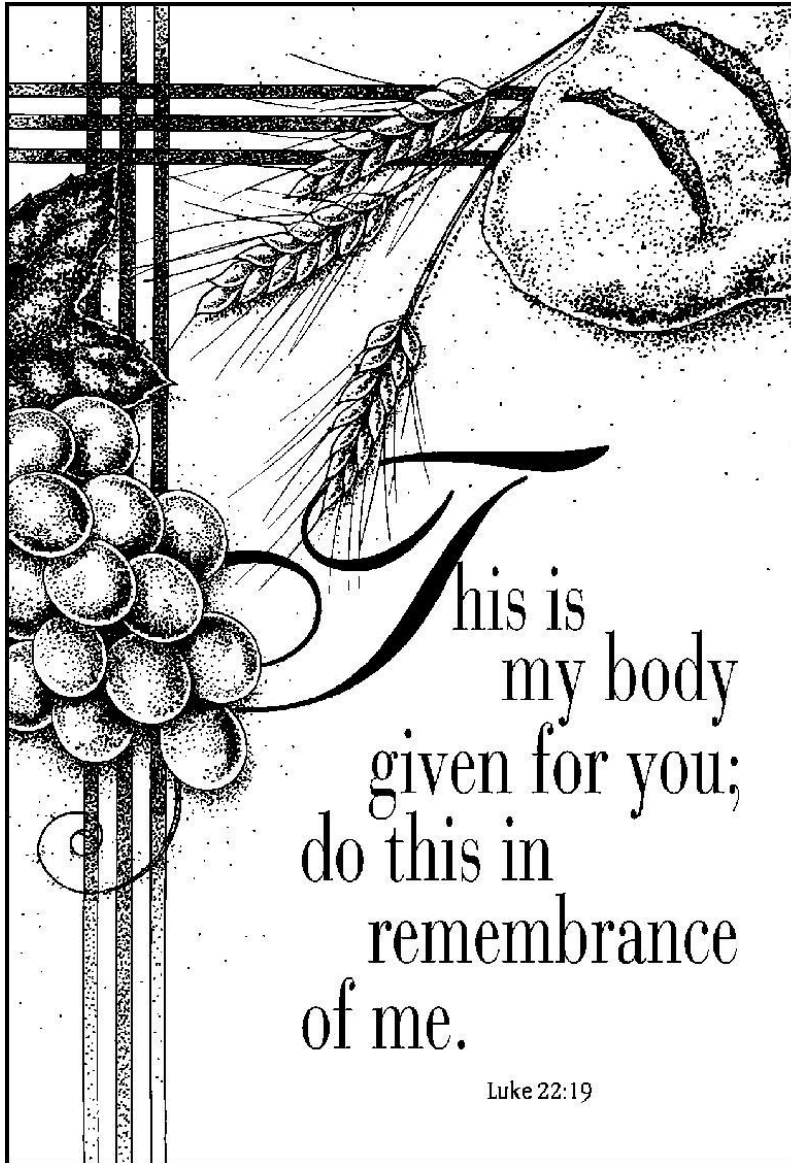


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**Thursday, April 2, 2026**  
**Maundy Thursday, 7.00 pm**  
Dr. Rev. William Bergmann, *Officiant*  
Lee Yezek, *Minister of Music*  
*Chalice: Mary*

**ENTRANCE HYMN: *Go to dark Gethsemane (Petra)* (H 171)**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

**Salutation:**

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:* His mercy endures forever

**Trisagion (*said three times*)**

**Celebrant**        Holy God,  
                          Holy and Mighty  
                          Holy Immortal One,

**People**            **Have mercy upon us.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)**

*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 [5-10] 11-14**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. [<sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from

the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ] <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>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.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

### **PSALM: Psalm 116:1, 10-17**

*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>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.**  
<sup>10</sup>How shall I repay the LORD \*  
**for all the good things he has done for me?**  
<sup>11</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
**and call upon the Name of the LORD.**  
<sup>12</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
**in the presence of all his people.**  
<sup>13</sup>Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
**is the death of his servants.**  
<sup>14</sup>O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.**  
<sup>15</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
**and call upon the Name of the LORD.**  
<sup>16</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people,  
<sup>17</sup>in 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.

