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Mission Statement

To proclaim the faith that our years have engendered: to use the diversity
of our Episcopal experience while working toward a common goal; to teach
the young about Jesus and to reach out and affect the lives of those in the community.

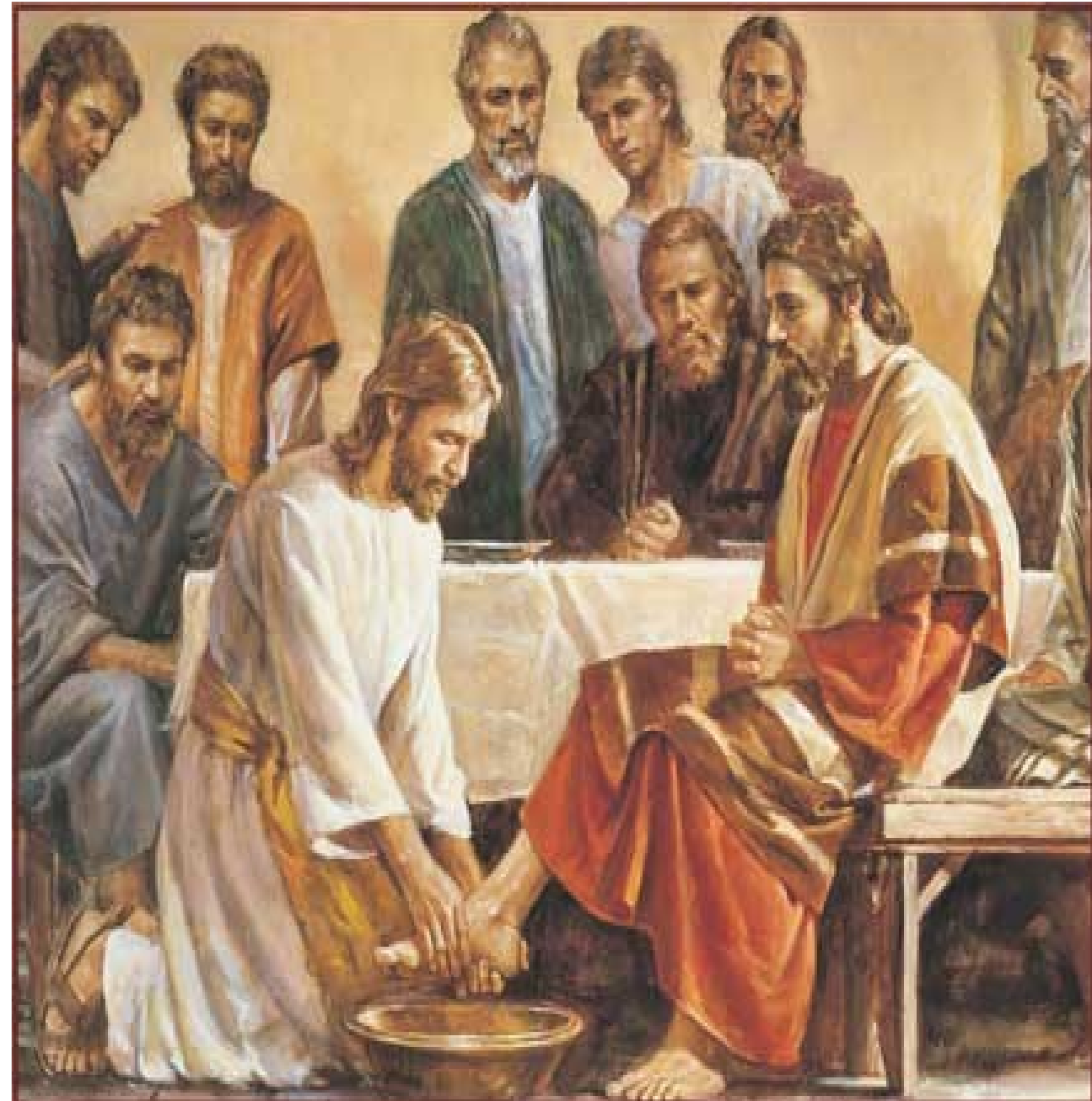
"Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them." Matthew 7:20

Welcome to St. Stephen's Church!

