

The Meaning of Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday is the day during Holy Week in which Christians commemorate the event of the Last Supper. On that night more than 2,000 years ago, Jesus and his disciples were celebrating a Passover meal when Jesus offered them the bread as his body and the wine as his blood in order to establish a new covenant with them. The word “Maundy” comes from a Latin term meaning “mandate” and refers to Jesus’ command to continue the celebration of this Last Supper. Each time we participate in communion (and especially on Maundy Thursday), the commandment of Jesus is being obeyed.

April 3, Good Friday

7:00 p.m. **Good Friday Service**

April 5, Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. **Community Sunrise Service**
in EPC Courtyard

8:45 a.m. **Traditional Service**

9:45 a.m.—10:30 a.m. **Drop-in Fellowship**
in EPC Courtyard

10:30 a.m. **Jubilee and Traditional Services**

Remember to bring flowers to decorate the flower cross!

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Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026

7:00 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2, 2026

Please enter the Sanctuary in silent reflection.

Prelude

O World, I Must Let You Go

Johannes Brahms

The Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

Call to Worship:

Leader: With the table of our Lord spread before us,

People: we gather to offer ourselves in worship.

Leader: With the table of our Lord spread before us,

People: we pray for strength and new life in our faith.

Leader: With the table of our Lord spread before us,

People: we commit ourselves to lives of service and love.

Leader: With the table of our Lord spread before us,

People: we come to be united as one body together.

Leader: With the table of our Lord spread before us,

All: let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn #498

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

BEACH SPRING

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (Unison):

God of mercy and grace, your table is spread before us and we remember. We remember the love of your Son who washed the feet of the one who would betray him. We remember the love of your Son who broke bread and whose body was broken. We remember the love of your Son and cannot bear the reality of our sin. We are not worthy to be at table or to be served, yet your Son welcomes us and serves us. Forgive us and help us remember our Savior, who was broken that we might be made whole; and in whose name we pray, Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Choral Response to the Assurance of Pardon

Mercy

Craig Courtney

I dare not lift my guilty eyes, I hide my lips in trembling shame. And in the darkness of my soul, I shrink from Your rekindling flame. Kyrie eleison, have mercy. In mercy cover me with grace and blot out my iniquity. Renew my heart and wash me clean; grant with Your pardon, purity. Kyrie eleison, have mercy. In equal measure of Your love You promise mercy, tender compassion to the one who seeks Your face. Broken, fainting soul, a contrite spirit, together cry for Your forgiveness and Your grace. Against You only have I sinned, My deeds are evil in Your sight. Of Your forgiveness let me sing, and in my singing take delight. Kyrie eleison, have mercy.

Susan Betall Boersma

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Unison Reading: John 13:1-5

Focus Text: John 13:6-20

Meditation

“Not Me Lord”

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

*Affirmation of Faith (Heidelberg Catechism, Q 75)

Rev. W. Croskeys Royall

Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat of this broken bread, and to drink of this cup in remembrance of him. He has thereby promised that his body was offered and broken on the cross for me, and his blood was shed for me, as surely as I see with my eyes that the bread of the Lord is broken for me, and that the cup is shared with me.

Also, he has promised that he himself as certainly feeds and nourishes my soul to everlasting life with his crucified body and shed blood as I receive from the hand of the minister and actually taste the bread and the cup of the Lord which are given to me as sure signs of the body and blood of Christ

Hymn of Preparation #508

Come to the Table

COME TO THE TABLE

The Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto The Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

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

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup (Intinction)

Choral Meditation

An Upper Room

Paul Leddington Wright

An upper room did our Lord prepare for those he loved until the end; And his disciples still gather there to celebrate their risen friend. A lasting gift Jesus gave his own, to share the bread, his loving cup; whatever burdens may bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up. And after supper he washed their feet, for service, too, is sacrament; In him our joy shall be made complete, sent out to serve as he was sent. No end there is! We depart in peace; he loves beyond the utter most; in ev'ry room in our Father's house he will be there, as Lord and host.

Fred Pratt Green

The Prayer After Communion

Departing into the World

*Closing Hymn #216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Benediction

Postlude

Ah, Holy Jesus

Johannes Brahms

You are invited to remain in the Sanctuary for prayer and meditation as long as you desire. Please depart in silence to allow others the opportunity for quiet prayer.

*Those who are able, please stand.