<sup>23</sup>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, <sup>24</sup>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." <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>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.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN *Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray (Song 1) (H 315)***

*All stand.*

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

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord 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.

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

## THE HOMILY

### MANDATUM NOVUM: INTRODUCTION AND FOOT WASHING

*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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 359)

*All remain standing.*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE ON THE ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST

*Let us pray for our own needs and others.*

Anna Oliverson, Susan and Kate, Kate and family, Ben, Orvil, JimDerek, Evie and family Beth, Brendan and Corine, and Kate, Elizabeth, Jane, Lisa, Pamela, Brooke, David Andrew, Charlotte and Bob, Ross, Lindy, Ted and Kathy, Doug and the Pecora family, Andrew Ward, John Gallacher, Janet Andrews, Marmi Sheehan, Marcia and Ralph, Shelly Wadsworth, Cathy C., Marion Perault, Sue Sweeney, Ben Meaden, Sherrie Carroll, Bob Berg, Judy and Marlene, Michael, and Marty Cassidy.

## **We pray for those who have recently died**

Sandra, Fran Fletcher, Cora Rose, Albert Caproni, Francis Harnham, Biruta Salte.

## **Thanksgiving for healing**

Jody

### **PRAYER FOR THE PARISH** *(said by all)*

**Almightly and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven  
And earth, hear our prayers for this Parish family. Strengthen  
the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent.  
Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring  
Us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)**

*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**

**OFFERTORY HYMN *O Saving Victim (2) (Herr Jesu Christ) (H 310)***

**The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us.*

*By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn

**SANCTUS S 124 Holy, holy, holy (BCP p.362)**

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*Celebrant:* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say

### **Lord's Prayer**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

#### *People and Celebrant*

**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 forever. Amen**

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

**FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364)**  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*therefore let us keep the feast.*

### **INVITATION (BCP p. 364)**

#### *The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)**

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. *Amen.*

**COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL**

**COMMUNION HYMN: *O Saving Victim (2) (Herr Jesu Christ) (H-310)***

**Post Communion prayer**

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**Let go Forth in Peace.**  
*In the name of Christ.*  
*Amen.*

**The Stripping of the Altar.**  
*During the Stripping of the Altar, Psalm 22 is recite by all*

## Psalm 22

- 1 *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry  
and from the words of my distress?*
- 2 *O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.*
- 3 *Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.*
- 4 *Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.*
- 5 *They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.*
- 6 *But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.*
- 7 *All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,*
- 8 *"He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."*
- 9 *Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.*
- 10 *I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my  
mother's womb.*
- 11 *Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.*
- 12 *Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.*
- 13 *They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.*

- 14 *I am poured out like water;  
all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.*
- 15 *My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.*
- 16 *Packs of dogs close me in,  
and gangs of evildoers circle around me; \*  
they pierce my hands and my feet;  
I can count all my bones.*
- 17 *They stare and gloat over me; \*  
they divide my garments among them;  
they cast lots for my clothing.*
- 18 *Be not far away, O LORD; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.*
- 19 *Save me from the sword, \*  
my life from the power of the dog.*
- 20 *Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.*
- 21 *I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.*
- 22 *Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.*
- 23 *For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.*
- 24 *My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who  
worship him.*

25 *The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \**  
*"May your heart live for ever!"*

26 *All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to  
the LORD, \**  
*and all the families of the nations bow before him.*

27 *For kingship belongs to the LORD; \**  
*he rules over the nations.*

28 *To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down  
in worship; \**  
*all who go down to the dust fall before him.*

29 *My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \**  
*they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.*

30 *They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \**  
*the saving deeds that he has done.*

**At the conclusion of the Stripping of the altar, the lights are dimmed.  
We leave the Church in silence.**



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