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Thank you for joining us today!  
We hope to see you again soon.

We invite you to join us for worship at 8:00 or 10:30 am  
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# Maundy Thursday

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6:00 pm



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## A Note on Tonight's Service

Welcome to our parish. Tonight's Eucharist—on the eve of Good Friday—begins the Sacred Triduum, or Three Sacred Days, of our redemption. This is a celebration: a celebration of our Lord's institution of the sacrament of his Body and Blood; but it is pervaded by the shadow of the cross. Jesus gathered with his disciples in the context of the greatest of all events in Israel's redemption—the exodus and the Passover. Yet the normal joy of such an evening was muted by betrayal, the failure of his friends to understand what he was doing, and his own fear of what was to come.

It was a farewell dinner in which Jesus, by washing his disciples' feet, sought to illustrate one final time the character of love and ministry which is central in the life to which he calls us: self-giving love to the point of dying for one's friends. We hear the ancient instructions for celebrating the Passover, Paul's account of the institution of the Eucharist, and John's account of the moment when Jesus washed his disciples' feet.

After Holy Communion tonight, the liturgy does not end with the stripping and washing of the altar. It continues tomorrow, Saturday, and Sunday, when its glory is revealed.

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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Good Friday - March 29

Noon Stations of the Cross, Rock Springs Park, Lenoir City  
6:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy Service

### Easter Day – Sunday, March 31

8:00 am Easter Morning Service  
9:00 am Easter Breakfast in the Parish Hall  
10:30 am Easter Morning Service

**We are honored to have The Rt. Rev. Brian L. Cole visiting on Easter Morning.  
Please make him welcome.**



**30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.**

*Celebrant:* They divide my garments among them;  
*People:* **they cast lots for my clothing.**

#### **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*The Altar is a symbol of Christ's body. The rite of stripping the Altar recalls how Jesus was stripped of his garments, and mistreated before his death.*

**As the congregation sits or kneels in silence, the altar party will remove all decoration from the chancel and cleanse the altar.**

*After the stripping and washing of the altar, the lights will be dimmed, and the altar party and altar guild will exit.*

*The people are invited to leave the church in silence. Those who wish to wait and watch with Christ a while are invited to remain. Those who have other duties in the church this evening should maintain a meaningful silence.*

# **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **Prelude**

#### **THE AGAPE MEAL**

### **The Blessings**

**Over Bread:** 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 for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Over Wine:** Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and on this night you have refreshed us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Over the Other Foods:** Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe. You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen us in the fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the Way of the Cross, we may come to the joy of His resurrection. For yours is the Kingdom and power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Collect** (toward the close of the meal): 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, on God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **First Reading                      Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14**

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.

#### **Psalm 116:1, 10-17**

**1 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.**

**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 salvation \*  
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; \***

**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, \*  
and 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.**

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.

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 thanksgiving \*  
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.  
Hallelujah!

### Second Reading

### 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.

### Sequence Hymn

*Refrain*



God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.



1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.  
2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,  
3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,

Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.  
 let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.  
 when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.

Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.  
 Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.  
 Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

Repeat Refrain  
 Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.  
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.  
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

*All stand.*

**Holy Gospel John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**N**ow before the feast 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

**The Gifts of God for the People of God.**

*We encourage you to come forward to receive Holy Communion as you feel comfortable. Remain seated, and the usher will direct you forward to the communion rail. Please remain standing to receive communion, and then return to your seat by the side aisle. so that traffic flows one way.*

*If you would prefer communion be brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know and, as always, we will be happy to do so. If you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign that you prefer a blessing*

**Communion Hymn**  
*Abide with me*

**Hymnal 662**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* They divide my garments among them;  
*People:* **they cast lots for my clothing.**

**Psalm 22 (said 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, \***



Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People*

**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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

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

*The Celebrant says*

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 his feet, but he 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 is 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 to 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.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Amy Morehous**

*A moment of silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Brian, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Lenoir City and Loudon, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those whom we now name, either aloud or silently, let us pray to the Lord.

**Carol; Joe; Kim E.; Ed & Jean; Bob C.; Raynella; Tracy; Daphne; Ulla; Ashley; Debbie; Nancy C.; Jack H.; Rame; Ingham; Sharon; Larry; Diana N.; Sandy; and Peggy Ann; and all who suffer the violence of war and political unrest.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

your Name:

**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 people remain standing. The Celebrant continues,*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.



♩ CODA

Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord;  
*People* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*The Celebrant says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

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

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**THE PEACE**

**BCP 360**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PROCESSION TO THE CHURCH**

*Following the acolyte bearing the cross, the congregation will process in silent contemplation to the sanctuary.*

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

# Offertory Hymn

One bread, one bod-y,

one Lord of all, one cup of

bless-ing which we bless. And we, though

man-y, through-out the earth, We are one

*Last time* ⊕

bod - y in this one Lord.

*Last time* ⊕

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or  
 2. Man - y or the gifts, man - y the  
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

1. free, wom - an or man,  
 2. works, one in the Lord  
 3. grown, gath - ered to one

*D.S.*

1. — no more. One  
 2. — of all. One  
 3. — for all. One

*D.S.*