

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025, 5:30 pm

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, Maine

Prelude "O World, I Now Must Leave Thee," by J. Brahms

Please stand.

Opening Litany

Celebrant Way beyond all journeying,
truth behind all mystery,
life within all living:

People **We praise you.**

Intern Salve for every soreness,
mender of every brokenness,
midwife of a better future:

People **We praise you.**

Celebrant Ground of all being,
judge of all nations,
conscience of the universe:

People **We praise you.**

Intern Maker, Redeemer,
confessor, companion,
befriender, inspirer,
God beyond all names:

People **We praise you.**

The Confession & Absolution

Celebrant My siblings in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Savior's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil – all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

silence for reflection

Celebrant Most merciful God,
People 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 our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

People Amen.

Opening Hymn, #581

Where charity and love prevail

The Hymnal 1982

Greeting & Collect of the Day

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.

People Amen.

THE LESSONS

The First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

Michele Johns

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.

Lector Word of God, word of life.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

Mary Curlew

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; *
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.

The Second Reading: "Maundy Thursday" by Malcolm Guite

Michele Johns

Here is the source of every sacrament,

The all-transforming presence of the Lord,

Replenishing our every element

Remaking us in his creative Word.

For here the earth herself gives bread and wine,

The air delights to bear his Spirit's speech,

The fire dances where the candles shine,

The waters cleanse us with His gentle touch.

And here He shows the full extent of love

To us whose love is always incomplete,

In vain we search the heavens high above,

The God of love is kneeling at our feet.
Though we betray Him, though it is the night.
He meets us here and loves us into light.

Lector Word of God, word of life.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn, #576

God is love

The Hymnal 1982

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

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Celebrant The Holy Gospel according to John.
People **Glory to you, O God.**

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reflection

Mary Curlew

A moment of silent reflection follows.

Foot and Hand Washing

Celebrant The Lord Jesus, after he had dined with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Teacher, 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 you.**

Celebrant 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 you.**

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

Those who are interested may attend one of the foot or hand washing stations.

Music, #330

Therefore we, before him bending

The Hymnal 1982

Prayers of the People

Mary Curlew

Leader Let us pray.

moment of silence for reflection

Because you, God, love the world, because in Christ you walked it, we dare to pray: God, send your spirit,

People **Renew the life of the earth.**

To connect the words of ancient scripture to the life of the world today; to let the urgent summons of Jesus surpass our reticence to respond: God, send your spirit,
Renew the life of the earth.

To awaken the minds of those in power to the realities of those they govern; to confront the arrogance of the privileged with the vulnerability of the poor:

God, send your spirit,

Renew the life of the earth.

To engage the fragile state of the planet with those who carelessly abuse it; to let the pain of those who are hurting awaken the caring potential in the healthy:

God, send your spirit,

Renew the life of the earth.

To eradicate the distance between our convictions and commitments, our potentials and our performance, our prayers and our politics, our faith and our discipleship: God, send your spirit,

Renew the life of the earth.

Concluding Collect

Celebrant Convince us, gracious God, that matter matters and that all is up for redemption. And since in Jesus you destined all to be changed and made new, enable us to be agents of your purpose. We pray in Jesus' name.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

