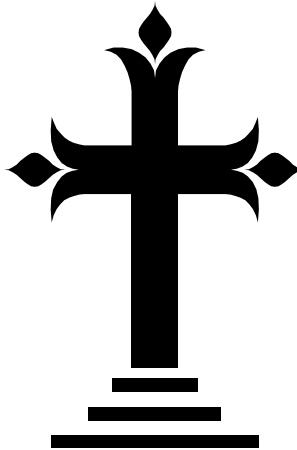


# *Maundy Thursday*



*April 2, 2026*

## The Word of God

### **Prelude**

*“Beautiful Savior”*

By Robert J. Hughes, based on “Crusader’s Hymn from Silesian Folk Song (1967, Lorenz Pub. Co.)

### **Processional**

*“Go to Dark Gethsemane”*

Hymnal 171

### **Opening Acclamation**

BCP 355

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: *His mercy endures for ever.*

### **The Collect for Purity**

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

## The Trisagion

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The image shows a musical score for the Trisagion. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is G minor (one flat). The first system contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,". The second system contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

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 receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The First Reading

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14

The divine instructions to Moses and Aaron concerning the celebration of the Passover meal are presented. It is to be kept as a perpetual memorial of God's saving acts among his chosen people.

### A reading from the Book of Exodus:

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.

Lector:           The Word of The Lord

People:           *Thanks be to God*

**Psalm 116:1, 10-17**           *In Unison*

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon 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 salvation \*  
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 Jerusalem.

## The Epistle

I Corinthians 11:23-26

Paul recounts the Savior's institution of the Eucharist. The shared meal of the Christian community anticipates the Lord's coming in glory.

### **A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:**

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.

### **Gospel Hymn**

*"Where Charity and Love Prevail"*

Hymnal 581 (1,2)(3,4)

### **The Holy Gospel**

John 13:1-17,31b-35

Celebrant: 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." Jesus said, "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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **Sermon**

The Reverend Rob Brown

## **The Washing of Feet**

### **The Anthem**

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done.

*Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.*

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

*Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.*

By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

### **Prayers of the People, Form III**

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

### **Prayer for Spiritual Growth**

*Gracious Father, we ask spiritual growth for ourselves, our families and friends, and especially for our family St. Matthew's. Grant us growth in understanding and willingness to be your Body in this world. Empower us to live the mission of Christ: to preach, teach, heal and make disciples. In joyful thanksgiving for the blessing of your presence in our lives, compel us to share you with everyone we meet. May our numbers increase, our commitment deepen, our lives be joyfully yours. Make us a God-centered people. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

### **Confession of Sin**

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
*Amen.*

## **Peace**

*All stand.*

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

People: *And also with you.*

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Anthem**      *“Veiled in Darkness”*      by Glenn L. Rudolph (1981, Oxford Univ. Press)

**Offertory Hymn**      *The Doxology*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B**      BCP 367

*The people remain standing.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*The Celebrant proceeds*

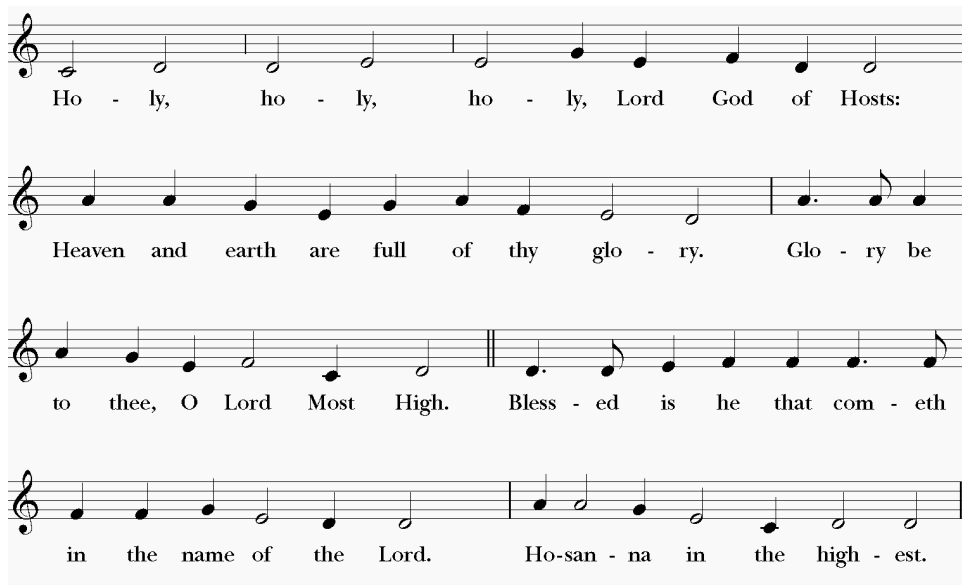
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

