

Please be seated

Communion of the People

At Holy Communion, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten free wafers are available upon request; ask the priest when at the altar rail. The wine may be taken from the cup by drinking (placing your hand on the base to guide it) or by “intinction” (dipping the bread). If you wish to participate but do not want to receive the bread and wine, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. During communion, ushers will direct you to the altar rail; please return to your pew on an outside aisle. Please let an usher know if you need assistance to the altar rail or if a priest may bring the elements to your pew.

Communion Hymn *sung by all*

Now, my tongue, the mystery telling (*Pange Lingua*)

Hymnal 329

Please stand

Prayer for Mission *said by all*

BCP 339

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Hymn *sung by all*

Go to dark Gethsemane (*Petra*)

Hymnal 171

Please kneel

Stripping of the Altar

During the stripping and washing of the altar, Psalm 22 will be chanted.

After the psalm, the Congregation leaves in silence.

The Prayer Vigil now begins in the Chapel and will end at noon on Good Friday.

Worship Participants

We thank God for those leading worship and pray that all will be blessed in our service today.

Lectors	Linda Crofton, Charla Cerveny
Vergers	Wyman Duggan, Paula Phelan
Acolyte	Alice Holyer
Chalice Bearers	Karen Culler, Anne Lee, Childress Lee, Linda Shepherd
Ushers	Carrison Hager, David Hager
Altar Guild	Barbara Pickett, Katie Athey, Debbie Fannin, Patti Frykberg, Valerie Goodwin, Judy Lanier, Anne Lee, Ann Scheu

2026 Holy Week Schedule

April 3 – Good Friday

7:00 a.m. and 1 p.m. Clergy-led Stations of the Cross

Noon Good Friday Liturgy *Nursery open*

7 p.m. The River Tenebrae Service *Nursery open*

April 5 – Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service in Stockton Park with contemporary music

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion with traditional music *Nursery open*

10:15 a.m. Children’s Easter Egg Hunt

5:00 p.m. The River Service with contemporary music *Nursery open*

April 6 – Church offices closed



St. Mark’s Episcopal Church

A River of Grace. A Life Abundant.

About this Service

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday

The name, Maundy Thursday, comes from the Latin word *mandatum* meaning “commandment” and refers to the words Jesus speaks in John 13:34, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” The distinctive elements of the Maundy Thursday Service are the washing of feet and the stripping of the altar.

At the Footwashing

Footwashing is a special but optional feature of the Maundy Thursday service. In the Gospel of John, Jesus washed the disciples’ feet immediately before their last supper together as an act of love, humility, and selfless service ultimately embodied in his death on the cross. Footwashing was a necessary act of hospitality in the ancient Near East because of the dusty and dirty conditions of the region. For us, however, it is a ceremonial washing. There is no soap and no scrubbing involved. Please remove your shoes before coming forward. Each participant washes the feet of the next person in line. The washer holds one foot, pours water from a pitcher over it, then places the foot in the bowl and repeats the action with the other foot. The feet are then dried with a clean towel, the shoes are replaced, and the water emptied into a bucket. Acolytes will provide fresh water and towels and will empty the buckets of used water.

Stripping of the Altar

Following the celebration of Holy Communion all ornamentation in the inner sanctuary is taken out, leaving it bare and empty for the Good Friday Service. The chanting of Psalm 22 accompanies the stripping of the altar. Candles are extinguished and removed and the lights in the sanctuary are turned out. There is no dismissal. The congregation leaves in silence or remains to keep watch in the chapel Garden of Repose.

The Chapel “Garden of Repose”

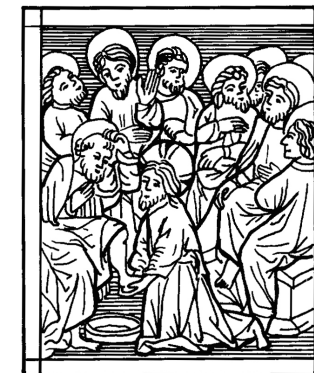
When the Maundy Thursday service ends, a prayer vigil begins in the chapel, which is adorned with plants to represent the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed the night before his execution and asked his disciples, “Could you not stay awake with me one hour? Keep awake and pray...” (Matthew 26:40-41). The vigil is a time for silent prayer, meditation, and contemplation.

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026

The Footwashing and Holy Eucharist - Rite I

7:00 p.m.



Welcome

Thank you for joining us for worship this evening. Newcomers, please complete a Connect Card (located in the pew in front of you) so that we can get to know you better. Regular attendees, please use this same card to ensure we have your current contact information. Please note that all page numbers listed in the bulletin preceded by BCP refer to the red Book of Common Prayer in the pews. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.

Restrooms are located in the church office building south of the church.

The Word of God

The Congregation will please stand for the silent procession.

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie *sung by all*

musical setting: Hymnal S 91

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of him who in these holy mysteries giveth us a pledge of life eternal, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Please be seated

First Lesson – Exodus 12:1-14

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 neighbor 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 judgments: 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 – 116:1, 10-17 *simplified Anglican Chant sung by all*

1 I love the LORD because he has heard the voice of my suppli/cation, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called up/on him.

10 How shall I repay the / LORD *
for all the good things he has done for / me?

11 I will lift up the cup of sal/vation *
and call upon the Name of the / LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the / LORD *
in the presence of all his / people.

13 Precious in the sight of the / LORD *
is the death of his / servants.

14 O LORD I am your / servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my / bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of / thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the / LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the / LORD *
in the presence of all his / people,

17 In the courts of the LORD’S / house, *
in the midst of you O Je/rusalem.

Second Lesson – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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.**

Please stand and join in singing

Sequence Hymn

God is love, and where true love is (*Ubi caritas*) Hymnal 577

Holy Gospel – John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

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 Jews 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.”

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

Sermon – The Rev. Sandi Kerner

Invitation to the Footwashing

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. We all need to remember his example, but none stand more in need of this reminder than those whom the Lord has called to the ordained ministry.

Beginning with the transepts, members of the congregation are invited to come forward to have their feet washed and then to wash the feet of another. Please remove your shoes before coming up.

Anthems at the Footwashing

Footwashing Anthems *sung by the St. Mark’s Choir*
James Kennerly
Words: traditional footwashing anthems – to follow along turn to BCP pages 274-5.
from The Crucifixion John Stainer
So thou liftest thy divine petition *Noah Miller-Imotan and Doug Allison*
Could ye not watch with me *Marcus Johnson*

Please stand

Prayers of the People – Form V BCP 389

Please kneel

Confession BCP 360

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

BCP 360

The Holy Communion

Please remain seated and join in singing

Offertory Hymn

Let thy Blood in mercy poured (*Jesus, meine Zuversicht*) Hymnal 313
Please stand for the fourth stanza.

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer I

BCP 333

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

The Celebrant continues...

Sanctus *said by all*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

After the Sanctus you may kneel or stand for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Lord’s Prayer *said by all*

BCP 336

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.

Fraction

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Prayer of Humble Access *said by all*

BCP 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.