

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 2, 2026
6:30PM**

“The “Great Three Days” — sometimes called the Triduum or Pasch — from sunset Holy Thursday through sunset Easter Day are the climax of Lent (and of the whole Christian year) and a bridge into the Easter Season.....They should be seen as a great unified service beginning with a service of Holy Communion on Holy Thursday and concluding with the services of Easter Day.” —Overview to “Lent”, The United Methodist Book of Worship, p. 320.

Instructions:

- *Given the tone and spirit of this service, individuals are asked to gather in silence, respecting needful moments of prayer and preparation.
- *Per the **Book of Worship**, the service ends in silence... The final benediction is omitted as a sign of waiting and to show the essential unity between this and the other Services of the “Great Three Days.”
- *You are encouraged to remain in the Sanctuary or visit the Scripture Garden outside for prayer time as needed. You are also asked to leave the Sanctuary following each service in silence, allowing others to pray without distraction.

ENTER IN SILENCE & REFLECTION

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this Holy Thursday, Jesus invites us to gather around His table.

People: We come to remember and celebrate what God is doing.

Leader: Tonight, Jesus washes feet and hearts; and He gives us a new command to love like him.

People: How easily we forget how far His love would go for us! Amen.

HYMN

“Jesu, Jesu”

#432

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love

Show us how to serve

The neighbors we have from You

Kneels at the feet of His friends
Silently washes their feet
Master who acts as a slave to them

Neighbors are rich and poor
Neighbors are black and white
Neighbors are near and far away

These are the ones we should serve
These are the ones we should love
All these are neighbors to us and You

Loving puts us on our knees
Serving as though we are slaves
This is the way we should live with You

Kneel at the feet of our friends
Silently washing their feet
This is the way we should live with You

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SCRIPTURE

John 13:1, 3-15

¹Now 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.

³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."

⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not only my feet but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

HOMILY

"Love Enough"
Rev. Richard Luna

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Gather Round His Table" Chancel Choir

SHARING THE TABLE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" #301

Jesus keep me near the cross;
there a precious fountain
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river

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SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:36-46

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸Then he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." ³⁹And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want." ⁴⁰Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴²Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ⁴³Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Now the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

DEPART IN SILENCE

You are invited to stay as you wish in a spirit of prayer and then leave in silence to honor the reflection of others. Prayer time is available in either the Sanctuary or our Scripture Garden outside.