

# Maundy Thursday Service



**BAS Holy Eucharist**  
**Thursday, April 2, 2026**  
**7:00 p.m.**

***“Journeying together in God’s love”***

## Welcome and Announcements

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### The Introit (Gathering) Hymn

**CP #522** Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

This is the day that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would kill him.

This is the day that Christ gathered with his disciples in the Upper Room.

This is the day that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done for us.

This is the day that Christ gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

### The Collect

**O God, your Son Jesus Christ has left to us this meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and his blood. May we who celebrate this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*(Please sit)*

## **The Readings**

**The First Reading:** A Reading from the Book of

Exodus (*Ch. 12:1-4, 11-14*)

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.

Tell 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. If 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.

This 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.

For 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.

The 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.

This 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.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 116** (vv. 1, 10-17)

**REFRAIN: *I will lift up the cup of salvation.***

I 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. **R.**

How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. **R.**

I will fulfill my vows in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants. **R.**

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds. I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord. **R.**

I will lift my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O **Jerusalem**. Hallelujah! **R.**

**A Reading from St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians** (*Ch. 11:23-26*)

For 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, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In 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."

For 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.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**The Gradual Hymn**

**CP #561** Lord, Your Word Shall Guide Us  
(verses 1-3)

**The Gospel Reading**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to John (Ch. 13:1-17, 31b – 35)

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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.

The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then 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.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

Jesus 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."

For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After 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? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

Little 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.'

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Hymn

**CP #561** Lord, Your Word Shall Guide Us  
(verses 4-6)

### The Sermon

*(After a pause for reflection, please stand, as able, for the Creed)*

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; he ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People *(Please sit)*

### **A Maundy Thursday Prayer Litany**

Lord Jesus,

You knew your hour had come. You knew your betrayer. You knew your enemies. You knew that the straw vote would not be in your favour. But you loved us unto the end.

**Thank you for loving us, even unto death. Teach us to love like you love. Teach us to love each other, even unto death. Teach us to love like you love. Teach us to love each other, to love even our enemies, like you loved us.**

You took on the form of a servant, washing the feet of those you taught. You defined humility and servanthood. You are the one who was surely sent from God.

**Thank you for serving for us. Teach us to be servants without fail. To make humility our constant companion and to seek no glory for ourselves. Remind us when we forget.**

On that solemn evening you surrounded yourself with friends and enemies, persons of faith and persons of ill will.

**Help us to be able to always emulate you when we are surrounded by our friends and especially when we are surrounded by our enemies.**

You have established a "new commandment", help us to live it out in every moment, in every aspect of our lives, in our families, in our churches, in our communities, and throughout the world.

**On this Holy Day, we gather to remember again the miracle that you performed in our lives. You have brought us into the marvellous light. At great cost to you, you have given us new life and life eternal. Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, He welcomes sinners and invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

**All: 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 neighbour 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

### **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### **The Offertory Hymn** (The Prayer of St. Francis)

**Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord.  
Where there is doubt, true faith in You.**

**Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring  
hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light.  
Where there is sadness, ever joy.**

**Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console.  
To be understood as to understand.**

**To be loved, as to love with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace.**

**It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.**

**In giving of ourselves that we receive,**

**And in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

### **Prayer over the gifts**

Father, we spread this table to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ, your Son. Accept all we offer you this day. Bind us together in his love and in the love he has commanded us to bring one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit He took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will, He stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so He won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that He might shatter the chains of evil and death and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection He brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of Your name.

**All:     Holy, holy, Lord God almighty  
          Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.  
          Highest praises, honour, and glory.  
          Be unto your name,  
          Be unto your name. *(sung twice)***

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on this very night that he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way He took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which was shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your servant Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant: As our Saviour has taught us, let us pray,

**All: 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 for ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: We break this bread,

**All: Communion in Christ's body once**

**broken.**

Celebrant: Let your church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymns during Communion**

**CP #649** Breathe On Me, Breath of God

**CP #647** Spirit of the Living God

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment on our hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and he Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**All: Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*CLOSING NOTES:*

*The Blessing and Dismissal are omitted.*

*The ornaments and cloths on the altar and in other places are removed.*

*Following the stripping of the altar, as the lights are dimmed, please leave the church quietly, preferably through the rear door.*

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