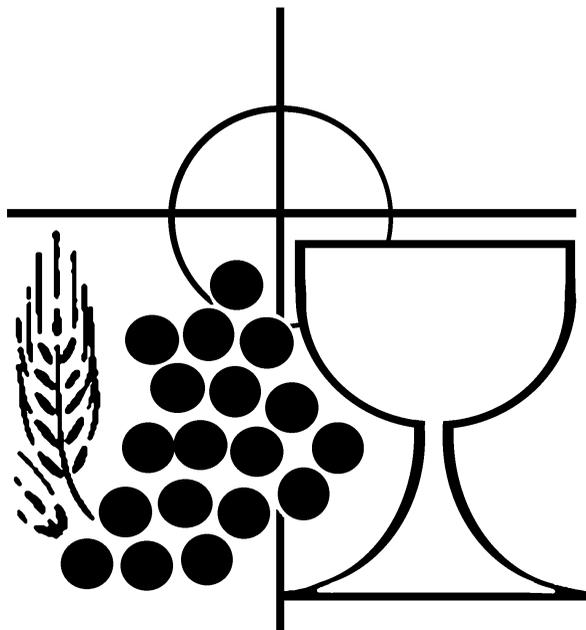


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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026

7:00 pm – Holy Eucharist & The Stripping of the Altar

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please keep conversation to a minimum.

Prelude

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

Michael Burkhardt

The Congregation stands as the choir and altar party process in silence.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

The Confession & Absolution

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A period of silence is kept. The Congregation is invited to kneel.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Celebrant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Hymnal S-91

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

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

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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.**

The First Lesson

Exodus 12:1-4, 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. 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

prayed responsively

- 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 Lesson

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #329 (verses 1-4) Now, my tongue, the mystery telling *Pange lingua*

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 22:14-27

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the

same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Chris Streeeter, Rector

The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel.

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence*

For the church, that living according to Jesus' new commandment and by his example, we may grow in our love for one another and all people.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of nations, that their goal may be dignity and reconciliation for all, and that conflict and discord may give way to peace and unity throughout the world.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

For people in need that they might receive your blessing. May we be led to care for those who suffer from hunger, illness, oppression, loneliness, abuse, or any physical or spiritual disease. **God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

For this congregation that we may boldly carry the cross of Christ into the world and proclaim the Good News of Christ's passion and resurrection.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all the faithful people who followed the example of Jesus and lived out his commandments, and who now rest from their labors. **God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: to love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment on our hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**



Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Chris Streeter

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please visit www.christchurchnewton.org
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Offertory Anthem

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjello

*Where there is charity and love, God is there.
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.*

*The love of Christ has brought us together.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.*

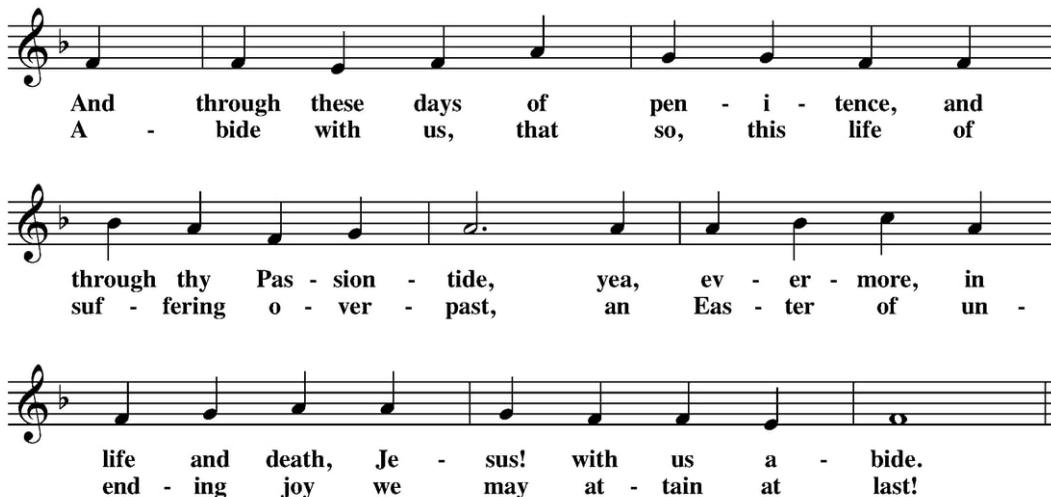
*Let us rejoice and be glad in him.
Exsultemus et in ipso iucundemur.*

*Let us fear and love the living God.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.*

*And let us love each other sincerely from the heart.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

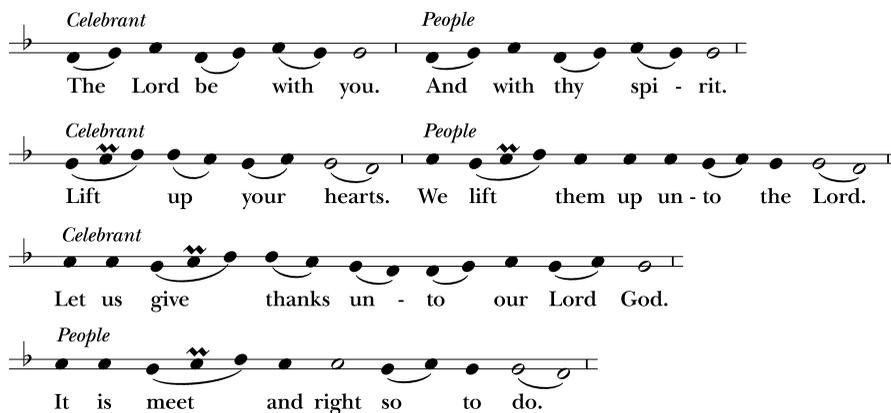
Presentation Hymn

St. Flavian



And through these days of pen - i - tence, and
A - bide with us, that so, this life of
through thy Pas - sion - tide, yea, ev - er - more, in
suf - fering o - ver - past, an Eas - ter of un -
life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer II



Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.
Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.
Celebrant
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.
People
It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus (S114)

Healey Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-158

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 Lmab of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
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.

On this night, the People depart in silence.

The night-long watch begins immediately following the service.

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LEM: Mark Hoyer



**Holy Week 2026
at Christ Church**

**Friday, April 3
Good Friday**

**8 am: Mass of the Presanctified
4 pm: Holy Week Family Service
7 pm: Good Friday Liturgy**

**Saturday, April 4
Holy Saturday**

**8 am: Holy Saturday Liturgy
7 pm: The Great Vigil of Easter**
Festive Greek Dinner immediately following in Holley Hall

**Sunday, April 5
The Sunday of the Resurrection**

**8 am & 10 am
Holy Eucharist**
Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the 10 am service

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