We thank you for joining us for worship today. Please stay for coffee hour, and sign our guest book at the podium in
the Narthex. If you are looking for a church home, you have just found it. We would love to have you at St. Ste-
phen's. Arrangements for weddings and baptisms can be made by speaking directly with the Rev. Paul A. Van
Sant, Sr., Rector.

To Report Illness, Hospitalization, etc.

Please notify the church office 732-350-2121 of any illnesses or hospitalizations.
If it is an emergency you may also reach Stefanie Bodine, Rector's Warden at 732-350-2904 or
Father Paul at his home 609-268-2864.



Maunder Thursday

Maundy Thursday

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

Hymnal **WORD OF GOD SPEAK**

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S91	<i>Kyrie</i>	
	The Collect of the Day	<i>Insert</i>
	First Lesson: Book of Exodus 12:1-14	<i>Insert</i>
	Psalm 116 <i>Insert</i>	
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As the Altar Guild is stripping the Altar the following psalms will be said:
Psalm 22 Psalm 121 Psalm 143 Nunc Dimittis (p.120 BCP)

April 6, 2023

6:00pm

BCP

Serving in the Liturgy today:

April 6, 2023

Lector 6:00 pm	<i>Stefanie Bodine</i>
LEM 6:00 pm	<i>Susan Clarke, Bill Bodine</i>
Altar Guild 6:00 pm	<i>Linda Chiappetta</i>
Ushers 6:00 pm	<i>Glenn Mortimer, Mary Storey, Bill Bodine</i>



Sanctuary Candle

*The Sanctuary Candle is given to
The Glory of God*

In Memory of

*Charles Rotsaert by
Stefanie and Bill Bodine*



Altar Flowers

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the Glory of God*

In Memory of

*Charles Rotsaert by
Stefanie and Bill Bodine*

In Memory of

*Husband George Funke
& daughter Monica Saemann,
By Alberta Funke*





Tonight's Eucharist on the eve of Good Friday begins the Sacred Triduum or Three Sacred Days of our redemption. This is a celebration: a celebration of our Lord's institution of the sacrament of his Body and Blood—but it is pervaded by the shadow of the Cross.

Jesus gathered with his disciples in the context of the greatest of all events in Israel's redemption: the Exodus and Passover. Yet the normal joy of such an evening was muted by betrayal, failure of his friends to understand what he was doing, and his own fear of what was to come. It was a farewell dinner in which Jesus, by washing his disciples' feet, sought to illustrate one final time the character of love and ministry which is central in the life to which he calls us: self-giving love to the point of dying for one's friends.

We hear the ancient instructions for celebrating the Passover; Paul's account of the institution of the Eucharist; and John's account of the moment when Jesus washed his disciples' feet.

After Holy Communion tonight, the liturgy will not end (it continues tomorrow, Saturday, and Sunday when it comes to its conclusion). In many churches, we will take the Sacrament which remains tonight and place it on the Altar of Repose where it will be available for Holy Communion on Good Friday. You are invited to keep vigil there tonight in response to our Lord's question: "Could you not watch with me one hour?"

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Collect of the Day

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, forever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Book of Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month they shall take every man a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household; and if the household is too small for a lamb, then a man and his neighbor next to his house shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old; you shall take it from the sheep or from the goats; 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 in the evening. 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 them. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.

Do not eat any of it raw or boiled with water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning, anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you, upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall fall upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as an ordinance forever.

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

Dilexi, quoniam

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.
Hallelujah!*



Second Reading

First Letter to the Corinthians 11:23-26

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, 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." In the same way also 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." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Holy Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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. And during supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper, laid aside his garments, and girded himself with a towel. Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded. He came to Simon Peter; and Peter said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not know now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part in me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but he is clean all over; and you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "You are not all clean." When he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified; if God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."