



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Maundy Thursday
April 2, 2026, 12:05 p.m.

Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral. To learn more about the ministries we share in this place, you are invited to fill in one of the cards found in the pew rack.

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**The First Eucharist of Maundy Thursday
Together with the Washing of Feet**

THE VERY REV. NATHANIEL KATZ, *Dean*
Celebrant

*The Liturgy is found in The Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
Hymns and service music (S) are in The Hymnal 1982.*

The Word of God

PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation:
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Celebrant reads a sentence of scripture following which all are invited to kneel.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Silence may be kept. Minister 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 stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you 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 people stand.

KYRIE ELEISON

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Celebrant Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:1-14

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 602

Chereponi

The Chorus is sung first by the Cantor and repeated by the People.

It is then sung as indicated in the hymn text.

Chorus Jesu, Jesu,
 fill us with your love,
 show us how to serve
 the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
Silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. *Chorus*

Neighbors are rich and poor,
Neighbors are black and white,
Neighbors are nearby and far away. *Chorus*

These are the ones we should serve,
These are the ones we should love.
All are neighbors to us and you. *Chorus*

Loving puts us on our knees,
Serving as though we were slaves;
This is the way we should live with you. *Chorus*

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. 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 HOMILY

The Rev. Liz Kronenberg, Canon Vicar

THE FOOT WASHING

All stand.

Celebrant The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve.
People **And to give his life as the ransom for many.**

Celebrant I give you a new commandment:
People **Love one another as I have loved you.**

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

Please be seated. While all are invited to share in the sign of the washing, you are also welcome to remain prayerfully in your pew. All who wish to share in the footwashing remove their shoes and socks at their seats. They form lines at each station; the first sits and the next washes and dries the other's feet; when the first leaves, the next person takes the seat, and the third in line washes, and so on until all are washed.

When all have returned to their places, a moment of silence is kept.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

To the call, “Lord, in your mercy,” the people are invited to respond, “**hear our prayer.**”

THE PEACE

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

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord, after which the people are seated for brief announcements.

The Holy Communion

Offerings of alms and bread and wine are received.

AT THE OFFERTORY

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 656

Franconia

Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ’s abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with us,
our pattern and our King;

He to the lowly soul
will still himself impart
And for his dwelling and his throne
will choose the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
Give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple fit for thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship I

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.**

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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S 130

Franz Schubert (1797–1828)

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

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER CONTINUES

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery,

sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

The sacrament of Holy Communion has been precious to Christians for 2,000 years. It is a way in which many sense the reality of God's forgiveness, our union with God and each other, and the eternal life to which we belong. Please know that you do not have to be an Episcopalian to receive Communion. To receive, you may kneel or stand at the altar rail. Receive the Bread in the palm of your hand and the Wine either by drinking from the cup or by intinction, touching the Bread to the Wine. Gluten-free Bread is available; simply ask at the altar rail. If you need Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE LENTEN DISMISSAL

Priest Bow down before the Lord. *The People kneel as able.*

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.**

The Book of Remembrance
This week we remember Bobbie Farris Baldner.

Welcome

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Announcements

- ❖ **Neighborhood Gatherings Are About to Spring Up** • This spring, Christ Church Cathedral is hosting neighborhood socials and you're invited. For dates and locations visit christchurchcathedral.org/announcements.
- ❖ **Upcoming Class: Daily Prayer — How, What, Why** • How do we actually pray, especially when time is short and words are lacking? In this three-session class, Canon Bradley Varnell will help participants by introducing the Episcopal Church's liturgies for daily prayer. Sundays in April, 10 a.m. in the McGehee Conference Room. Register on our announcements page.
- ❖ **Traces of the Trade** • On April 25, we invite you to a documentary film screening and facilitated dialogue on race in Reynolds Hall from noon to 3 p.m. Info and registration on our announcements page.
- ❖ **The Good Friday Offering** • Good Friday offerings this year will be donated to the following ministries: Offerings collected at the 12:05 p.m. service will be donated to the dioceses of The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. Offerings collected at the 7 p.m. bilingual Stations of the Cross: A Migrant's Way service will be donated to the Diocese of Texas' Migration with Dignity fund. Our diocese has set up this fund to provide emergency support to those impacted by deportations.
- ❖ **The Dean's Hour** • The Dean's Hour kicks off a great month of conversation starting next Sunday, April 12, with Imam Abdullah Antepli of the Rothko Chapel. We continue April 19 with Shariq Ghani of Bridges, and close the month April 26 with Constance and Dain Perry as part of our Traces of the Trade series.

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