



ST NICHOLAS
ANGLICAN CHURCH, BIRCH CLIFF



St. Saviour's Anglican Church

Maundy Thursday Institution of the Lord's Supper

March 28, 2024
8:00pm Eucharist, Pedalavium
and Stripping of the Altar

Responding to God's love for us and all people,
the parish of St. Nick's seeks to know Christ
and make him known in worship, friendship and service
with our neighbourhood and in the world.

Everyone is welcome to join us in our common life
of faith, doubt, trust, challenge and love.

Welcome to St. Nick's!

As we continue our journey through Holy Week that leads to the joyful celebration of the Resurrection this coming Sunday, we are blessed that you have joined us. Whether you're here virtually or in-person, for the first time or the hundredth time, we pray that this is a sacred time for you. Our sidespeople are the friendly people at the back of the church who can help you with anything you need. Everything you need today is in this leaflet. We hope you'll participate as you feel comfortable.



Washrooms

Our washrooms are downstairs, which you can get to by the staircase near the left-side chapel, or by the elevator, also in the chapel. For help with the elevator, speak to one of our sidespeople.

Accessibility

If you need extra space for a walker or wheelchair, our sidespeople will show you to the accessibility pew near the front of the church. If you need communion brought to you in your pew, let one of the sidespeople know.



Better Sight and Sound

Large-print copies of this leaflet are also available: just ask a sidesperson. If you have difficulty hearing, we have audio-assistive devices that will help you hear the service better.

Offertory

If you wish to make a monetary gift while you're here, you can place your offering on the plate at the back of the church on your way in or out. There are guest envelopes in the pews you can use. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$20. You can also make an e-offering through Canada Helps, using this QR code.



Territorial Acknowledgment & Commitment to Reconciliation



We acknowledge that the land on which our parish sits is the traditional territory of the Wendat, the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations and the Métis Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. The treaties that were signed for this particular parcel of land are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties of 1923. We also recognize, and pray for the continual grace to honour the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples on this land.



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The Gathering of the Community

Prelude Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele (Johannes Brahms)

Entry Hymn *Man of Sorrows*

As you're able, you're invited to stand.

**Man of sorrows, wrapt in grief, bow thine ear to our relief;
thou for us the path hast trod of the righteous wrath of God;
thou the cup of fire hast drained till its light alone remained.
Lamb of love! we look to thee: hear our mournful litany.**

**By the garden, fraught with woe, whither thou full oft wouldst go;
by thine agony of prayer in the desolation there;
by the dire and deep distress of that mystery fathomless;
Lord, our tears in mercy see: hearken to our litany.**

**By the chalice brimming o'er with disgrace and torment sore;
by those lips which fain would pray that it might but pass away;
by the heart that drank it dry, lest a rebel race should die;
by thy pity, Lord, our plea: hear our solemn litany.**

**Man of sorrows! let thy grief purchase for us our relief;
Lord of mercy! bow thine ear, slow to anger, swift to hear;
by the cross's royal road lead us to the throne of God,
there for aye to sing to thee heaven's triumphant litany.**

Opening Greeting

The priest offers the traditional greeting for Maundy Thursday, ending with this prayer.

Celebrant: O God, on the night he was betrayed Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and gave himself in a meal of bread and wine. May we who celebrate these signs of his love, serve and give ourselves to others in his name and to your glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Proclamation of God's Word

You may be seated during the readings.

Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus

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 judgements: 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 116: 1, 10-17

Using this music for this psalm chant, you're free to join in as you're comfortable, or to enjoy the choir's musical offering of the psalm.



PSALM 116 — *Dilexi, quoniam.*

- 1 MY DE-light is in the **Lord** : because he hath heard the voice **of** my prayer;
- 2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto **me** : therefore will I call upon him as long **as** I live.

- 11 What reward shall I give unto the **Lord** : for all the benefits that he hath done **un-**to me?
- 12 I will take the cup of sal-**va-**tion : and call upon the Name **of** the Lord.
- 13 I will pay my vows unto the **Lord** : in the presence of all **his** peo-ple.
- 14 Right dear in the sight of the **Lord** : is the death **of** his saints.
- 15 Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy **ser-**vant : I am thy servant and the son of thy handmaid; thou hast broken my bonds **in** sun-der.
- 16 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanks-**giv-**ing : and will call upon the Name **of** the Lord.
- 17 I will pay my vows unto the **Lord** : in the presence of all **his** peo-ple;
- 18 Even in the courts of the Lord's **house** : and in the midst of thee, O Jerusa-**lem.**
Praise^the Lord.

Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Reader: A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the church in Corinth.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

As you're able, stand and face the procession as it moves down the aisle.

All: *[sung]* **Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity; God will dwell with you.** *[x3]*

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reading: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Reader: 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 others 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.'

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

All: *[sung]* **Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity; God will dwell with you. [x3]**

Homily The Rev. Shelley McVea
After an opening prayer, the preacher will invite you to be seated.

