



Soichi Wantanabe, Mary Washes Jesus' Feet

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

10:15 am

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April 6, 2025

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THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING HYMN : *Praise to the living God*

Hymnal #372

The blue Hymnal is located in each pew

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures for ever.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

**that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

KYRIE

Hymnal S-91

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray... Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:16-21

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD,

who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 126

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their
sheaves.

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 3:4b-14

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN Hail, thou once despised Jesus vs1,2,3 Hymnal #495

THE GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep

it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ

GOSPEL HYMN Hail, thou once despised Jesus vs 4 Hymnal #495

THE SERMON (Please be seated) The Reverend Paul Bennett

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for God's people and world.

For all those who call upon God's name in celebration or in
sorrow, for the faithful throughout the world, for those who
seek God, and those whose faith is broken,

We pray to you, O God

For the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding
Bishop, Carrie our Bishop, Paul our Rector, all bishops,
priests, deacons and laity.

We pray to you, O God

For all those whose hands have come together to create
today's service, especially Amy, Jan, Larry, readers, servers
and the Altar Guild.

We pray to you, O God

For the mission and outreach of St. Mary's Church and the
Diocese of Maryland,

We pray to you, O God

For Donald our President, Wes our Governor, Bob our
County Executive, and all who are entrusted with leadership
in our nation, state, and community,

We pray to you, O God

For a world in conflict, especially in the Middle East, Ukraine
and Sudan,

We pray to you, O God

For the sick, the hungry, the imprisoned, the poor, and the
lonely,

We pray to you, O God

For the earth and all of creation that has been entrusted to
our care,

We pray to you, O God

For this congregation, present and absent, that we may
continue to be God's hands in the world,

We pray to you, O God

For those who mourn, and those who have died
[especially...], that they may feel your comfort

Silence, petitions

For these,

We pray to you, O God

For those celebrating, that we might share in their joy.

Silence, petitions

For these,

We pray to you, O God

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

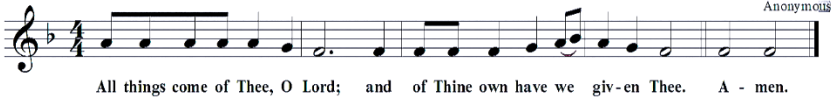
O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in
the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us
and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover
of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY *We Remember, Marty Haugen*

All Things Come of Thee, O Lord



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S-130

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become

subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor

and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

One in Christ, the following prayer to be said by all:

**Beloved Jesus, We believe that you are truly present
in the sacrament of the altar. We long for you in our
souls, to know that we are in you and that you are in
us. Though physically isolated from your altar and
the sacrament of your Body and Blood, we receive
you into our hearts and the depths of our being.
United with you, help us know that our lives are hid
with you, O Christ in the heart of God. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We pause for silent prayer

COMMUNION *Be Not Afraid, Bob Dufford*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray:

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE SENDING FORTH OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE BLESSING

The congregation is dismissed with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

DISMISSAL *When I survey the wondrous cross* *Hymnal #474*

HEALING PRAYERS (UNCTION)

Healing prayers will be offered after each service every Sunday.
If you are in need of intercessory prayers, please stay seated in the
pew following service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Large print versions of the Book of Common Prayer are available on the tract table.
- Gluten free wafers are available upon request, let the usher know!
- Restrooms are located in the Parish House across the street from the church.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13: Palm Sunday: One Service at 9:30am- starting at the Parish House

SAVE THE DATE: READING CAMP! JULY 28 - AUGUST 1

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR: The Altar Guild is scheduling Altar Flowers for 2025. The following dates are available: May 4, May 11, May 18, May 25. Please see or contact Beth Hunsinger 410-446-4351 or bhunsinger17@comcast.net if you are interested in remembering a loved one or special occasion. The cost for flowers is \$65 for 2025.

MEDITATION: Tues, Wed, Thurs in the chapel, 9:30am

WEDNESDAY CHAPEL SERVICE: All are welcome to the chapel (in the Parish House) at 10:15 each Wednesday as we commemorate notable persons and have lively discussions about the readings of the day.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY: Each Wednesday in Classroom 4. Bible study will begin at noon. Participants are welcome to bring lunch with them. We are studying Luke and you are encouraged to bring your preferred bible translation.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY: Would you like to help fill the little pantry from the big pantry in the Parish House once a week? See or email Lisa McGann: Lpmcgann442@yahoo.com

MINDFUL MOVEMENT: Join us at noon on Thursdays in the Parish Hall, bring a mat and a water bottle. It is free and for all people, all levels, even if you've never done yoga before! Email Amy: office@stmarysharford.org or call 410-569-0180 for more information.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church invites you to

LENTEN FORMATION

*Explore, Renew and Solidify
your faith as we dive into the Catechesis*

Thursdays 6-8

**Last Class!
April 10**

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Contact Rev. Paul Bennett @ revpaulbennett@gmail.com

If you'd like to join us on Zoom, please see the Wednesday email for the link. Not on the Wednesday email list? Call or email the office!

Easter Memorial Envelopes need to be into the office by April 13th in order to be included in the Easter bulletin. You can find envelopes on the tract table.

Holy ⁺Week **SCHEDULE**

April 13 Palm Sunday Joint Service	9:30AM
April 17 Maundy Thursday Foot Washing Service	SERVICE: 7PM
Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil	9pm-noon (chapel)
April 18 Good Friday Service of Solemn Collects	12:00 PM (NOON)
April 19 The Great Vigil	7PM
April 20 Easter Sunday Egg Hunt after 10:15am	8AM 10:15AM

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