

St. James Parish Church

Holetown, St. James, Barbados

TO BE A BEACON RADIATING GOD'S LOVE AMONG ALL PEOPLE

Holy Week

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7:30 p.m.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

INTROIT HYMN: 137

1. Lord, through this holy week of our salvation,
which thou hast won for us who went astray,
in all the conflict of thy sore temptation
we would continue with thee day by day.
2. We would not leave thee, though our weak
endurance
makes us unworthy here to take our part;
yet give us strength to trust the sweet assurance
that thou, O Lord, art greater than our heart.
3. Thou didst forgive thine own who slept for
sorrow,
thou didst have pity: O have pity now,
and let us watch through each sad eve and
morrow
with thee, in holy prayer and solemn vow.
4. Along that sacred way where thou art leading,
which thou didst take to save our souls from loss,
let us go also, till we see thee pleading
in all-prevailing prayer upon thy cross;
5. Until thou see thy bitter travail's ending,
the world redeemed, the will of God complete,
and, to thy Father's hands thy soul commending,
thou lay the work he gave thee at his feet.

OPENING SENTENCE:

PRESIDENT: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you.

PRESIDENT: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**ALL: And blessed be His Kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another: Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALL: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE KYRIES

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord:
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose dear Son on the night before He suffered death 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD:

THE OLD TESTAMENT: EXODUS 12:1 - 14A

Trying to convince the Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave Egypt and slavery behind, God has assailed the Egyptians with nine plagues, but so far the Egyptian ruler has refused to let them depart, and to acknowledge the supremacy of Israel's God.

A Reading from the word of God, written in the Book of Exodus, Chapter 12, beginning at the first verse

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.

The Word of the Lord

The people: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 116:1, 10-17

This psalm is an offering of thanksgiving and praise by one who has been rescued from death

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!

THE EPISTLE: 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

In instructing the Christians at Corinth on proper behaviour at the Lord's supper, Paul tells us the earliest words we have for consecrating the bread and the wine.

A Reading from the First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, Chapter 11, beginning at the twenty-third verse.

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.

The Word of the Lord

The people: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN: 570

1. An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there,
to celebrate their risen friend.
2. A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
to share his bread, his loving cup.

Whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his cross shall lift us up.

3. And after supper he washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In him our joy shall be made complete –
sent out to serve, as he was sent.
4. No end there is! We depart in peace,
he loves beyond the uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house
Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

THE GOSPEL JOHN 13:1-17, 31B-35

As the time when Jesus will end his earthly life approaches, he and his disciples share a meal together. He demonstrates the importance of servanthood in the Christian way of life.

Gospeler: *The Lord be with you*

All: *And also with you*

Gospeler: *A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John.*

All: *Glory to Christ Our Saviour.*

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."

The Gospel of Christ

The people: Praise to Christ our Lord.

THE SERMON

THE WASHING OF THE FEET

If used, the Ceremony of the Washing of the Feet is done here.

The President may introduce the ceremony using these or similar words.

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 power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service.

Therefore, I invite you (who have been appointed as representatives of the congregation and) who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that I may recall whose servant I am by following the example of my Master; But come remembering His admonition

that what will be done for you is also to be done by you for others, for "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.

A basin of water is placed at the chancel step. Representatives of the congregation are seated on chairs near the front of the assembly

HYMN FOR THE OFFERTORY: 606

1. Lord, accept the alms we offer,
tokens of our love to thee;
out of grateful hearts we render
this our act of charity;
even though full well we know
all we have to thee we owe.
2. Use them, Father, to thy glory,
teach us fully how to give,
for his sake who leaving heaven
gave us all that we might live
all we have could not suffice
to repay his sacrifice.
3. Now the priest upon the altar
doth present the bread and wine,
to become, in wondrous manner,
for our souls the food divine:
soul and body by thee fed,
praise we give for daily bread.

4. With our alms and our oblations
take, O Lord, our prayers of love;
make thy church in fullest concord
serve as one, below, above;
and in fellowship complete
reach at last thy mercy-seat.

*At the offertory the following Prayer over the Gifts may
he said by The President and people.*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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.***

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you

ALL: And also with you

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

HOLY WEEK:

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 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:

ALL:

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

The Congregation kneels as the Eucharistic Prayer continues.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: FORM D

PRESIDENT:

All glory, praise, and thanksgiving be unto you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. You created the world and all mankind, and of your tender mercy gave your only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon Him, and to suffer death upon the cross, for our redemption. He made there, by His own 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, until His coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech you; and be pleased to accept, bless and sanctify these gifts and creatures of bread and wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

For, on the night He was betrayed He took bread, and when He had given thanks to you, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take this, and eat it: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me".

And after supper He 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

PRESIDENT:

In faith we acclaim You, O Christ

**All: Dying, You destroyed our death;
Rising, You restored our life;
Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

PRESIDENT:

Now therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we your servants with all your holy people, having in remembrance the blessed passion, mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension of your beloved Son, do offer unto your Divine Majesty this Bread of eternal life and this Cup of everlasting salvation, rendering thanks to you for the wonderful redemption which you have made possible for us in Him.