The Footwashing Liturgy (Pedalavium)

Celebrant: 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 share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that we may follow the example of our Master. But come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to 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."

Anyone who wishes to have their foot ceremonially washed may come forward as you're comfortable, be seated in one of the chairs, and remove your footwear (one foot only).

Music during the Pedalavium *My Song is Love Unknown* (Common Praise #184)

**My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me;
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?**

He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;
but all made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know:
but O my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing,
Resounding all the day hosannas to their King;
then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

What, what has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save, the Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

When everyone who wishes has come forward and the chairs are taken away, the service continues.

The Prayers of the People

*As you're comfortable, you're welcome to stand, sit or kneel for the prayers.
At the end of each prayer, the leader will offer this invitation...*

Leader: God of glory,
People: May your kingdom come.

The Sharing of Christ's Peace

As you're able, you may stand.

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

You may turn to friend and neighbour, and share a sign of God's peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation Hymn: *Meekness and Majesty*

As you're able, you're invited to stand.

Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity,
in perfect harmony, the Man who is God.
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility and washes our feet.

O what a mystery, meekness and majesty.

Bow down and worship, for this is your God, this is your God.

Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience to death on the cross.
Suff'ring to give us life, conqu'ring through sacrifice,
and as they crucify prays: 'Father forgive,'

O what a mystery, meekness and majesty.

Bow down and worship, for this is your God, this is your God.

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,
love indestructible in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.

O what a mystery, meekness and majesty.

Bow down and worship, for this is your God, this is your God.

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

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

With our two parishes sharing in this holy evening together, Shelley+, Joan+ and Andrew+ will concelebrate this Eucharist, a tradition that symbolizes the unity of the Body of Christ, brought together by Jesus in this meal with his friends.

Andrew+ The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Andrew+ Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Andrew+ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Andrew+ Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself. By his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore with all the host of heaven who gather around your throne and the Lamb, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All: (sung) 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.**

As you're comfortable, you may stand, sit or kneel.

Joan+ We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On this very night, he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
People: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

Shelley+ and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father in heaven,

All: 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 for ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread,

People: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

People: If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

All: *[sung]* 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 Communion



Everyone is welcome to receive communion.



You may receive both bread and wine, or just the bread, if you wish.



Gluten-free wafers available upon request.



Cross your arms to receive a blessing instead.



Communion can be brought to you if needed: just ask a sidesperson.

Music during Communion

Hymn: *Praise to the Holiest in the Height* (Common Praise #372)

**Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise,
in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God! When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight and to the rescue came.**

**O generous love! that flesh and blood, which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe, should strive and should prevail;**

**and that the highest gift of grace should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence, and his very self, and essence all-divine.**

**who in the garden secretly, and on the cross on high,
should teach his followers, and inspire to suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise,
in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.**

Choir: Ubi Caritas - In the Heart Where Love is Abiding (John Barnard)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus, et in ipso incundemur.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibest.
Ne nos mente dividamus caveamus.
Glorianter vultum tu um, Christe
Deus: Saecula per infinita saeculorum.
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibest. Amen.

In the heart where love is abiding, God is in that heart. And the love of Christ has made us all of one heart. Then with joyful and with glad hearts let us thank him. Let us love each other with a pure and clean heart. In the heart where love is abiding, God is in that heart. May no quarrelling or dispute come between us. Let us see your face, O Lord Christ, now among us. In a song of joy that wells up from a clean heart. In the heart where love is abiding, God is in that heart. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

As you're comfortable, you may stand, sit or kneel for these prayers.

Celebrant: 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.

All: Amen.

The Stripping of the Altar

The entire church is stripped of all adornments. This is done not only to remember and symbolize how Jesus will be stripped and handed over to death but also as a symbol of our grief. The Altar is washed as a symbol of Jesus being anointed in preparation for his death.

During the stripping of the altar, we sing this Taizé chant & meditation:

Hymn: Stay with Us (Common Praise #194)

**Stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ, night will soon fall.
Then stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ, light in our darkness.**

When the church has been stripped, the service concludes with this reading.

Reading: Matthew 26:30-46

Reader: 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.'

A quiet watch is kept in the Chapel until 11:00pm, and you are welcome to stay. Leaflets are in the pews to guide you through this holy vigil.

When you leave the church, leave the church in silence to support the prayer of others. You may stay for as long or as short as you wish, and exit through the side chapel doors.

Peace be on you this evening and on these holy days.

Assisting in tonight's service:

Concelebrants: The Rev. Shelley McVea, The Rev. Joan Wilson,
The Rev. Andrew MacDonald

Readers: Ken Campbell, Graham Fisher

Intercessor: Bill Goodfellow

Servers: Bill Goodfellow, Cheryle Pollock

Livestreaming Tech: Ella Penton

Congregational Voice: Suzanne Lehtinen

Sidespeople: Barb Cutts, Joan Pantlin



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Good Friday

Friday, March 29

10:30 a.m.



Free Neighbourhood Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday, March 30, 10am - 11am

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