



Epiphany Anglican Fellowship

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Reformed Episcopal Church (ACNA)

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025 | 7 pm at Old St. Stephen's Chapel | Longmont, Colo.

THE BELLS

First Bell: Invitation to prayerful silence.

Second Bell: Invitation to stand and sing the processional hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "GOD THE OMNIPOTENT" (613)

God the Omnipotent
King who ordainest thunder Thy clarion
The lightning Thy sword
Show forth Thy pity
On high where Thou reignest
Give to us peace in our time O Lord

God the All-merciful
Earth hath forsaken
Meekness and mercy and slighted Thy word
Let not Thy wrath in its terrors awaken
Give to us peace in our time O Lord

God the All-righteous One

Man hath defied Thee
Yet to eternity standeth Thy word
Falsehood and wrong shall not tarry beside Thee
Give to us peace in our time O Lord

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be our God.

People: Now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: This is the night that Christ the Son of Man gathered with his disciples in the upper room. This is the night that Christ our Lord and Master took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, calling us to love one another as he has loved us. This is the night that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his perfect sacrifice. This is the night that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose most dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it in thankful remembrance of Jesus Christ our Savior, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus, the twelfth chapter, beginning with the first verse.

EXODUS 12:1-14

The Passover

12 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 2 “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. 3 Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. 4 And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 6 and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

7 “Then 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. 8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. 10 And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 11 In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

14 “This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

Reader: The Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

We are omitting the reading from Psalms this evening.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (PLEASE BE SEATED.)

Reader: A reading from Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, chapter eleven, beginning with the twenty-third verse.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-34

23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

27 Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. 28 Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. 30 That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. 31 But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. 32 But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

33 So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another – 34 if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home – so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.

Reader: *The Word of the LORD.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN: "ANCIENT WORDS" (PLEASE STAND.)

Holy words long preserved; For our walk in this world,

They resound with God's own heart; Oh, let the ancient words impart

**Ancient words ever true
Changing me and changing you
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart**

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THE GOSPEL [PLEASE STAND.]

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

People: **Glory to you, LORD Christ.**

JOHN 13:1-15

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2 During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, 4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." 8 Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." 9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10 Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." 11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

12 When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the LORD.

People: Praise to you, LORD Christ.

SEQUENCE HYMN: "ANCIENT WORDS" (CONTD.)

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THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Gerald Schnackenberg

(Silence to hear God speak.)

THE FOOT-WASHING

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 worldly power and authority, but by such lowly service.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ to come forward, that we may recall whose servants we are by following the example of our Master. Come now remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others. Engrave on your hearts and mirror in your actions Jesus' words: "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."

MUSIC

Jesus said: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. *John 13:34*

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Celebrant: All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Or this

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

maker and judge of us all:

We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses,
which we have committed by thought, word, and deed
against your divine majesty,
provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.
We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions;
the burden of them is more than we can bear.

Have mercy upon us,

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in
newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying
Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:
Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew*
11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

THE PEACE

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

People: **And with your spirit.**

(The ministers and the people briefly offer God's peace to those who are closest to them.)

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE OFFERTORY

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name. Bring offerings, and come into his courts with praise.

OFFERTORY HYMN: "DROP, DROP SLOW TEARS" (610)

Drop drop slow tears
and bathe those beauteous feet
Which brought from heav'n the news and prince of peace

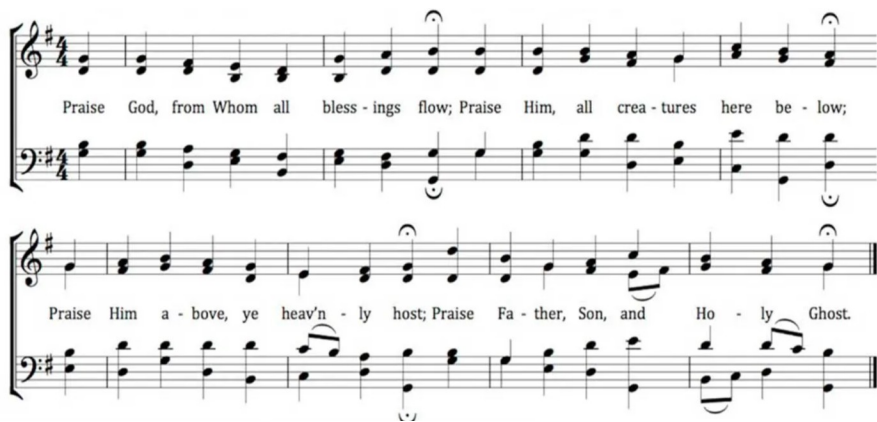
Cease not we eyes
His mercies to entreat
To cry for vengeance sin doth never cease

In your deep floods
Drown all my faults and fears
Nor let his eye see sin but through my tears

Drop drop slow tears
and bathe those beauteous feet
Which brought from heav'n the news and prince of peace

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DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from Whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People: **And of your own have we given you.** *1 Chronicles 29:11, 14*

THE SURSUM CORDA

(The people remain standing. The bells sound where indicated by a + to draw our attention to God during our prayers.)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the LORD.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; and on the night before he suffered, he instituted these holy mysteries; that we, receiving the benefits of his passion and resurrection, might be made partakers of his divine nature.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Merbecke

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry.

5
Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the Lord:

7
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. +

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, 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, Jesus 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 forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." +

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and his promise to come again.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei

Merbecke

O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

John 1:29, Revelation 19:9

THE MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Our fellow Christians baptized in other branches of Christ's church, who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, are affectionately invited to the Lord's Table. Those not wishing to receive may cross their arms across their chest and receive a prayer for God's blessing. Healing Prayer is offered for all during Holy Communion.)

COMMUNION HYMN: "WITH BROKEN HEART AND CONTRITE SIGH" (97)

With broken heart and contrite sigh
A trembling sinner Lord I cry
Thy pardoning grace is rich and free
O God be merciful to me

I smite upon my troubled breast

With deep and conscious guilt oppressed
Christ and His cross my only plea
O God be merciful to me

Far off I stand with tearful eyes
Nor dare uplift them to the skies
But Thou dost all my anguish see
O God be merciful to me

Nor alms nor deeds that I have done
Can for a single sin atone
To Calvary alone I flee
O God be merciful to me

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COMMUNION HYMN: "HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US" (405)

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and
goodness towards us:
that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope,
of your everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father,
to assist us with your grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 22:1-11 *(please read slowly, in unison)*

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

4 In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

6 But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

7 All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

8 "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

9 Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

10 On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.

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

Please depart in silence.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 18: Good Friday/Stations of the Cross, 7pm

April 18-19: Vigil (Sign up for a sweet hour of prayer.)

April 20: Resurrection Sunday/Pascha/Easter (3pm Bring bells to ring!)

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