and jobs ending, allow them to find grace, strength and hope. Bind them together in encouragement, healing, and unity around your throne.

We bid your prayers for those who are dying alone during this pandemic and for their families who are unable to be with them. May they find their hope in God who awaits us all in his nearer presence.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women who are working to protect our nation at this time of need. These prayers are for all who work in essential jobs; grocery workers, doctors, nurses, nursing assistants, administrators, food workers, cleaning staff, clerks and all those who serve in hospitals, medical offices, retirement centers and testing centers. We also pray for the researchers who are working to develop new medicines and vaccines to fight Covid-19.

We bid your prayer for God's grace and guidance for "first responders" and law enforcement officers in our communities, as well as those on active duty in our military services; especially Alex Oliver, Evan Farren, Andrew Pascuzzi, Steven Masker, Connor Kreston, Jon Clark, Chris Fanizzi, Kyle Beck, Jaime Johnstonbaugh, Justin Miller, Michael Selner and their families. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for the day when this crisis having passed, that we may be ready to face that day with hope and new vision, because during this time we have followed your Holy Spirit step by step, responding in joyful obedience to your daily guidance. May we rest in the assurance that "All our hope on God is founded".

Let us also pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

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. Amen.

Peace *(we will be broken into small groups so that we may exchange the Peace over Zoom, and then the congregation will be returned to worship. You will have a minute or two to exchange the peace with those in your room.)*

Community/Communion **Remembering the institution of the Last Supper**

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

“This prayer is an ancient prayer of the Church. Its old forms can be found in St. Augustine’s Prayer book, and in every Intercession Paper of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament.

At this time of the Virus when we cannot be physically present, it can become a way to receive a spiritual communion as we watch a living streaming Mass.”

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.

Abandonment/ Stripping the Altar

After this segment on abandonment, you may wish to remain here on the video conference to keep vigil. This site will be active until midnight tonight and reopen again at 6:00 am and remain open until the Good Friday Service begins at noon on Friday.

Some suggested prayers and intercessions for your devotion are:

We suggest we intercede for those who are most deeply affected by the pandemic;

For members of this church, and this community;

For those in retirement homes;

For those who put their lives at risk during this time; doctors, nurses, social workers, those who work in retirement centers, grocery stores and other essential service;

For those who are alone;

For those who feed the hungry and all others.

You may also like to use **The Great Litany** to guide your prayers:

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us, for ever.
Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and
flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from
violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and
unprepared,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity
and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and
Temptation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion;
by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection
and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in
the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that
it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church
Universal in the right way,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and
deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy
Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may
set it forth, and show it accordingly,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy
harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace
to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of
the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such
as have erred, and are deceived,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear
thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants,
the President of the United States (or of this nation), and all
others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy,
and walk in the ways of truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world;
to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to
bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners
and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are
desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the
bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy
them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings,
to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of
heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by
reason of their labor or their travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all
women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the
widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of Francis, Clair and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
Son of God, we beseech thee to hear 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,
Have mercy upon us.

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

O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Holy Week Services

Good Friday, April 10

Noon Traditional Passion Narrative, prayer and Anthems

Easter Day, April 12

10:00 a.m. Easter Eucharist