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APRIL 2ND, 2026 + MAUNDY THURSDAY

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION (*please rise in body and/or spirit)

HYMN

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and all evil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called to in baptism. We have shared in the discipline of Lent with brothers and sisters in Christ who are endeavoring to live out their baptism. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the paschal celebration reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Let us confess our sins to God and one another.

We confess to you, most loving God, the sins that both bind and scatter us. We have knowingly believed dishonest words. We have questioned your gracious power again and again. We have given into temptation. We have acted out of fear, placing blame on others yet holding ourselves apart. In our disbelief and confusion we have hurt our neighbors and ourselves. Gather us back to you. Forgive us, free us, and make us whole for the sake of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Friends, beloved of God, Jesus came not to condemn the world but that all might be saved through him. In the name of + Christ your sins are forgiven. May God unbind your guilt and shame, lead you by the Spirit, and bring you to wholeness in abundant life. **Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always. **And also with you."**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Together, let us pray, **Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1–14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴If 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. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³The 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. ¹⁴This 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. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (read responsively)

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

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How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me? The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds.

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the Lord. My vows to the Lord I will pay in the presence of all his people

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

²³For 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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." ²⁶For 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. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (*please rise in body and/or spirit)

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 13:1–17, 31b–35

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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. 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

the table, 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 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 returned to the table, 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, servants 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. ^{31b}"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."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN

"Great God, Your Love Has Called Us"

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FOOTWASHING AND HANDWASHING

Invitation to footwashing and handwashing

Friends in Christ, we are reminded by the scriptures, in diverse words and symbols, of God's intent for us. The water of baptism is a cleansing sign of our dying and rising with Christ.

Now, we share in the works of humility displayed in our teacher and Lord. We follow the example of our teacher and Lord, that we "also ought to wash one another's feet". We wash the feet of each other, a symbol of our servanthood, our calling in daily life, which is our loving care and outreach.

We recognize that the washing of feet can be uncomfortable. The image of washing or cleansing are the operative image in Jesus' command. So, we extend an invitation to wash your hands also. You may wash both hands and feet if you wish. In Exodus, God commands the sons of Aaron to wash their hands before serving in the temple. Our hands and hearts need cleansing too if we are to represent the love of God expressed through us to the world.

With hands outstretched before you, O God, we stand together humbled and in awe, of your gentle washing of our hands and feet in the water. Come and practice here, how it is that we are called to live in the world.

Those wishing to have their feet and/or hands washed, may come forward. After being washed, you will wash the person behind you. When washing you may speak a brief blessing over the hands or feet of others.

Sample blessing for hands:

Bless O Lord, the work of these hands or

Sample blessing for feet:

**How beautiful upon the mountaintops are
the feet of the one who brings Good News.**

After receiving the washing and blessing, please return to your seat in silence or you may sing.

HYMNS

“When the Poor Ones”

#725

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

#708

“Ubi caritas et amor”

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PRAYER

Let us Pray together, Eternal God, **in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit the symbolic washing of our feet and hands, may be a sign of our life in faith, may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for new life in the church, new hope for the world, and God’s love for all who are in need.

After each petition of the prayers concludes with these words:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

After the concluding petition:

We pray to you, O God, in the name of the one who endured the cross, forgives our sin, and feeds us at his table, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING

(offering plates are located on the table at the back of the sanctuary. The offering plates are brought forward during the singing of our offering hymn.)

OFFERTORY HYMN

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

#678

OFFERING PRAYER

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...we join their unending hymn:

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***Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r 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.***

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We invite our First Communion class and their families/friends to receive communion first. After our First Communion class has received we invite the rest of the congregation to come forward to receive Holy Communion.

Where charity and love abide, there is God. Rejoice in this holy meal. All are welcome at God's table. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Lamb of God"

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"Come to the Table" #481

"Here Is Bread" #483

"Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup" #492

"O Bread of Life from Heaven" #480

DISTRIBUTION

BLESSING FROM THE TABLE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*please rise in body and/or spirit)

Heavenly Father, You have met us at this table with Christ's body and blood that we might rejoice together in the bread you provide and never be thirsty again. Send us now into the world as signs of your unbound presence, seeking the wholeness of the kingdom of God, and inviting all who hunger to come and see your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SILENCE IS OBSERVED DURING STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

SOLEMN READING Psalm 22

Please continue the silence as you leave. Our worship continues on Good Friday at Noon or 6:30pm.

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