



ALL SAINTS'

EPISCOPAL CHURCH & DAY SCHOOL

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The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026 + 7:00pm

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The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday is the service that begins the *Triduum*—literally “Three Days” in Latin— that enfold the story of Jesus’s final meal, trial, crucifixion, and resurrection. It is the high point of the church year because it tells the story of God’s love for all of humanity, a love so strong that not even death can conquer its force.

You will experience things during the Maundy Thursday liturgy that you will not experience at any other time. The service begins as any other service does, but as time

passes, you will increasingly have the feeling that things are different somehow. It begins with the sacred tradition of washing feet, a practice our Savior modeled for us in great humility and instructed us to continue (Jn 13:15). After Communion, we will process with the Reserved Sacrament to the Chapel of the Holy Innocents and place the Body of Christ on the Altar of Repose. After, that somber procession, the altar will be made completely bare: no candles, no linens, nothing at all. The service ends in darkness and silence, a reverent quietness we will hold in our hearts for the Three Days, the same reverent quiet we will observe at the start of the Great Vigil on Saturday evening. Despite the uniqueness of this service and the beautiful additions to our liturgy this

evening, Thursday in Holy Week is not known as “Last Supper Thursday” or “Altar of Repose Thursday”—it’s name is Maundy Thursday. That’s an unfamiliar word to many of us, but it too is derived from Latin, this time the word *mandatum* for “commandment.” Tonight, we will hear this commandment at the conclusion of our Gospel reading: Love one another (Jn 13:34).

More than liturgy or music or the tradeoff between light and dark, love is at the center of Maundy Thursday. This night is a reminder of our Savior’s great love for us and a reminder that we too are called to love one another even as Christ loved us and gave himself for us.

All Saints'. All Welcome.



PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God is love

HYMNAL 576

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

Please be seated for the readings.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1, 10-17

sung by the Choir

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice 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.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

THE GOSPEL HYMN

HYMNAL 606

Where true charity and love dwell *Stanzas 1-2 before and 3 after*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 13:1-17, 31B-35

The 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

All stand as the Celebrant addresses the Congregation:

THE FOOT WASHING

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.

Therefore, I invite you, as a member of this congregation to share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that I may recall whose servant I am by following the example of my Master. But come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for "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."

The People are seated. The Clergy washes the feet of several people, while members of the congregation offer reflections on love, service, and humility. When the Foot Washing has ended, all stand.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to be the servant of others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon:

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service. Lord, hear us. **And humble us.**

On this night, Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church. Lord, hear us. **And unite us.**

On this night, Jesus prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your Church. Lord, hear us. **And renew our zeal.**

On this night, Jesus commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved. Lord, hear us. **And fill us with your love.**

On this night, Jesus reminded his disciples that if the world hated them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, hear us. **And give us your peace.**

All then pray while devoutly kneeling as you are able.

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands are unclean, our hearts are unprepared; we are not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious Body and Blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*When the hymn has ended, the Celebrant says:
"And they all forsook him, and fled!"*

Without formality, all return to the main sanctuary for the Stripping of the Altar.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

During the Stripping of the Altar, all kneel as the Choir sings.

PSALM 22

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in,
and gangs of evildoers circle around me; *
they pierce my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.
- 17 They stare and gloat over me; *
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.
- 18 Be not far away, O LORD; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The final blessing and dismissal are not merely omitted from tonight's service but delayed until we conclude the Paschal Triduum with the Easter Vigil. When the Stripping of the Altar and the singing has ended, the chancel and sanctuary turn to darkness.

Please remain seated until after the priest has washed the Altar. Please leave the church in silence.

THE WATCH OF THE PASSION

A "Watch" in the Chapel of the Holy Innocents will be observed for ONE HOUR following this service. It will begin with a reading of the account of the Agony in the Garden (Matthew 26:30-46), followed by silent prayers and reflection. Those gathered may leave quietly at any time.



Holy Week & Easter 2026

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

12:00pm Stations of the Cross & Choral Devotional [Church]

7:00pm The Liturgy of Good Friday
and Veneration of the Cross [Church]

EASTER EVE, SATURDAY, APRIL 4

6:51pm Sunset The Great Vigil with the First Eucharist of Easter
with incense and the Choir of All Saints' [Church]

EASTER DAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 5

7:00am Traditional Sunrise Service/ Holy Communion
[Close Garden]

9:00am Outside Family Service / Holy Communion
[Day School Amphitheater]

Easter Egg Hunt for the Littles *following the 9am service*

11:00am Solemn High Mass *with Incense* [Church]

Nursery Care at the 9am & 11am services

All Welcome!

