

Maundy Thursday April 1, 2021 · 6:30 PM

Welcome to your Spiritual Home! We invite you to prepare for worship wherever you are, just as you would at Church: with a few moments of prayer, quiet, and meditation before we begin.

Special greetings to our Visitors! We want your experience to be as enjoyable as possible. If you have questions, please vist our website, or contact us at visitor@christchurchcharlotte.org.

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Prelude

Illumination The Reverend Chip Edens

THE WORD OF GOD

The Lenten Acclamation, BCP 355

The Reverend Joan Kilian

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

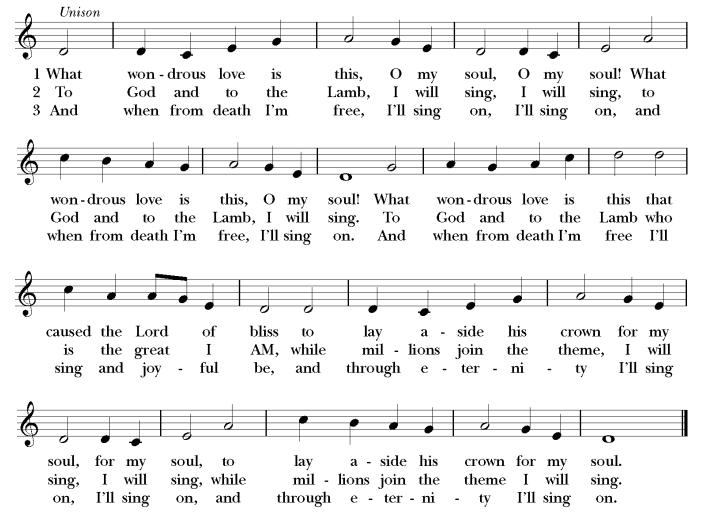
The Collect of the Day, BCP 274

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.**

Hymn 439, What wondrous love is this



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

The Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Reverend Connor Gwin

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: 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."

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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Reverend Joshua Case

The Washing of the Feet

The Reverend Joan Kilian

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: 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 strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service. We all need to remember his example, but none stand more in need of this reminder than those whom the Lord has called to the ordained ministry.

Tonight, we cannot share together in the normal experience foot-washing that would accompany our liturgy, but I invite those of you who have others in your household to take a few moments now, or at the end of this liturgy, to share in the royal priesthood of Christ by washing one another's feet, following the example of Christ. Remember that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for "a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

Anthem, If ye love me Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father,
And he shall give you another comforter,
That he may abide with you for ever:
Even the spirit of truth.

And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you,
And shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless.
I will come to you.

The Prayers of the People

The Reverend Chip Edens

On this holy day we gather as the body of Christ, and are reminded of Jesus' call to continue to love and serve one another. On this holy day, then, let us pray for the church and the world, saying: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the whole church of God, that it may grow in unity and servanthood:

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

For our congregation, that in these holy days we may grow in love for one another and for all people: Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

For those who in the days to come will be baptized, that they may rejoice in their passage through death into life: Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

For all the leaders and people of the world, that reconciliation and peace may overcome conflict and oppression: Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

For the hungry in body or spirit, that they may be fed:

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

For the sick and those in pain, for the lonely and the forgotten, for the dying and all who mourn, that they may know the full extent of God's love for them:

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

In thanksgiving for the saints and martyrs and for all the faithful departed who join us in the fellowship of grace: Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

O God, into your love we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Peace (standing), BCP 360

The Reverend Joan Kilian

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements and Offertory

The Easter offering this year will be given to Hope Vibes and Safe Alliance. Hope vibes exists to develop creative exit strategies to end homelessness through direct relief, research, innovation, advocacy and systemic disruption. At Safe Alliance, their mission is to provide hope and healing for those impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault.

We urge you to give as generously as you are able. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/outreach for more information. Please note or select "Easter" on your gift via checks, online, or text-to-give at 704-741-7324.

Thank you very much for your generosity.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving, BCP 367

The Reverend Joan Kilian

Celebrant: 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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

Celebrant and People

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.

Then the Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues,

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

As our Savior has taught us, we now pray:

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 Communion The Reverend Joan Kilian

The Communion Anthem, Ubi Caritas

Philip Stopford

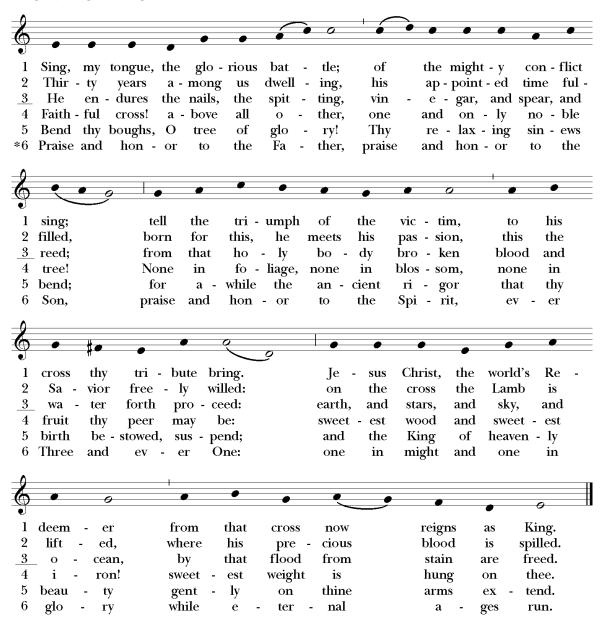
The Postcommunion Prayer, BCP 365

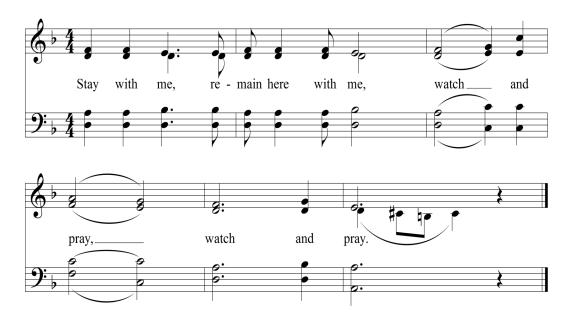
Let us Pray,

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Stripping of the Altar The Clergy

Hymn 166, Sing my tongue, the glorious battle





Please join us for this weeks events:

Good Friday, April 2

12 Noon - Good Friday Service (Broadcast Live)

10 am - 1 pm, Christ Church Grounds - Register for a time to walk the Stations of the Cross, individually or as a family, to remember the events of Jesus' last day. Supplies will be provided at the beginning of the experience, and you will be able to listen to each Station's description on the Christ Church app as you walk.

(In case of inclement weather, families will be invited to pick up their supplies from the Church.)

Social distancing and Covid-safe protocols will be required.

Easter Eve Baptism Service, April 3

5:00 PM Worship Service (Broadcast Live)

Easter Sunday, April 4

8:45 AM, 11:15 AM - Festive Choral Worship Service (Online)
9:45 AM - Easter Discovery Worship Service (Prerecorded Online)
10:00 AM - Festive Contemporary Worship Service
All are invited to worship online with us at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/live
or on Facebook Live @ChristChurchCHarlotte

9 am - 1 pm (5-minute time slots) - In addition to our Easter worship services online, we invite you to come home for Easter! Your family can register for a place in our special Easter day pilgrimage to Christ Church. You will be able to walk through the Nave filled with Easter lilies and music, and offer prayers for your family, our community, and the world. Financial donations to support our outreach partners are also welcomed. We can't wait to welcome you home. Registration is required. The maximum number of people per family time slot is 10.