

Maundy Thursday Service

April 2, 2026

Prelude

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Christ has prepared a feast of love.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Congregation

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for, with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.*

*King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood.
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.*

*Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.*

*At His feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord Most High!"*

Confession and Pardon

My brothers and sisters, Christ shows us His love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

Most merciful God,

we Your Church confess

that often our spirit has not been that of Christ.

Where we have failed to love one another

as He loves us,

where we have pledged loyalty to Him with our lips

and then betrayed, deserted, or denied Him,

forgive us, we pray;

and by Your Spirit make us faithful

**in every time of trial;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.

But Christ suffered and died for us,

was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us,

and continued to intercede for us.

Believe the good news:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 22:14-23

¹⁴When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

¹⁷After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. ²¹But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. ²²The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!" ²³They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

Homily

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

From the earth You bring forth bread and create the fruit of the vine. You formed us in Your image, delivered us from captivity, and made covenant to be our sovereign God.

You fed us manna in the wilderness, and gave us grapes as evidence of the promised land.

And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ.

When we turned aside from Your way and abused Your gifts, You gave us in Christ Your crowning gift. Emptying Himself that our joy might be full, He fed the hungry, healed the sick, ate with the scorned and forgotten, washed His disciples' feet, and gave a holy meal as a pledge of His abiding presence.

By the baptism of His suffering, death, and resurrection You gave birth to Your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which He gave himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for You.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over He took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to His disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood.

By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy Church, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

Sharing of the Communion Elements

Prayer after Communion

Depth of Mercy

Congregation

*Depth of mercy! Can there be
mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God His wrath forbear,
me, the chief of sinners, spare?*

*I have long withstood His grace,
long provoked him to His face,
would not hearken to His calls,
grieved Him by a thousand falls.*

*I my Master have denied,
I afresh have crucified,
oft profaned His hallowed name,
put Him to an open shame.*

*There for me the Savior stands,
shows his wounds and spreads his hands.
God is love! I know, I feel;
Jesus weeps and loves me still.*

Scripture Reading

Luke 22:54-62

⁵⁴ Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵ And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. ⁵⁶ Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." ⁵⁷ But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." ⁵⁸ And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." ⁵⁹ And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." ⁶⁰ But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶² And he went out and wept bitterly.

Stripping of the Altar

Ah, Holy Jesus

Congregation

*Ah, holy Jesus, how has Thou offended,
that we to judge Thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by Thine own rejected,
O most afflicted!*

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee?

Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone Thee!

'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied Thee;

I crucified Thee.

*Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered.*

*For our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.*

*For me, kind Jesus, was Thy incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and Thy life's oblation;
Thy death of anguish and Thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.*

Benediction

Postlude

Tonight's Worship Leaders

Communion Servers

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Tim and Helen Slicker

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