

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Thank you for entering the sanctuary quietly tonight. Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

A Note Concerning Maundy Thursday

The Paschal mystery—the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ—is at the heart of the Christian gospel. The evening of Maundy Thursday begins the Triduum (the three sacred days). This service, together with Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and The Great Vigil of Easter, form a single liturgy; thus, the final blessing and dismissal is reserved for the conclusion of the Easter Sunday celebration.

Maundy Thursday receives its name from the mandatum (commandment) given by our Lord: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34). At the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples' feet and commanded them to love and serve one another as he had done. This day commemorates the Lord's example of servant ministry, the institution of Holy Communion, the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the betrayal leading to his crucifixion.

Organ Prelude:

'Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow

Pat Shroff

- Bradbury / Johnson

Welcome, Call to Worship, and Prayer

Pastor Tim Valentino

Pastor:

Blessed be our God.

People:

Now and forever. Amen.

Hymn 242:

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

Congregation

Scripture Reading:

John 13:1-17

Shawn Garman

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Lector Responder Narthex Greeters Lead Pastor Shawn Garman Pat Strain Dave & Kaye Focht Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino Communion Assistant: Communion Assistant: Communion Table Assistant: Communion Table Assistant: Kirby Keller Pat Strain Gene Bugg Mike Oswald



Pastor Tim Valentino

MINISTRY OF THE TOWEL

Pastor Tim Valentino & Kirby Keller

Worship Song:

"The Servant Song"

Congregation



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Devotional

Pastor Tim Valentino

MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

Communion Servants & Congregation

THE INVITATION

Pastor:

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who truly love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, who dwell in charity with their neighbors, and intend to live a holy life. Draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort, making your humble confession to Almighty God. Let us pray.

THE CONFESSION

All:

Almighty and most merciful God,
we confess and lament that we have sinned
against you in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.
Because the remembrance of our sin is more than
we can bear, have mercy on us, and forgive us.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, pardon us
of all that is past, and grant that we may ever
serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your
holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PARDON

Pastor:

In his great mercy, our Almighty God and heavenly Father has promised forgiveness of sins to all who repent, and with true faith turn to him. May he have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

THE COMFORTING WORDS

Pastor:

Hear these comforting words that Jesus Christ, our Savior, says to all who truly turn to him: God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Sursum Corda

The Lord be with you. Pastor: People: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. Pastor:

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right and good to give him thanks and praise.

Let us pray. It is our joy to give thanks to you in all places and at Pastor:

> all times, Almighty Father. You are the source of all truth, life, and love. You made us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When in our sinfulness we turned away from you and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you with the angels, and archangels, and all the company of heaven, forever singing this hymn to the glory of your name:

The Sanctus (Sung)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory!

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are filled with your glory!

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

All praise and glory are yours, O God our Father, for in your Pastor: tender mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to the world. Your Spirit anointed him to bring good news to the poor, to bind

up the brokenhearted, to comfort those who mourn, to proclaim freedom for captives, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce the year of the Lord's favor. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the wood of the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death, we might be saved. By his resurrection, he broke the bonds of death, trampling hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might

come with confidence before the throne of grace. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The Words of Institution, Fraction, and Pouring

Pastor: On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took the bread, and

he gave thanks: "Blessed are you, Lord our God, king of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth." And when Jesus had given thanks, he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat. This is my body which is given

for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

People: Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Pastor: Likewise, after the supper, Jesus took the cup, and he gave thanks.

"Blessed are you, Lord our God, king of the universe, who brings forth fruit from the vine." And when Jesus had given thanks, he poured the cup and gave it to his disciples, saving, "Take and drink, all of you; for this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for the remission of sin: Do this in remembrance of me."

People: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

Pastor: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the

Lord's death until he comes. Therefore, let us proclaim t

he mystery of faith:

The Memorial Acclamation

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Epiclesis

Pastor: We celebrate this memorial of our redemption, O Father,

receiving these gifts of bread and cup with thanksgiving for the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for us the body and blood of Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy

sacrament and partake of his most blessed body and blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ and one as your church. that Christ may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under Christ and gather us together with all your saints in the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face. We ask this through your Son, who taught us to pray:

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

All:
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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

The Kyrie Eleison

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

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People: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Pastor: Therefore, let us keep the feast. And let us pray:

All: We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,

 $trusting\ in\ our\ own\ right eousness,$

but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same

Lord whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood.

that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.

Amen.

THE RECEPTION

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God. Receive them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. Come, for all things are now ready.

- The **Bread** of Holy Communion
- The Cup of Holy Communion

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,

we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries,

with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us, through this sacrament, of your favor

and goodness towards us:

that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son,

the blessed company of all faithful people;

and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom.

And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father,

to assist us with your grace,

that we may continue in that holy fellowship,

and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in;

Shawn Garman

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:30-46

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

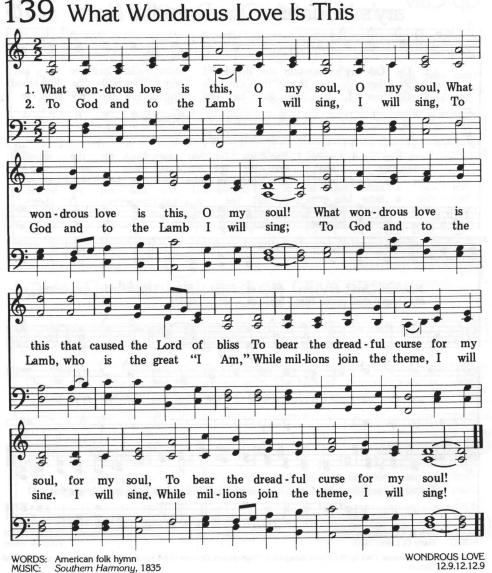
STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL

Hymn 148: "Lead Me to Calvary" (vv. 1, 4 only) Congregation

Hymn 139: "What Wondrous Love is This" (vv. 1, 2 only) Congregation

Depart in Silence





John 13:1-17

¹ It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

 $^7 \mbox{Jesus}$ replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

8 "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹ "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

¹⁰ Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Luke 22:14-23

¹⁴When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

¹⁷ After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸ For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

¹⁹ And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. ²¹ But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. ²² The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!" ²³ They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

Matthew 26:30-46

³⁰ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

³¹Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written:

"'I will strike the shepherd,

and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

³² But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

³³ Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."

³⁴ "Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

³⁵ But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

³⁶Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

⁴⁰Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. ⁴¹ "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

⁴² He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

⁴³ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

⁴⁵ Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"