

The Parish of Christ Church
Andover, Massachusetts

For this week's
announcements and
prayer list, please scan:



Maundy Thursday
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

April 2, 2026
at half past seven in the evening

Voluntary Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

Hymn 657 Love divine, all loves excelling *Hyfrydol*

Opening Acclamation *BCP, p. 355*

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Collect for Purity *BCP, p. 355*

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.**

The Summary of the Law

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all
your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other
commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Lord, have mercy [Hymnal S-86] *Kyrie* *David Hurd (b. 1950)*

Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.

Christ have mercy. *or* **Christe eleison.**

Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.

Collect for Maundy Thursday

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.**

A reading from Exodus (12:1-4, 11-14 NRSV)

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.
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

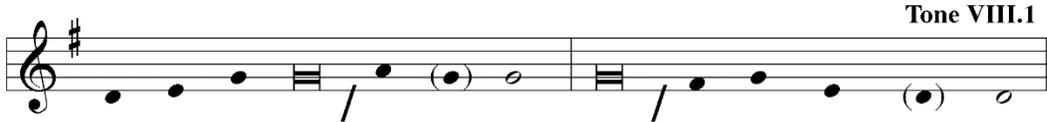
shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Cantor sings the odd numbered verses, and the Choir and Congregation sing the even numbered verses.

Psalm 116:1, 10-17



- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my suppli/cation,*
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 sal/vation*
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 thanks/giving*
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 In the courts of the / LORD'S house,*
in the midst of you, /O Jerusalem.

A reading from The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (11:23-26 NRSV)

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel according to John (13:1-17, 31b-35 NRSV)

At the Announcement, all say **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. 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.

"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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

The Rev. Michael J. Hodges

The Foot-Washing

All are invited to come forward as the choir sings to participate in this ancient practice symbolizing Christ's servant ministry. How to participate: Sit in one of the chairs and someone will pour water over your feet. They will then dry them with a clean towel. Once they have finished, you can wash the next person's feet in the same way.

Anthem

Maundy Thursday Anthem

Nicholas White (b. 1967)

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."

Antiphon: 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.

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him. *Antiphon*

Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. *Antiphon*

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. *Antiphon*

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

Antiphon

Confession and Absolution

BCP, p. 360

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

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

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 Celebrant continues.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive 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.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Minister and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem

Love bade me welcome

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1823-1897)

Michael Barrett, soloist

*Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back, guiltie of dust and sinne.
But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack from my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning, if I lacked anything.
A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here: Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkinde, ungratefull? Ah, my deare, I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply, Who made the eyes but I?
Truth Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame? My deare, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat: so I did sit and eat.*

-George Herbert (1593-1633)

Hymn at the Presentation 143, verse 1

The glory of these forty days

Erhalt uns, Herr

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP, p. 372

The Lord be with you.

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Holy, holy, holy Lord [Hymnal S-124] Sanctus

David Hurd

**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.**

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Sean; our Presiding Bishop, and Julia, our Bishop, and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember Peter, Debbie, Maddie, Nancy, Leslie, Ed, Mary, Ila, Bonnie, Roger, Karen, Kendra, and Kathy, and family and friends of parishioners who have been commended to our prayers.

Remember Jack Russell and all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.**

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God [Hymnal S-161] *Agnus Dei*

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant This is Christ's table of love and forgiveness. 'The Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation' provide food for our souls. All are welcome to draw near and share these holy mysteries. Take Christ within your bodies and become the Body of Christ.

Communion Hymn 315

Thou, who at the first Eucharist didst pray

Song 1

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP, p. 366

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 329, verses 1-4

Now, my tongue, the mystery telling

Pange lingua

The Sacrament is taken to the Altar of Repose. The congregation remains seated.

The Stripping of the Altar

During the stripping of the altar, the choir and congregation are invited to sing repeatedly several Taizé chants found in "Wonder, Love & Praise".

#827 O Lord hear my pray'r

Jacques Berthier

#825 Bless the Lord my soul

Jacques Berthier

#826 Stay with me, remain here with me

Jacques Berthier

The clergy and lay ministers depart in silence.

Members of the parish have signed up for hour-long watches through the night, until noon on Good Friday.

*You are welcome to join them for prayer at any time,
and we ask that you be respectful of the solemn nature of the day.*

Everyone is Welcome at God's Table ~ Christ Church Andover Serving at Today's Service

Celebrant and preacher	The Rev. Michael J. Hodges, Rector
Organist	Barbara A. Bruns
Choir	Parish Choir
Lector	Mike Hassanpour
Eucharistic Minister	Amy Vinson
Usher	Doug Nason
Flowers	Christ Church Flower Guild
Altar Guild	Marie Wagner
Vergers	Holly Jarrell-Marcinelli, Chris Wagner

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Celebrate Holy Week at Christ Church!

Good Friday – April 3

Midnight - Noon “Watch through the Night”

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy with music and Holy Communion
from the Reserved Sacrament

The Great Vigil of Easter – April 4

8 p.m. Easter Vigil Holy Eucharist

Worshippers will gather in the Courtyard for the lighting of the new fire.

Please remember to bring a bell!

9:30 p.m. Easter Vigil reception

Easter Day – April 5

9 a.m. Festal Holy Eucharist* with Parish Choir,
St. Cecilia Choristers and Brass Quintet

10:15 a.m. Easter Brunch

10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

11 a.m. Festal Holy Eucharist with Parish Choir and Brass Quintet

* Service will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel,
available through a link on our homepage

Welcome to Christ Church!

We're delighted you have found us! We are blessed by your presence here today and want to do everything possible to make you feel at home. In our celebration of Holy Communion, we believe that everyone is welcome at God's table. Our welcome extends to all people without preference for age, ability, gender, race, ethnic or religious background, sexual orientation, marital or family status. We desire to know ourselves and one another as God knows us - as beloved children of God - and to embody Jesus' own example of radical hospitality. If you have questions about this parish specifically, or about the Episcopal Church in general, please ask someone seated near you. There's a lot of wisdom in the helpful people in the pews. You may also talk with the Rev. Michael Hodges, our Rector.



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