

St Elizabeth Anglican Church



April 6th, 2023 - 7:30 pm

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

This is the day
that Christ the Lamb of God
gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.
This is the day
that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.
This is the day
that Christ took a towel
and washed the disciples' feet,
giving us an example that we should do to others
as he has done to us.
This is the day
that Christ our God gave us this holy feast,
that we who eat this bread
and drink this cup
may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice
and be partakers of his resurrection,
and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

Collect for Maundy Thursday:

O God, your Son Jesus Christ
has left to us this meal of bread and wine
in which we share his body and his blood.
May we who celebrate this sign of his great love
show in our lives the fruits of his redemption;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn: 57

Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=koZ8SfJd0ic>

1 Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray
that all thy church might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

2 For all thy church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace.
Thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

3 So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love;
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS – *Fenella Chiu*

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 neighbour 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.

EXODUS 12: 1-14

Reader: The Word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 116:1, 10-17

To be read responsively by alternate verses

I love the Lord because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I call upon him.

**How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.**

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants.

**O Lord, 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 the name of the Lord.**

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

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**A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL
TO THE CORINTHIANS** - *Fenella Chiu*

For 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.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: A New Commandment

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yy7W8avIXIY>

A new commandment I give unto you,
That you love one another as I have loved you,
That you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all know that you are my disciples,
If you have love one for another.

By this shall all know that you are my disciples,
If you have love one for another.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO JOHN**

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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.

Jesus said, "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."

JOHN 13: 1-17, 31b -35

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: "The Heart of God revealed in Servanthood" - Fr Victor

The Ceremony of Feet Washing

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During the ceremony:

Hymn: 68

We Hold the Death of the Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zd3lShuZNmU>

Refrain:

We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts.

Living, now we remain with Jesus, the Christ.

1. Once we were people afraid, lost in the night.
Then by your cross we were saved.
Dead became living, life from your giving. *Refrain*
2. Something which we have known,
something we've touched,
what we have seen with our eyes:
this we have heard, life giving Word. *Refrain*
3. He chose to give of himself,
became our bread.
Broken that we might live.
Love beyond love, pain for our pain. *Refrain*
4. We are the presence of God.
This is our call.
Now to become bread and wine:
food for the hungry, life for the weary;
for to live with the Lord,
we must die with the Lord. *Refrain*

Prayers of the People: Litany # 14 - Paul Seto

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying,
“**Lord, have mercy.**”)

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer;
for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God,

we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For specific petitions and requests,

we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The Peace

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: We Remember - Marty Haugen

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D6_KModMCtg

Refrain:

We remember how You loved us to Your death,
And still we celebrate, for You are with us here;
And we believe that we will see You when You come,
In Your glory, Lord, we remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Here, a million wounded souls are
Yearning just to touch You and be healed
Gather all Your people, and hold them to Your heart.

Refrain

Now we recreate Your love we
Bring the bread and wine to share a meal
Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord

Refrain

See the face of Christ revealed in
Every person's standing by Your side
Gift to one another, and temples of Your love.

Refrain

Prayer over the Gifts [*together*]

Father, we spread this table to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ, your Son. Accept all we offer you this day. Bind us together in his love and in the love he has commanded us to bring one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #1

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Changing the opening words:

On this very night, when he freely gave himself to death . . .

The Lord's Prayer

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Prayer after Communion [together]

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 loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Altar is stripped of ornaments and cloths. During their removal, **Matthew 26: 30-46** is read. During this reading the lights in the church are gradually dimmed. There is no blessing or dismissal. Members of the congregation may now leave quietly. Those who wish to keep the vigil, as the disciples did with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, may remain in silence in the church.*

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane - Fr. Victor

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." ³⁹ 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." ⁴⁰ 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? ⁴¹ Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴² Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ⁴³ Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵ 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. ⁴⁶ Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Matthew 26: 30-46**Good Friday Worship Services****Tomorrow at 10:00 am (English) & 11:15 am (Cantonese)**