

April 2, 2026

# Maundy Thursday



*BY THIS EVERYONE WILL KNOW  
THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES,  
IF YOU HAVE LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.*

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 PM | SANCTUARY AND ONLINE

PRELUDE

The Banquet Celestial

Olivier Messiaen  
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Larsen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.**

O taste and see that the Lord is good;

**Happy are those who take refuge in him.**

▲ HYMN

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

*O Waly Waly*

An upper room did our Lord prepare for those he loved until the end:

And his disciples still gather there to celebrate their Lord and friend.

A lasting gift Jesus gave his own: To share his bread, his loving cup.

Whatever burdens may bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.

As after supper he washed their feet, for service, too, is sacrament,

In Christ our joy shall be made complete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.

In bread and wine we remember well: He loves beyond the uttermost:

In God's own house we shall ever dwell,

where Christ will serve as Lord and Host.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Rev. Larsen

O God, make us watchful as we await your Son our Savior.

When he comes to us, may he not find us sleeping in sin,

but awake and enduring in vigilant prayer.

Bring to light things hidden in darkness,

even the weakness and shadows of our hearts.

Forgive our sins, then cleanse and renew us

that we may remain obedient in the face of temptation,

and faithful as we follow where he leads.

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*St. Catherine*

Great God, in Christ you call our name and then receive us as your own,

Not through some merit, right, or claim but by your gracious love alone.

We strain to glimpse your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 22:39-42; 45-46  
*Pew Bible page 858*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Staying Awake with Jesus

Rev. Craig Meek

HYMN 515

Now to Your Table Spread

*Love Unknown*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

Invitation to the Table

▲ Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped,  
but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself,  
and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God highly exalted him,

And bestowed on him the name which is above every name,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth,  
and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!

Words of Institution and Distribution

Solo Meditation

Gethsemane

Music of Henry Purcell

Deep is my sorrow, my time is drawing near,

Words by William K. Brehm

Father, hear my prayer, let this cup pass from me in my despair.

How can they sleep, my time is drawing nigh.

In my time of need, please watch me, watch with me now, as I pray.

*O watch with me! O watch with me!*

*For you must know my fate.*

Adapted from Matthew 26:31-46

Dr. Michael Denham

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Hylton

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead  
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

▲ HYMN 509

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

*Cross of Christ*

▲ BENEDICTION

Rev. Meek

POSTLUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus, Op. 122, No. 2

Johannes Brahms

Mr. Fickley, organ

*“Maundy” derives from the Latin word mandatum for “commandment,”  
and points to our Lord’s own words, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.”*

*There are offering plates at the back of the sanctuary  
to receive your tithes and gifts as you exit.*

## **Holy Week & Easter Services**

All services are in the Sanctuary and online on our [Watch webpage](#).

### **Good Friday, April 3**

Interactive Prayer Stations: 3:00-7:00 pm

Meditations & Music on the Seven Last Words of Christ: 7:00 pm

### **Easter Sunday, April 5**

Worship: 8:30, 10:00, & 11:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt: after 8:30 & 10:00 am worship

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