Hymnal S-113



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be  
to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Matthew, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

*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.*

## Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

*A period of silence is kept.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

## Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-157

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

## Communion Hymns

### *“As In That Upper Room”*

by Timothy Smith-1993 Hope Pub., /Tune: Sursum Corda by Alfred Smith/1971 Church of the Ascension

As in that upper room you left your seat,  
and took a towel and chose a servant’s part.  
So, for today, Lord, wash again my feet,  
who in your mercy died to cleanse my heart.

I bow before, you all my sin confessed to  
hear again the words of love you said.

And at your table, as your honored guest,  
I take and eat the true and living bread.

So, in remembrance of your life laid down,  
I come to praise you for your grace divine.  
Saved by your cross, and subject to your crown,  
strengthened for service by this bread and wine.

*“Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured”*

Hymnal 313

*“Bread of Heaven on Thee We Feed”*

Hymnal 323

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## The Blessing

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*

## The Stripping of the Altar

*While the Altar is stripped the congregation kneeling sings*

**Hymn**

*“Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?”*

Hymnal 172

*Following the stripping of the altar, the congregation departs in silence.*

## Servers

Eucharistic Minister (Vested):	Ben Loftis
Eucharistic Minister:	Michelle Pierce
Lector:	John Richardson
Crucifer:	Allie Fowler
Torch Bearers:	Brett Reese, Debbie Richardson
Ushers:	Dave Pretulak, Leesa Simmons

### Holy Week 2026 Continues ...

#### April 3:

**Good Friday, Solemn Collects** at 12 pm. At noon, we read the Passion, venerate the cross, and pray together for the whole world. Some of the oldest prayers in the Christian church. Come as you are and let the quiet prepare you.

**Stations of the Cross** through Downtown, 5:30 pm. We walk with our banners and our sister churches through downtown Spartanburg, stopping at fourteen places to pray the story of Christ on his way to the cross. This year we begin and end at the Church of the Advent. It's beautiful. Come with us.

#### April 5:

**Easter Sunday, Easter Vigil** at 7:00 am.

We gather at dawn to kindle the New Fire, process into the growing light, and **proclaim the Resurrection** as morning rises around us. It is one of the most ancient liturgies of the Church - a movement from darkness into light - echoing Mary Magdalene's early walk to the tomb and the holy stillness before joy broke open the world. **We are planning ahead and would love to know if you are considering attending at 7:00 a.m.**

**Easter Services**, at 9:00 and 11:15 am.

Christ is risen! The long journey through Lent and Holy Week breaks into celebration with music, joy, and the full voice of the Church raised in hope.

#### **Easter Brunch & Children's Egg Hunt!**

Between the services, join us for Easter Brunch and our annual Egg Hunt. Our parish cooks and bakers will have the tables full, and the children will be off in search of eggs. Come linger, share a plate, and celebrate the morning together.

Mealtrain for Easter Brunch: <https://www.mealtrain.com/potlucks/zm1836>

**Asking for donations of candy for the Easter Egg Hunt, and Rain Ponchos for the homeless.**