

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021 at 7:30pm

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Gathering Music *Kyrie, Gott Vater* by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

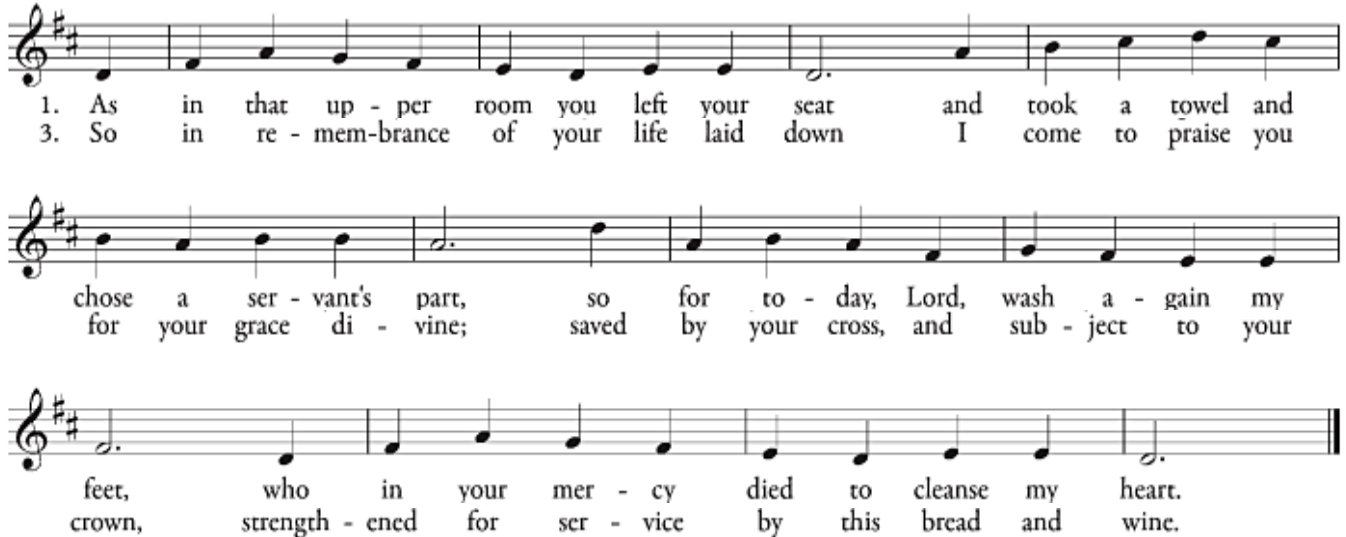
The Opening Acclamation and Response

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of these mighty acts, in which you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn in Procession



1. As in that up - per room you left your seat and took a towel and
3. So in re - mem - brance of your life laid down I come to praise you

chose a ser - vant's part, so for to - day, Lord, wash a - gain my
for your grace di - vine; saved by your cross, and sub - ject to your

feet, who in your mer - cy died to cleanse my heart.
crown, strength - ened for ser - vice by this bread and wine.

words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

music: *Sursum Corda*, Alfred Morton Smith (1879-1971)

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The Collect

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1, 10-17 *sung by the cantor*

I love you, O God, because you have heard the voice of my supplication, *
because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I called upon you.

How shall I repay God *
for all the good things done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of God.

I will fulfill my vows to God *
in the presence of all the people.

Precious in your sight, O God, *
is the death of your servants.

O God, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon your holy Name.

I will fulfill my vows to you *
in the presence of all your people.

In the courts of God's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Anglican chant: Percy Buck (1871-1947)

The Epistle *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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn at the Gospel

Refrain



God is love, and where true love is



God him - self is there. there.

1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
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.
when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.



Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
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.
be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

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music: *Mandatum*, Richard Proulx (b. 1937)
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The Gospel *John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

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

Glory to you, O 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon *The Rev. Louise Kalemkerian*

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

A Sign of Service / Footwashing

Tonight as we reflect on Jesus's last meal with his friends, when he washes their feet as a sign of service to one another in love, we enact that gesture with one another. If you are practicing that sign of service with loved ones at home, this is the moment to do so. Simply take a basin and a pitcher of warm water and pour water on, then wipe with a towel, one another's feet as a gesture of your love and intention to serve the world in love.

Alternatively, you may observe an even simpler ancient ritual: the blessing of hands. With your thumb, simply mark a cross on your opposite palm and say this simple prayer: "May the work of these hands bring healing to all the people I (you) touch. Amen." You can of course observe this ritual with other members in your household as well.

Anthem at the Footwashing *sung by the soloist*

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

words: George Herbert (1593-1633)
music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Anthem at the Footwashing *sung by the St. Paul's choir*

Ubi caritas et amor, deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

words: Antiphon for Footwashing on Maundy Thursday
music: Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

The Prayers of the People

You may also add your own petitions in a Facebook comment. The intercessor says

Christ, our Leader and Friend, you draw us together in these signs of service: the washing of feet, the anointing of hands, and the sharing of bread and wine. As we approach the remembrance of your death, we draw together in prayer for the world you so dearly love.