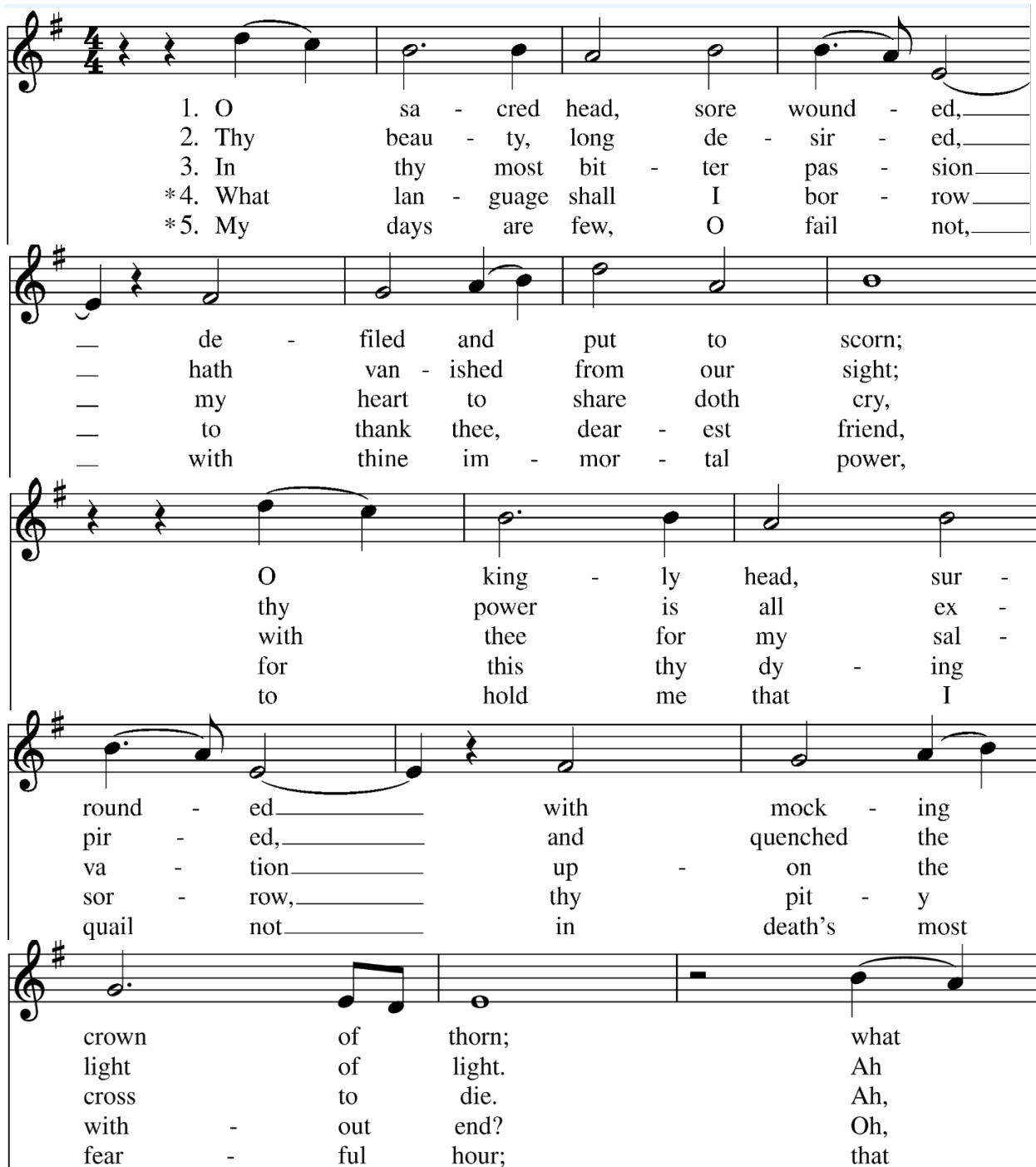
The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Let us with gladness present our offerings and oblations to God.
The bread and wine are brought forward, and ushers pass the offering plates.

Offering Hymn, #735

O Sacred Head (Vs. 1, 4, & 5)

Wonder, Love, and Praise



1. O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed,
2. Thy beau - ty, long de - sir - ed,
3. In thy most bit - ter pas - sion
*4. What lan - guage shall I bor - row
*5. My days are few, O fail not,
— de - filed and put to scorn;
— hath van - ished from our sight;
— my heart to share doth cry,
— to thank thee, dear - est friend,
— with thine im - mor - tal power,
O king - ly head, sur -
thy power is all ex -
with thee for my sal -
for this thy dy - ing
to hold me that I
round - ed with mock - ing
pir - ed, and quenched the
va - tion up - on the
sor - row, thy pit - y
quail not in death's most
crown of thorn; what
light of light. Ah
cross to die. Ah,
with - out end? Oh,
fear - ful hour; that

sor - row mars thy grand - eur? Can
me! for whom thou di - est, hide
keep my heart thus mov - ed to
make me thine for - ev - er! and
I may fight be - friend - ed, and
death thy bloom de - flower?
not so far thy grace,
stand thy cross be - neath,
should I faint - ing be,
see in my last strife
O coun - ten - ance whose splen - dor
show me, O Love most high - est,
to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed,
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er,
to me thine arms ex - tend - ed
the hosts of heav'n a - dore!
the bright - ness of thy face.
yet thank thee for thy death.
out - live my love for thee.
up - on the cross of life.

