



The Stripping of the Altar

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus asked his disciples to watch with him one hour. On Maundy Thursday, as we recall the Last Supper and Jesus' last night with his disciples, we remove all adornment from the altar.

The action symbolized our willingness to watch with our Lord. Liturgically, our life will stand still. We observe the crucifixion in our solemn Good Friday Liturgy. But not until the joy of Easter morning will the altar be again transformed into the center of our worship and will our sharing of the Blessed Sacrament resume.

Our leaving the church in silence this evening emphasizes our shared commitment to watch with Jesus.

Maundy Thursday

Prayers of the People

On this holy day we dine together as the body of Christ, and at the table come to love and serve one another. On this holy day, then, let us pray for the church and the world, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the whole church of God, that it may grow in unity and servant-hood: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For the faith community of St. Andrew's, that in these holy days we may grow in love for one another and for all people: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For those who will be baptized in the coming year, that they rejoice in their passage through death into new life: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For all the leaders and people of the world, that reconciliation and peace may overcome conflict and oppression: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For the hungry in body or spirit, that they may be fed: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For the sick and those in pain, for the lonely and the forgotten, for the dying and all who mourn...that they may know the full extent of God's love for them: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for the saints and martyrs and for all the faithful departed who join us at your table of grace: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For our soldiers as they go about their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

The celebrant adds a concluding collect:

O God, into your love we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

*301 South Circle Drive
Rocky Mount, NC 27804*

Maundy Thursday

Holy Eucharist Rite II
April 17, 2025 7:00 p.m.

The Word of God

<i>Introit</i>	<i>Jesus walked the lonesome valley</i>	
	Opening Sentence	BCP 355
	Kyrie	
	Silence	
	First Lesson	Exodus 12:1-4, [5-10], 11-14
	Psalm	Psalm 116:1, 10-17
	Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 11:23-26
577	<i>God is Love, and Where True Love is Vs.1,2</i>	
	Gospel	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
577	<i>God is Love, and Where True Love is V.3</i>	
	Homily	Deacon Susan Schrader
	Foot Washing	
	<i>Anthem: When Jesus Wept</i>	
	<i>Anthem: Ah, Holy Jesus</i>	
	<i>Anthem; Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness</i>	
	Nicene Creed	BCP 358
	Prayers of the People	Back page
	The Confession	BCP 360
	The Peace	

The Holy Communion

	Offertory	
	<i>Anthem: When you prayed beneath the trees</i>	
	<i>Doxology</i>	
	The Great Thanksgiving	Eucharistic Prayer A
		BCP 361
S-130	<i>Sanctus</i>	
	<i>Fraction</i>	
	<i>Administration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
315	<i>Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray</i>	
	Post Communion Prayer	BCP 365
	Blessing	
	Stripping of the Altar	
	<i>Silence</i>	

*This evening, there is no formal procession.
The community is invited to remain for silent prayer and reflection.
It is customary to depart this service in silence.*