And we beseech you, O Father, to accept upon your heavenly altar this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and to grant that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in His blood, we and all your whole Church may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of His passion.

And we pray that by the power of your Holy Spirit all who shall be partakers of this holy Communion may be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be numbered in the glorious company of your Saints.

And here we offer and present unto you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice. And although we are unworthy to offer unto you any sacrifice, yet we beseech you to accept this, our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offences;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto you, O Father Almighty, throughout all ages, world without end.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESIDENT:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRESIDENT: God of promise, You have prepared a
Banquet for us

ALL: Happy are those who are called to the supper of
the Lamb.

THE AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

THE INVITATION

PRESIDENT:

Draw near and receive the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ with faith and thanksgiving.

ALL:

We do not presume to come to this your table, most merciful Father, trusting in our own righteousness, but only in your boundless mercy. We are not even worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the Lord ever the same, ever merciful. Grant therefore, Lord of grace and love, that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and drink His blood, that with bodies and souls made clean from every stain of sin we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. *Amen.*

HYMN FOR THE COMMUNION: 138

1. My God, I love Thee; not because
I hope for heav'n thereby,
nor yet because who love Thee not
are lost eternally.
2. Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me
upon the cross embrace;
for me didst bear the nails and spear,
and manifold disgrace.
3. And griefs and torments numberless,
and sweat of agony;
yea, death itself - and all for me
who was thine enemy.

4. Then why, O blessèd Jesu Christ
should I not love thee well?
Not for the sake of winning heaven,
nor of escaping hell.
5. Not from the hope of gaining aught,
not seeking a reward,
but as thyself hast lovèd me,
O ever-loving Lord!
6. So would I love Thee, dearest Lord,,
and in thy praise will sing,
solely because thou art my God,
and my most loving King.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

HYMN 610:

FOR THE PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

PART 1

1. Now, my tongue, the mystery telling
of the glorious body sing,
and the blood, all price excelling,
which the Gentiles' Lord and King,
in a Virgin's womb once dwelling,
shed for this world's ransoming.
2. Given for us, and condescending
to be born for us below,
he, with men in converse blending,
dwelt the seed of truth to sow,
till he closed with wondrous ending
his most patient life of woe.
3. That last night, at supper lying,
'mid the twelve, his chosen band,
Jesus, with the Law complying,
keeps the feast its rites demand;
then, more precious food supplying,
gives himself with his own Hand.
4. Word-made-flesh true bread he maketh
by his word his flesh to be;
wine his blood; which whoso taketh
must from carnal thoughts be free;
faith alone, though sight forsaketh,
shows true hearts the mystery.

PART 2

5. Therefore we, before him bending,
this great sacrament revere;
types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes our inward vision clear.
6. Glory let us give, and blessing
to the Father, and the Son,
honour, might, and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing,
who from both with both is One.

Readings during the removal of the ornaments on the Altar and other places in the church building.

MATTHEW 26:30-46

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

"I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered."

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.' Peter said to him, 'Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.' Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' Peter said to him, 'Even though I

must die with you, I will not deny you.’ And so said all the disciples.

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.’ 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.’

PSALM 22

1. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me* and are so far from my cry and from

the words of my distress?

2. O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; * by night as well, but I find no rest.
3. Yet you are the Holy One, * enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
4. Our forefathers put their trust in you; * they trusted, and you delivered them.
5. They cried out to you and were delivered; * they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
6. But as for me, I am a worm and no man, * scorned by all and despised by the people.
7. All who see me laugh me to scorn; * they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
8. "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; * let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
9. Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, * and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
10. I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; * you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
11. Be not far from me, for trouble is near, * and there is none to help.
12. Many young bulls encircle me; * strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
13. They open wide their jaws at me, * like a

ravening and a roaring lion.

14. I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; * my heart within my breast is melting wax.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. They stare and gloat over me; * they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.
18. Be not far away, O Lord; * you are my strength; hasten to help me.
19. Save me from the sword, * my life from the power of the dog.
20. Save me from the lion's mouth, * my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
21. I will declare your Name to my brethren; * in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
22. Praise the Lord, you that fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23. For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; * but when they cry to him he hears them.
24. My praise is of him in the great assembly; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
25. The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!"
26. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,*and all the families of the nation shall bow before him.
27. For kingship belongs to the Lord;*he rifles over the nations.
28. To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;*all who go down to the dust fall before him.
29. My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;*they shall be known as the Lord's for evr.
30. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn*the saving deeds that he has done.

THE DISMISSAL

PRESIDENT:

When the disciples had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prayed to the Father. "If it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me." He said to His disciples, "How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me for one hour? The hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinful men. Come, let us go."

Christ was obedient unto death.

Go in peace.



OFFICIANT:

Quietly we disperse –

NO pleasantries exchanged,

NO good night or goodbye.

This unnatural end to our gathering reminds us firstly, of the confusion and bewilderment caused as Jesus is arrested and secondly, a call for us to spend the night in vigil, praying and reflecting.

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