The Offering is now brought forward.

Offertory Prayer

Intern

Let us pray.

People

Jesus, you are the bread of life
and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food
but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant

God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to our God.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.
You gather your people around the tree of the cross,
transforming death into life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus, spoken

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant You are worthy of blessing and praise,
O God of our salvation.
You speak and creation comes to life.
You breathe and we are filled with your Spirit.
You come with healing in your wings.

You loosen the bonds of sickness
to let the oppressed go free.

You shelter the poor
and feed the hungry with the bread of life.
And when the night is darkest,
you break forth upon us like the dawn
and your touch brings new life.

Now we give you thanks,
that you have shown the greatness of your love
by sending your Son Jesus Christ
to share our fragile flesh
and bear our every burden.
Your Son Jesus did not turn his face
from shame and loss,
but took up our suffering and death.

He suffers with the sick,
the injured and the dying.
By his passion and death
he rescues us from evil,
and binds up every wound.

On the night before his suffering and death,
Jesus shared supper with his friends.
He blessed bread, broke it, gave it to them and said,
“This bread is my body, given for you and all humankind.
Whenever you eat it, remember me.”

Then he blessed the wine and said,
“This is the cup of life,
my blood poured out for all.
Whenever you drink it, remember me.”

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the healing power of your Son,
by whose wounds we are healed.
In these gifts of bread and wine,
we celebrate the healing power
of Jesus’ cross and empty tomb.

Now send your Spirit upon this bread and wine
that they may be for us his life-giving body
and precious blood.
May Christ, the risen Son,
rise in us and make us one with you,
one with each other,
and one with all creation.

In the name of the One who was,
and is, and is to come,
Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer
Celebrant
People

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

The Fraction

Celebrant

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People

Happy are those who are called to the Lord's Supper.

The Invitation

Celebrant

Come, for all is now ready. Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive communion at St. Bart's! The ushers will invite you to come forward to stand around the chancel to receive the bread, hands facing upward for bread with gluten, hands facing down will indicate you'd like gluten free bread. The Chalice Bearer will follow holding a chalice of wine. If you would prefer not to sip from the cup, you may place your hands across your chest to receive a blessing of the words. If you would prefer to receive neither the bread nor the wine but would like to come forward for a blessing, please come forward as described above and simply cross your arms at your chest and the Priest will offer a blessing. Hand sanitizer is available in the aisle. You may return to your seat once you have received.

Music at Communion, #776 No saint on earth

Wonder, Love & Praise

1. No saint on earth lives life to self a - lone
2. For to this end our Lord by death was slain,
or dies a - lone, for we with Christ are one.
that to new life he might a - rise a - gain.
So if we live, for Christ a - lone we live,
Through sor - row on to tri - umph Christ has led,
and if we die, to Christ our dy - ing give.
and reigns o'er all: the liv - ing and the dead.
In liv - ing and in dy - ing this con - fess:
In liv - ing and in dy - ing, him we bless.



Post-Communion Prayer

Intern Let us pray. Jesus our sibling,
People in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with God the Parent and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing:

Celebrant God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always.
People Amen.

A Reading: Luke 22: 39-54

The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson & Mary Curlew

[Jesus] came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

Then they seized him and led him away.

The congregation may be seated.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space while two "voices" offer meditations of music and psalm.

Musical meditation

“Ubi Caritas” by Maurice Duruflé

Christina Edelen, organ

Fred Edelen, cello

Meditative Reading: Psalm 22

Phil Chin, Susannah White

A chime sounds three times. You are invited to depart in silence.

Serving in Worship Today

Celebrant	The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson
Preacher, Chalice Bearer	Mary Curlew
Music	Christina Edelen Fred Edelen, cello
Lector	Michele Johns
Ushers	Kathleen Damon, Pam Hobson
Altar Guild	Jan Burson, Linda Perkins
A/V	Pal Covie
Psalm Readers	Phil Chin, Susannah White

RESOURCES

Opening Litany & Prayers of the People: *A Wee Worship Book*. GIA Publications, Inc. Chicago, 2015.

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Eucharistic Prayer: adapted from “Great Thanksgiving Prayer for Healing & St. Luke’s Day” written by Paul Fromberg & Sara Miles © 2009



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