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# St. Paul's Episcopal Church in the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas



Maundy Thursday
April 14, 2022 - 6:00 pm
Holy Eucharist (Rite I) &
Stripping of the Altar

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### Maundy Thursday The Word of God

(Stand)	Opening Sentence	BCP, pg 323
(Kneel)	Collect of the Day	Insert
(Sit)	1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson - Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14	Insert
(Sit)	Psalm 116:1, 10-17	Insert
(Sit)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26	Insert
(Stand)	The Holy Gospel - John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Insert
(Sit)	Homily - The Rt. Rev. Dr. George Sumner	•
(Kneel)	Prayers of the People	BCP, pg 328
(Kneel)	Confession of Sin	BCP, pg 331
(Stand)	The Peace	

# **The Holy Communion**

(Sit)	Offertory	BCP, pg 333
(Stand)	The Great Thanksgiving	BCP, pg 340

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All Baptized Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

(Kneel)	The Post Communion Prayer	BCP, pg 339
(Kneel)	The Blessing	

## The Stripping of the Altar

(Please keep silent during this portion of the service and please depart in silence.)

The Good Friday service will be tomorrow at Noon. The Stations of the Cross will be tomorrow at 6:00 pm.

#### Morsel for Meditation

### Stations on the Road to Freedom

#### Discipline

If you are drawn to seek freedom, learn first of all to discipline yourself and your senses, lest desires and your members lead you hither and thither.

Pure and chaste be your body and spirit, totally under control, and obedient, seeking the goal which is set for them. No one experiences the secret of freedom, except by

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#### Action

Choose and do what is right, not what fancy takes, not weighting the possibilities, but bravely grasping the real, not in the flight of ideas, but only in action is there freedom. Come away from your anxious hesitations into the storm of events,

carried by God's command and your faith alone. Then freedom will embrace your spirit with rejoicing.

### Suffering

Wondrous is the change. The strong active hands are bound now. Powerless and alone, you see the end of your action. Yet, you breathe a sigh of relief and lay it aside quietly trusting to stronger hands and are content. Only for a moment did you touch the bliss of freedom, then you gave it back to God that He might gloriously fulfill it.

#### Death

Come now, highest feast on the way to everlasting freedom, death. Lay waste the burdens of chains and walls which confine our earthly bodies and blinded souls, that we see at last what here we could not see. Freedom, we sought you long in discipline, action and suffering.

Dying, we recognize you now in the face of God.

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. *Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Prison Poems*. Edwin Robinson, ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan (1999). 73-74. Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Last Writings.