

HOLY COMMUNION



Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026 | 7:00PM

Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church | Marion, Massachusetts

Maundy Thursday

The Thursday in Holy Week is the beginning of what is called the Triduum Sacrum or “the Three Sacred Days.” Maundy Thursday has three major emphases. The first is the commemoration of the Last Supper, the Passover meal, that Jesus shared with his disciples on the very night he was betrayed and handed over to the authorities to be tried and ultimately executed.

The second is the ceremony of foot washing. The term “Maundy” comes from the Latin *mandatum*, from which we derive the English word “mandate.” The mandate given by our Lord on Maundy Thursday is that we are to wash one another’s feet (Jn 13:14–15). His act of humility and service sets an example for us to love and serve one another with that same spirit of humility. The foot-washing ceremony follows the reading of the Gospel and the homily.

The third is the stripping of the altar. At the end of the service the altar is stripped, and all decorative furnishings are removed from the sanctuary. This moving ceremony symbolizes the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers before his crucifixion.

The Word of God

When the prelude begins, please practice silence and ready your heart for worship.

PRELUDE

O Mensch, beweine dein' Sünde gross
O Man, bemoan thy grievous sin

J. S. Bach

Entrance Rite

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

As in that upper room you left your seat

WLP #729 *Sursum Corda*

1. As in that up - per room you left your seat and took a towel and
2. I bow be - fore you, all my sin con - fessed, to hear a - gain the
3. So in re - mem - brance of your life laid down I come to praise you

chose a ser - vant's part, so for to - day, Lord, wash a - gain my
words of love you said; and at your ta - ble, as your hon - ored
for your grace di - vine; Saved by your cross, and sub - ject to your

feet, who in your mer - cy died to cleanse my heart.
guest, I take and eat the true and liv - ing bread.
crown, strength - ened for ser - vice by this bread and wine.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People ***His mercy endures for ever.***

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,

Lord, have mer - cy. have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

THE 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 Lessons

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

¹The 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. 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1, 10-17

Remain seated.

¹I 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?***

¹¹I 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.***

¹³Precious 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.***

¹⁵I 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,***

¹⁷in the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

²³I 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Where charity and love prevail

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GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

¹Now 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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

SEQUENCE HYMN

Where charity and love prevail

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THE HOMILY

The Rev. Deacon Kristine Holmes

FOOT-WASHING DIALOGUE

During the ceremony, the following or other suitable anthems may be sung or said

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas
St. Gabriel's Choir

Taize

Ubi Caritas et amor, *Live in charity and steadfast love,*
ubi caritas Deus ibi est. *live in charity; God will dwell with you.*

Laudate Omnes Gentes

Laudate omnes gentes, *Sing praises, all you peoples,*
laudate Dominum. *sing praises to the Lord.*

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

On this holy day we dine together as the body of Christ, and at the table come to love and serve one another. On this holy day, then, let us pray for the church and the world, saying: Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For the whole church of God, that it may grow in unity and servanthood:
Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For our congregation, that in these holy days we may grow in love for one another and for all people:
Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For those who will be baptized at Easter, that they may rejoice in their passage through death into new life:
Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For all the leaders and people of the world, that reconciliation and peace may overcome conflict and oppression:
Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For the hungry in body or spirit, that they may be fed:
Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For the sick and those in pain, for the lonely and the forgotten, for the dying and all who mourn, especially those on our parish prayer list and those we remember now either silently or aloud...

Silence

that they may know the full extent of God's love for them:

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

In thanksgiving for the saints and martyrs and for all the faithful departed who join us at your table of grace:

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

The celebrant adds a concluding collect

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ave Verum Corpus
St. Gabriel's Choir

W. A. Mozart

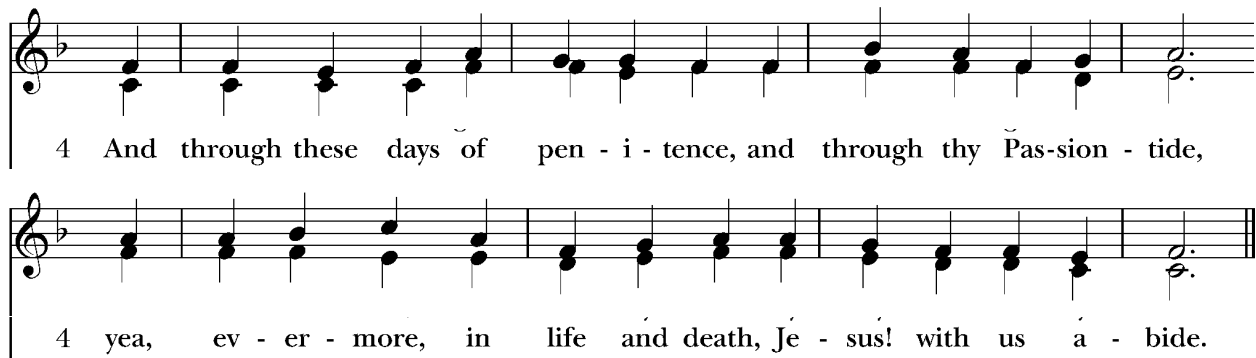
Ave verum corpus natum
de Maria Virginie,
Vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum
unda fluxit et sanguine;
Esto nobis praegustatum
In mortis examine.

*Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
who having truly suffered, was sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
whose pierced side
flowed (with water) and blood:
May it be for us a foretaste (of the Heavenly banquet)
in the trial of death.*

DOXOLOGY

Lord, who throughout these forty days

#142 v. 4 St. Flavian



4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us á - bide.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

Facing the Holy Table, 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

Celebrant and People

S 130 Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. 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 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 LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

The Breaking of the Bread

AGNUS DEI

S 164 Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

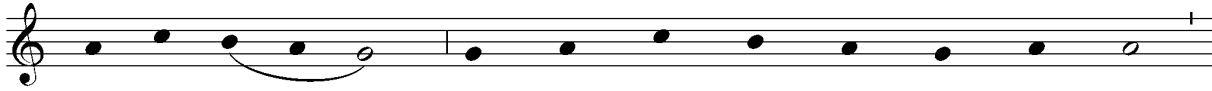
Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION



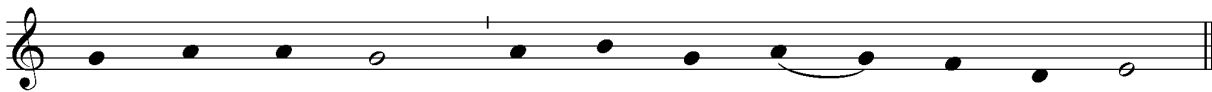
1 Now, my tongue, the mys - tery tell - ing of the glo - rious
 2 Given for us, and con - de - scend - ing to be born for
 3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing mid the twelve, his
 4 Word made flesh, the bread he tak - eth, by his word his
 *5 There - fore we, be - fore him bend - ing, this great Sac - ra -
 *6 Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



1 Bo - dy sing, and the Blood, all price ex - cell - ing,
 2 us be - low, he with us in con - verse blend - ing
 3 cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,
 4 Flesh to be; wine his sa - cred Blood he mak - eth,
 5 ment re - vere; types and sha - dows have their end - ing,
 6 and the Son, hon - or, thanks, and praise ad - dress - ing,



1 which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, once on earth a -
 2 dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, till he closed with
 3 keeps the feast its rites de - mand; then, more pre - cious
 4 though the sens - es fail to see; faith a - lone the
 5 for the new - er rite is here; faith, our out - ward
 6 while e - ter - nal a - ges run; ev - er too his



1 mong us dwell - ing, shed for this world's ran - som - ing.
 2 won - drous end - ing his most pa - tient life of woe.
 3 food sup - ply - ing, gives him - self with his own hand.
 4 true heart wak - eth to be - hold the mys - ter - y.
 5 sense be - friend - ing, makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.
 6 love con - fess - ing who from both with both is One.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER GOD'S PEOPLE

PROCESSION OF THE RESERVED SACRAMENT

Go to dark Gethsemane

#171 *Petra*

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

PSALM 22

DEPART IN SILENCE

**The Stations of the Cross will be held tomorrow
at 12:00 noon starting in the chapel.**

**The Liturgy of the Holy Week continues
tomorrow evening at 7:00pm with the
Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday with Passion Play**

Clergy & Staff

Interim Priest: The Rev. David Fredrickson;
Deacon: The Rev. Kristine Holmes;
Director of Music: David N. Burnham

Assisting at Today's Liturgy

Ushers: Richard Poyant; **Chalice Bearer:** Elizabeth Leatham;
Lector: Doug Leatham; Bruce Breamer
Altar Guild: Pam Parsons, Joan Roller & Suzy Titus

Holy Week Schedule

April 3rd - Good Friday

12:00 PM: Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM: Good Friday Liturgy*

April 4th- Holy Saturday

8:00 PM: The Great Vigil of Easter*

April 5th - Easter Sunday

8:00 AM: Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 AM: Holy Eucharist Rite II *

All are welcome! Come as you are.

LIVE STREAMING

This is available for select services. On the schedule to the right, an asterisk (*) denotes that the service will be live streamed. Visit www.stgabrielsmarion.org for information on how to view these services.

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