For this community and all communities that bear Christ's name, that the world may know we are his disciples by the love we have for one another, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For leaders of nations and all persons in positions of authority, that their lives may be marked by Christ-like service, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who are oppressed and living in captivity, that they may escape from evil and death to find the land of freedom you have promised, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are hungry and thirsty this day and for those who have too much, that we may learn to share your generous gifts, O God, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are dealing with loss or facing death, that the presence of Christ may bless and keep them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers, saying

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment: to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others in obedience to him, the servant of all. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please share the peace wherever you are: with a comment posted on Facebook, a bow to those nearby, or some other distanced gesture of peace.

Announcements

GIVING TO ST. PAUL'S

Now more than ever, the work and mission of St. Paul's depend on the generous support of its friends and members.

Please consider making an offering to St. Paul's by credit card. Visit stpaulsnorwalk.org/givebycard, or use the QR code to the right.

For other means of giving, visit stpaulsnorwalk.org/support.

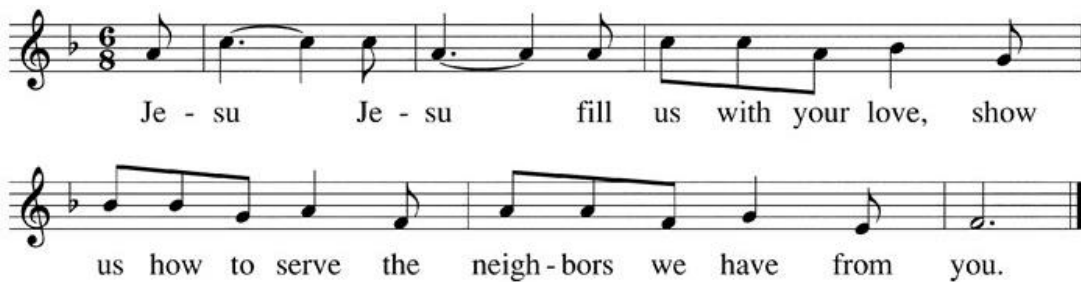
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The Offertory

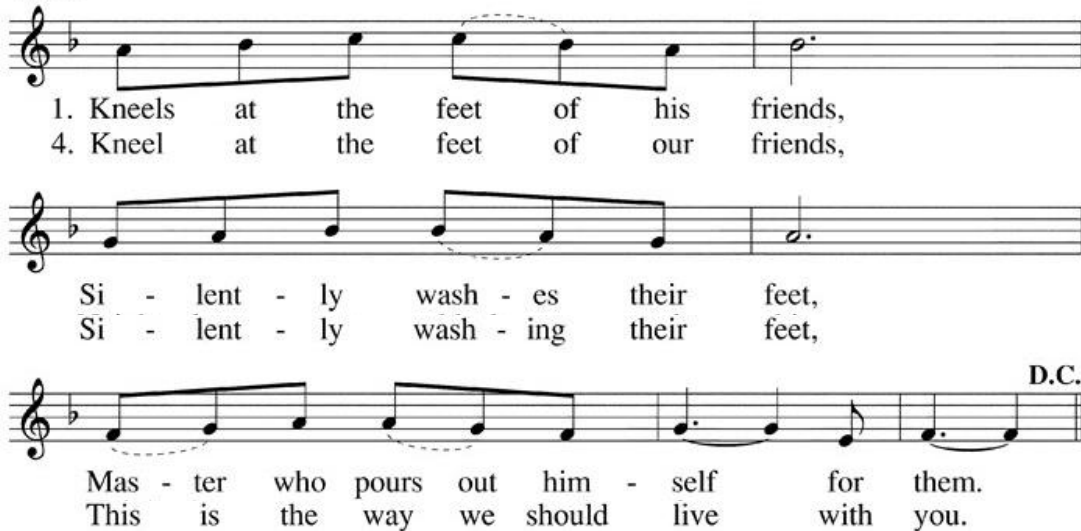
The Altar-Table is prepared with gifts of bread and wine for Communion. During this time, give thanks for all the ways God blesses you, and consider ways you can extend that blessing to others. Learn more ways to give in the "Giving to St. Paul's" box above.

Hymn at the Offertory



Je - su Je - su fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.

