

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

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.

...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.
...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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, forever. Amen.

Instructions for Holy Communion

Sharing at Table

Music during Holy Communion

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
Roy Tipton, soloist

Prayer after Holy Communion

As you nourish us through this holy meal, leave us hungry for your Kingdom. Leave us thirsty for the justice that you pour out on the world... We give thanks for this sacrament and for all the rituals that ground us in your love. Help us always to notice your presence in them.

Holy Mystery, through communion, we unite our bodies with your body, and in this unity, we gain strength and hope. We give thanks for your transforming love. We ask you to help us turn this nourishment into love for all we meet.

Sending Hymn

UMH 301

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
(vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)

NEAR THE CROSS

Stripping the Lord's Table & Sanctuary

Psalms 22:1-18, 25-31

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

³Yet you, the praise of Israel, are enthroned in holiness.

⁴In you our forebears trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵To you they cried and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.

⁶But I am a worm and not human, scorned by others and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

⁸"He committed his cause to the Lord; let the Lord deliver him. Let the Lord rescue him, for the Lord delights in him!"

⁹Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

¹⁰Upon you, I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me, you have been my God.

¹¹Do not be far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

¹²Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

¹³they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

¹⁵my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaves to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶Indeed, dogs surround me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet.

¹⁷I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me;

¹⁸they divide my garments among themselves, and for my raiment, they cast lots.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who worship the Lord.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before the Lord.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.

²⁹All who sleep in the earth shall bow down to the Lord. All who go down to the dust shall bow before the Lord, and I shall live for God.

³⁰Posterity shall serve the Lord; each generation shall tell of the Lord

³¹and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn. Surely the Lord has done it.

Dismissal

You are welcome to remain in the sanctuary and/or at the chancel rail for as long as you like; however, when you leave, please do so in silence.

About Maundy Thursday...

Maundy Thursday is an alternate name for Holy Thursday, the first of the three days of solemn remembrance of the events leading up to and immediately following the crucifixion of Jesus. The English word "Maundy" comes from the Latin "mandatum," which means "commandment." As recorded in John's Gospel, on his last night before his betrayal and arrest, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and then gave them a new commandment to love one another as he had loved them (John 13:34).

Maundy Thursday



*First United Methodist Church
Dyersburg, Tennessee*

April 2, 2026

+ Please stand in body or in spirit.
Bold words are spoken responsively.

Prelude

Welcome

+ Call to Worship

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.

+ Opening Hymn

UMH 292

WONDROUS LOVE
What Wondrous Love Is This
(vv. 1, 2, 3, 4)

Prayer of Confession

My sisters and brothers, 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.

Assurance of Forgiveness

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 continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

***In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.***

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1-14 NRSV

¹The word of the Lord came to me: ²Mortal, you are living in the midst of a rebellious house who have eyes to see but do not see, who have ears to hear but do not hear, ³for they are a rebellious house. Therefore, mortal, prepare for yourself an exile's baggage, and go into exile by day in their sight; you shall go like an exile from your place to another place in their sight. Perhaps they will understand, though they are a rebellious house. ⁴You shall bring out your baggage by day in their sight, as baggage for exile, and you shall go out yourself at evening in their sight, as those do who go into exile. ⁵Dig through the wall in their sight, and carry the baggage through it. ⁶In their sight, you shall lift the baggage on your shoulder and carry it out in the dark; you shall cover your face, so that you may not see the land, for I have made you a sign for the house of Israel. ⁷I did just as I was commanded. I brought out my baggage by day, as baggage for exile, and in the evening, I dug through the wall with my own hands; I brought it out in the dark, carrying it on my shoulder in their sight. ⁸In the morning, the word of the Lord came to me: ⁹Mortal, has not the house of Israel, the rebellious house,

said to you, "What are you doing?" ¹⁰Say to them, "Thus says the Lord God: This oracle concerns the prince in Jerusalem and all the house of Israel in it." ¹¹Say, "I am a sign for you: as I have done, so shall it be done to them; they shall go into exile, into captivity." ¹²And the prince who is among them shall lift his baggage on his shoulder in the dark and shall go out; he shall dig through the wall and carry it through; he shall cover his face so that he may not see the land with his eyes. ¹³I will spread my net over him, and he shall be caught in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, the land of the Chaldeans; yet he shall not see it, and he shall die there. ¹⁴I will scatter to every wind all who are around him, his helpers and all his troops, and I will unsheathe the sword behind them.

Response to the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

+Hymn of Preparation

UMH 618

LET US BREAK BREAD
Let Us Break Bread Together
(vv. 1, 2, 3)

+Gospel Lesson

John 13:1-17, 35-36 NRSV

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. ²The devil had already decided that Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, would betray Jesus. And during supper, 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 supper, 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 my feet only 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[c] 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, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, 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. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have

loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Response to the Word

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Homily

Litany for the Church & for the World

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, almighty God, that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Invitation: Lord, in your mercy,

Response: hear our prayer.

Silent prayers

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Invitation: Lord, in your mercy,

Response: hear our prayer.

Silent prayers

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Invitation: Lord, in your mercy,

Response: hear our prayer.

Silent prayers

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Invitation: Lord, in your mercy,

Response: hear our prayer.

Silent prayers

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Invitation: Lord, in your mercy,

Response: hear our prayer.

Silent prayers

We offer these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Call to the Table

UMH 488

Jesus, Remember Me

REMEMBER ME

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the LORD.