



# **Maundy Thursday Communion Service**

APRIL 2, 2026  
7:00PM



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## **Maundy Thursday**

The Thursday of Holy Week derives its name from the command Christ gave His followers to love one another, “Mandatum novum do vobis”—“a new commandment I give to you” (John 13.34). As the remembrance of our Lord’s institution of the Last Supper, Maundy Thursday is almost universally celebrated with the Lord’s Table.

Tenebrae, from the Latin meaning “shadows,” refers to the gathering of shadows during the Passion of our Lord. Scripture reveals the fulfillment of prophecy as the Lamb of God, the Son of Man, becomes the final sacrifice for our sins.

## Prelude

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before He suffered, did institute the sacrament of His body and blood; mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of Him, who in these holy mysteries giveth us a pledge of life eternal; the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

And being found in human form,  
He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.  
Philippians 2:8

## Call To Worship | From Hebrews 12:2, Colossians 1:19-20

Come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

***For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.***

# Lift High the Cross

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**Lift high the cross;  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world  
adore his sacred name.**

Come, Christians,  
follow where our Savior trod,  
our King victorious,  
Christ, the Son of God.

Led on their way  
by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God  
in conqu'ring ranks combine.

O Lord, once lifted  
on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised,  
draw men unto thee.

Thy kingdom come,  
that earth's despair may cease  
beneath the shadow  
of its healing peace.

For thy blest cross  
which doth for us atone,  
creation's praises rise  
before thy throne.



Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied; by His knowledge shall the righteous One, My Servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities.

***Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the many, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.***

All sing:                    *I will not boast of anything,  
no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer,  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.  
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## **We Confess Our Sins**

***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 and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In Your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways,  
to the glory of Your holy name.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

**SILENT CONFESSION** *Please pause for a moment of silent confession.*

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ know that you're forgiven and be at peace.

***Thanks be to God!***

## My Jesus, I Love Thee

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Text: William R. Featherstone, 1864 | Music: CARITAS, Adoniram J. Gordon, 1894

My Jesus, I love thee,  
I know thou art mine;  
for thee all the follies  
of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer,  
my Savior art thou;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou  
hast first loved me,  
and purchased my pardon  
on Calvary's tree.  
I love thee for wearing  
the thorns on thy brow;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life,  
I will love thee in death;  
and praise thee as long as  
thou lendest me breath;  
and say, when the deathdew  
lies cold on my brow:  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory  
and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee  
in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering  
crown on my brow:  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

## **We Listen to God's Word | John 15:12-17**

[12] "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. [13] Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. [14] You are my friends if you do what I command you. [15] No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. [16] You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. [17] These things I command you, so that you will love one another. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God!***

## **Meditation | Rev. Dr. Blake Altman**

### **Communion Liturgy**

***So grant us, heavenly Father, to celebrate today the blessed memory and remembrance of Your dear Son, to engage in it, and to announce the benefit of His death, so that, as we receive a renewed increase and strengthening in faith and in all goodness, we might all the more confidently call You our Father anew, and glory in You, through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, in whose name we pray to You as He has taught us:***

***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.***

## **We Celebrate Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you.

***And with your spirit.***

Lift up your hearts!

***We lift them up to the Lord!***

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

***It is right to give Him thanks and praise.***

It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,

Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name; evermore praising You, and singing:

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.***

# The Power Of The Cross

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Oh to see the dawn,  
of the darkest day.  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men,  
torn and beaten then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

**This the pow'r of the cross.  
Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath.  
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

Oh to see the pain  
written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought,  
ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees,  
now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two,  
dead are raised to life.  
Finished the vict'ry cry

This the pow'r of the cross  
Son of God slain for us  
What a love what a cost  
We stand forgiven at the cross

O sacred Head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down;  
now scornfully surrounded  
with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred Head, what glory,  
what bliss 'til now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered  
was all for sinners' gain:  
mine, mine was the transgression,  
but thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!  
'Tis I deserve thy place;  
look on me with thy favor,  
vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow  
to thank thee, dearest Friend,  
for this, thy dying sorrow,  
thy pity without end?  
O make me thine forever;  
and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
outlive my love to thee.

## Service of Tenebrae

O My people, O My church,  
what have I done to you,  
or in what have I offended you?

Answer Me.

I led you forth from the land of Egypt  
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

***Lord, have mercy upon us.***

I led you through the desert forty years,  
and fed you with manna.  
I brought you through tribulation and penitence,  
and gave you My body, the bread of heaven,  
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

***Lord, have mercy upon us.***

I went before you in a pillar of cloud,  
and you have led Me to the judgment hall of Pilate.  
I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom,  
but you have scourged, mocked and beaten Me.  
I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,  
but you have given Me gall and left Me to thirst;  
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

***Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,  
have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy.***

## The Last Seven Words Spoken from the Cross

Silent Reflection

*After the candle has been placed on the table, signifying the promise of resurrection and victory of the Light of the World over death and the grave, please depart in silence.*

*We thank the following musicians for leading in tonight's service:*

Violin

*Luke Carter*

Piano and Vocals

*TJ Warren*

Vocals

*Amanda Weber*

Audio Team

*Abby Casper*

*Zane Burns*

Guitar

*Nathan Weber*

***Good Friday Noon Service***

*12:00 - 12:35 p.m. in Trinity Hall*

***Easter Sunday Services***

*7:00 a.m. (Sunrise Service)*

*9:00 and 11:00 a.m.*



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