

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

APRIL 2, 2026

GATHERING

Silence is kept.

GREETING:

THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

AND ALSO WITH YOU

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

People: Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

Leader: On this day Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

People: On this day Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

Leader: On this day Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

People: On this day Christ our God gave us this holy feast,

Leader: That we who eat this bread and drink this cup may proclaim his holy sacrifice and be part of his resurrection,

People: So we may be with him in heaven.

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN NO. 302 (CELEBRATION) LAMB OF GOD**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you are always true to us in love and we are often less than loving to one another. We are sorry for our faithlessness to you and to one another. Forgive us for our apathy towards those hurting and in need. Give us the will to change, that we may live, learn, and love as you have shown us through your son Jesus. Lead us once again to your table and unite us with Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace and peace.

Silent prayer.

*please stand

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

EXODUS 12:1-4, 11-14

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 13:1-17, 31b-35

SERMON

THE END OF THE JOURNEY

Dr. Kelly

*HYMN NO. 530 (GLORY TO GOD)

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: In the beginning, God made the world:

People: And it was good;

Leader: He filled it with life and with beauty and variety.

People: All that sings, cries, laughs or is silent,

Leader: And all that suffers,

People: Belongs to God.

Leader: God sent his son to earth to redeem us;

People: Filled him with laughter and tears and compassion, filled him with love and devotion.

Leader: He loved the unlovable, touched the untouchable, forgave the unforgivable,

People: Loved by the least, but feared by the leaders; befriended by the weak;

Leader: Deserted by his followers, denied by his friends;

People: With heaven's pardon over earth's mistakes, the Word became flesh.

Leader: When the world would not change,

People: They made a cross for God's own son,

Leader: Fashioned from wood and from hate.

People: An enemy of the state, a danger to religion,

Leader: He was nailed to the cross by human hands;

People: He died, declaring God's forgiveness.

Leader: He rose on the third day, transforming death. He ascended into heaven.

People: He sent the Holy Spirit to guide us.

Leader: He sets before us bread and wine, and invites us to his table.

People: This is the place where we are made whole again.

Leader: For God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world,

ALL: BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE REDEEMED.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN 306 (CELEBRATION) ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED?

*CHARGE

Leader: Go in peace.

People: As Christ loves us,

All: Let us love one another. Amen.

DISMISSAL

All depart in silence.

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“One Bread, One Body”

Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Verse 1

Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

Verse 2

Many the gifts,
many the works,
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

Verse 3

Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. *Refrain*