Verses



1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
4. Kneel at the feet of our friends,
Si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
Si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet,
Mas - ter who pours out him - self for them.
This is the way we should live with you. D.C.

words: Tom Colvin (b. 1925)

music: *Chereponi*, Irregular; Ghana folk song; adapt. Tom Colvin, acc. By Jane Marshall (b. 1924)

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The Great Thanksgiving

Tonight as we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist we are using the earliest known version of the eucharistic prayer, dating from the first century, found in a text known as the Didache ("Teaching"). As we pray these ancient words again tonight, give thanks for the generations of uninterrupted prayer that unite us all in one unfolding community of faith.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, we give you thanks for your image and very being, planted in our hearts, and for the knowledge, and faith, and immortality you have made known to us in Jesus your servant. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

You are radiant in glory through all you have created, O God. You give us food and drink for our pleasure, and that we might give you thanks. You bless us now with spiritual food and drink, eternal life in Jesus your servant. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

While Jesus sat at table with his friends, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take and eat; this is my Body, given for you. Whenever you eat it, you remember me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to his friends and said, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new creation, poured out for you and for all. Whenever you drink it, you remember me.

Gathered now at your banquet O God, we offer our lives as thanks and praise. Remember us, your pilgrim people; deliver us from evil, and make us complete in your love.

Gather us, like scattered grain growing on the hillsides, into your great harvest, that we may be made one in the wholeness of your love. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Communion

Behold what you are.

May we become what we receive.

The gifts of God for the People of God. Draw near in faith.

While the Celebrant communicates those in the church, the whole assembly shares in a time of reflection and prayer, contemplating the Presence of Christ in the gifts of bread and wine, along with the larger reality that we ourselves, along with all creation, are the Body of Christ. (Colossians 3:11)

Hymn at the Communion

1 Now, my tongue, the mys - tery tell - ing of the glo - rious
4 Word made flesh, the bread he tak - eth, by his word his
*5 There - fore we, be - fore him bend - ing, this great Sac - ra -

1 Bo - dy sing, and the Blood, all price ex - cell - ing,
4 Flesh to be; wine his sa - cred Blood he mak - eth,
5 ment re - vere; types and sha - dows have their end - ing,

1 which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, once on earth a -
4 though the sens - es fail to see; faith a - lone the
5 for the new - er rite is here; faith, our out - ward

1 mong us dwell - ing, shed for this world's ran - som - ing.
4 true heart wak - eth to be - hold the mys - ter - y.
5 sense be - friend - ing, makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.

words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); ver. *Hymnal* 1982, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

music: *Pange lingua*, plainsong, Mode 3, *Zisterzienser Hymnar*, 14th cent.

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The Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal,
your Son established a new covenant for all people,
and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service:
Grant that by the power of the Holy Spirit
these signs of our life in faith
may speak again in our hearts,
feed our spirits,
and refresh our bodies.
We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The bread and wine of the Eucharist are now reserved for the vigil to follow.

Anthem at the Reservation *sung by the soloist*

Tantum ergo Sacramentum veneremur cernui,
et antiquum documentum novo cedat ritui;
præstet fides supplementum sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque laus et jubilatio,
salus, honor, virtus quoque sit et benedictio;
procedenti ab utroque compar sit laudatio. Amen.

*Therefore so great a Sacrament let us fall down and worship,
and let the old law give way to a new rite,
and let faith stand forward to make good the defects of sense.
To the Father and the Son be praise and joy,
health, honor and virtue and blessing,
and to him proceeding from both be equal praise. Amen.*

words: Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)
music: Déodat de Séverac (1872-1921)

The Celebrant prays

God our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of his passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Stripping of the Altar *Psalm 22:1-18, chanted by the cantors*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

Our forebears put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.

They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

But as for me, I am a worm and less than human, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.

All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

"You trusted in God for deliverance; *
let God rescue you, if God delights in you."

Yet you, O God, are the one who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.

Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

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.

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.

They stare and gloat over me; *
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

Be not far away, O Lord; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

The Final Words *Matthew 26:36-46*

Jesus went with the disciples to a place called Gethsemane; he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Vigil before the Sacrament *sung by the cantors*

Stay with me; remain here with me. Watch and pray.

words: adapted from Matthew 26
music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

The chanting will continue and the livestream will be left open for a time. Please feel free to stay, observe, sing, reflect, and pray. You can also join a vigil that will stream on the St. Paul's Facebook page at this link: facebook.com/stpaulsnorwalk/videos. The vigil will begin twenty minutes after this service concludes. All are invited to participate in the vigil online until midnight.

This Holy Week we walk together in Jesus' way of love that leads through the cross and tomb to the joy of resurrection. Worship at St. Paul's at 7:30pm each evening online, culminating in a joyful Easter morning liturgy on Sunday. Visit stpaulsnorwalk.org/traveltogether for more information.

Good Friday, noon	Stations of the Cross
Good Friday, 7:30pm	Solemn Liturgy
Saturday, 7:30pm	Great Vigil of Easter
Easter Sunday, 11am	Festival Eucharist

THE WORSHIP IS OVER. THE SERVICE BEGINS.

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