

# Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026

Word of Welcome

Prelude

Hymn #433: Glory Be to Jesus

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Exhortation

P: I will go to the altar of God,

C: **to God my exceeding joy.**

*Psalm 43:4*

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 124:8*

P: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord.

C: **Let a person examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning, the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.**

P: If we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.

C: **But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world."**

*1 Corinthians 11:27-32*

Confessional Address

L: During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving each other. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night when He instituted this blessed meal for our salvation, it is proper that we continue our Lenten discipline by diligently examining ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do. May the Almighty and Merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

C: **Amen.**

P: Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Our help is in the name of the LORD.**

Confession and Absolution

P: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*John 20:19-23*

C: **Amen.**

## Collect

P: O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

## Old Testament Reading: Exodus 12:1-14 (ESV)

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

"Then 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 flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and 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 are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast."

L: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 (ESV)

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, 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.

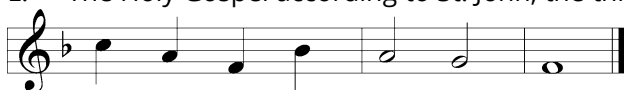
Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel: John 13:1-15 (ESV)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, Jesus, knowing that the

Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside His outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around His waist. Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around Him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to Him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not 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, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For He knew who was to betray Him; that was why He said, "Not all of you are clean."

When He had washed their feet and put on His outer garments and resumed His place, He said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

Hymn #547: The Lamb

Sermon

Offertory (*sung*)

*Psalm 51:10-12*

***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.***

***Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.***

***Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.***

Offering from God's People & Fellowship Registration

Stewardship Prayer

**Almighty God, we thank You for all the gifts You have given us. Thank You for Jesus, the perfect steward of Your gifts, showing that giving of self is the most fundamental part of following Him. May the offerings of our time, talents, and material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life and death for us. In His name we pray, Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

C: **Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.** *1 Peter 3:13*

P: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, it is the will of God that Jesus pay the price for our sins and give us in return forgiveness and our life of faith. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

C: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: O Christ, this is the night in which You were betrayed unto death.

C: **And yet You showed Your love by washing our feet.**

P: O Christ, this is the night You broke the bread and lifted the cup—

C: **giving us Your very body and blood to forgive and make whole.**

P: O Christ, Your great love shows us that life alone is nothing

C: **without life in You.**

P: You gave Yourself for the life of the world.  
 C: **You serve us so that we may serve our neighbor.**  
 P: You gave Yourself for the life of Your church, Your people everywhere, even this congregation.  
 C: **You serve us so that we may serve both You and our fellowman.**  
 P: You gave yourself so that no one would be left alone.  
 C: **May Your love flow through us for healing and service.**  
 P: O Father, this is the night in which we discover ourselves anew.  
 C: **We discover ourselves as followers of Jesus, Your Son,**  
 P: who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
 C: **Amen.**

Preface (*sung*)

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1 Psalm 136

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And with thy spirit.**  
 P: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
 P: Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God. C: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Proper Preface

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (*sung*)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**  
**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



♩ A - men.

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

John 1:29

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

Distribution Hymns

1. Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord (LSB #637)
2. Not All the Bood of Beasts (LSB #431)
3. Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing (LSB #421)
4. Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared (LSB #622)

Nunc Dimittis (*sung*)

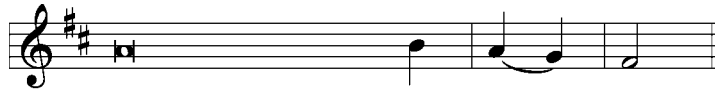
Luke 2:29-32

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared  
before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

P: O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good,



**☐** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Dismissal & Post-Communion Prayer

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P: The Lord be with you.



**☐** And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P: Bless we the LORD.



**☐** Thanks be to God.

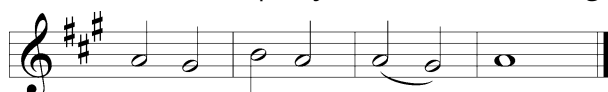
Stripping of the Altar (7:00 pm)

1. Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (LSB #440)
2. When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (LSB #425)
3. My Song Is Love Unknown (LSB #430)
4. What Wondrous Love Is This (LSB #543)

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



**☐** A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn #878: Abide with Me

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