

Prior to worship, please observe silence in the sanctuary

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP
APRIL 2, 2026

On this night, Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples, and washed their feet, thus inaugurating the new covenant between God and all people. The the next day he seals this covenant with his blood. He was betrayed by Judas, deserted by his disciples, and handed over to be crucified. From the cross Jesus spoke, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Prelude and Personal Meditation

Welcome

please stand

God calls us to worship. Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also, with you.

Let us pray.

Good and gracious God, whose blessed Son revealed himself in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold Jesus in all his redeeming work. Create in us compassionate hearts that we may love others as you have loved us through your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn #712 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Please sit

HUMBLE SERVICE

Jesus Serves

John 13:1-11, John 13:12-17

Reflection

The Call to Humble Service

Confession

Lord Jesus, before the disciples gathered with you at table, you washed their feet. You washed us in baptismal waters through cross and resurrection free us from the power of sin and the sting of death. You invite all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens to come to you. The darkness in our world brings us grief and our sins weigh heavily upon us. We come to you Lord Jesus Christ to lay down our burdens, confess our sins, and receive your gift of rest.

silence for confession

Gracious God, in our pride and weakness we fell short of your desire for us this day. We sinned against you and our neighbor. Set us free from these burdens and for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, forgive us.

Friends, remember how Saint Paul asked if anything could separate us from God's love — Hardship? Trouble? Things going wrong?

"No," he said, "Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Friends, remember how Saint John declared, "If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and purify us from all our sin."

I declare to you that through Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior, God forgives you, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn

"Jesu, Jesu"

Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
- 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
- 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

Refrain



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

SACRAMENTAL MEAL

Jesus Institutes the Meal Luke 22:7-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Reflection

Jesus Communes with All who Live in Him

Words of Institution

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

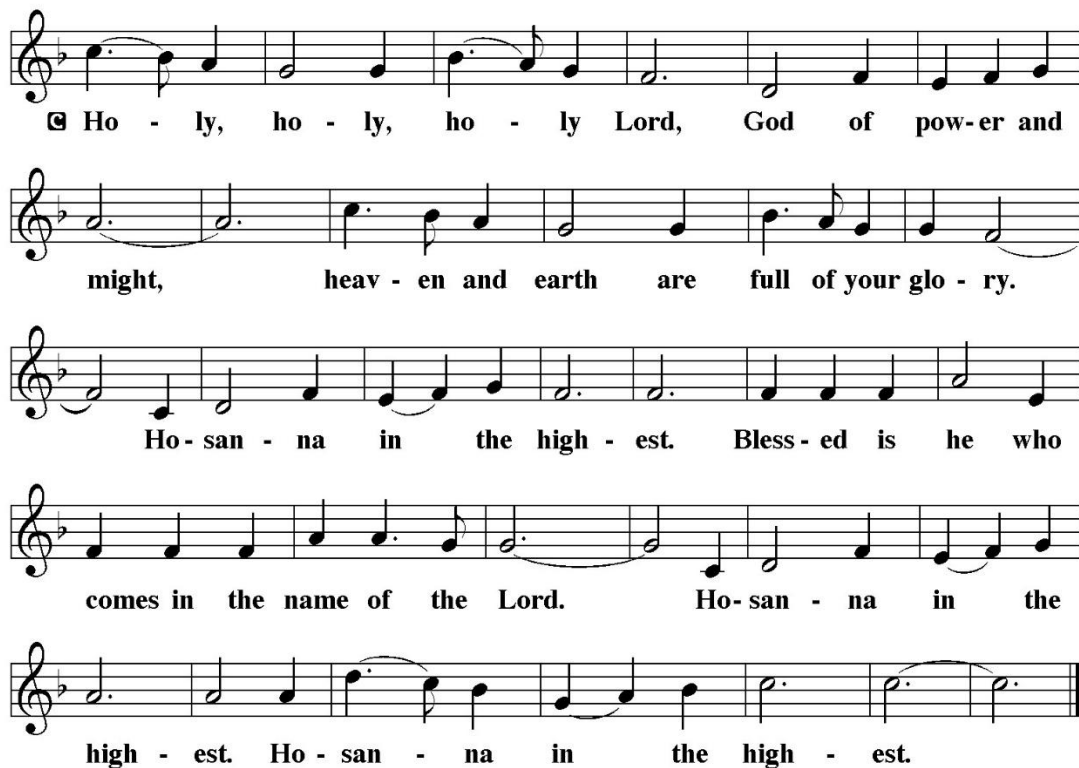
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy... and join their unending hymn.

Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy”



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was prepared... the great mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

**Our Father who art in heaven, 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 day bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass 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.**

Distribution of the Sacrament

Music

“Let Us Break Bread Together”



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

LIFE IN THE RISEN CHRIST

Jesus Teaches John 14:1-7, John 15:1-4, John 16:12-16

Reflection What Jesus Promises Disciples:
Place, Vine, & Advocate

Prayer of Disciples

Hymn

“Stay With Me”

Sing three times

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat. The melody is written in the top staff, and the bass line is in the bottom staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first measure contains the words 'Stay with me,' followed by 're - main here with me,' and 'watch and' in the final measure.

pray. Watch and pray.

The second system of musical notation also consists of two staves in the same key signature and clefs as the first system. The melody continues in the top staff, and the bass line is in the bottom staff. The lyrics are 'pray.' followed by 'Watch and pray.' in the final measure.

WATCH AND PRAY

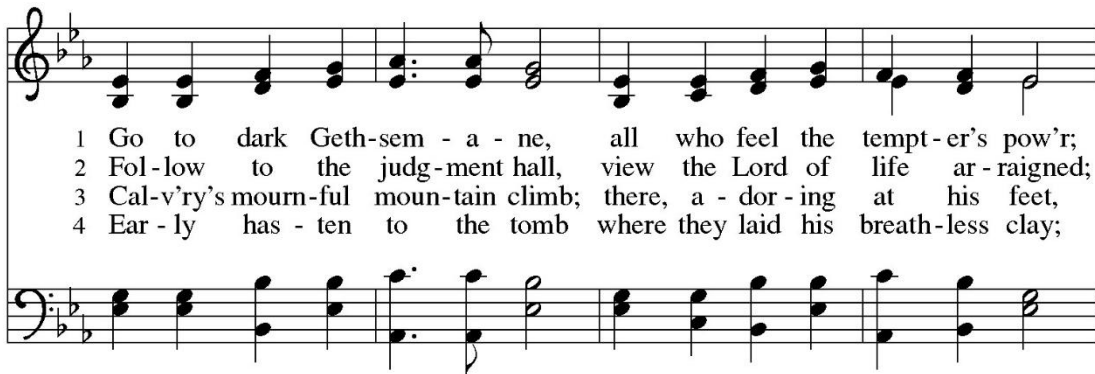
Jesus Prayers Matthew 26:36-41

Reflection “Jesus Beckons Us to Watch & Pray”

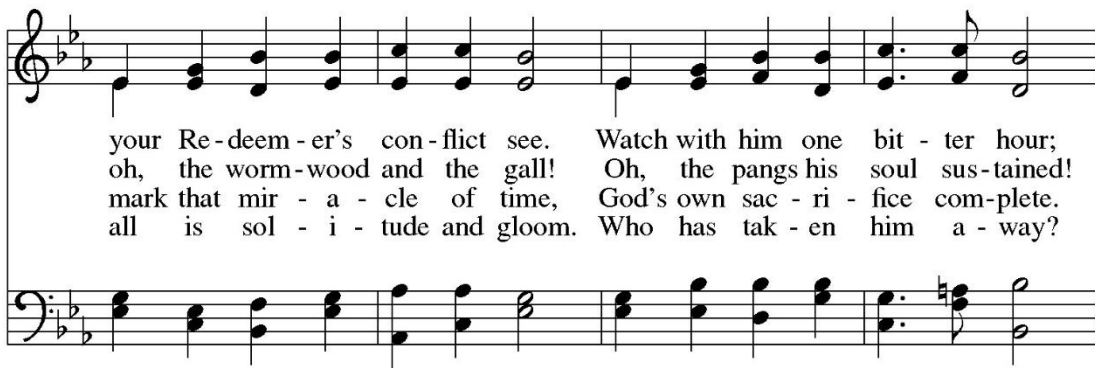
Closing Prayer

Hymn

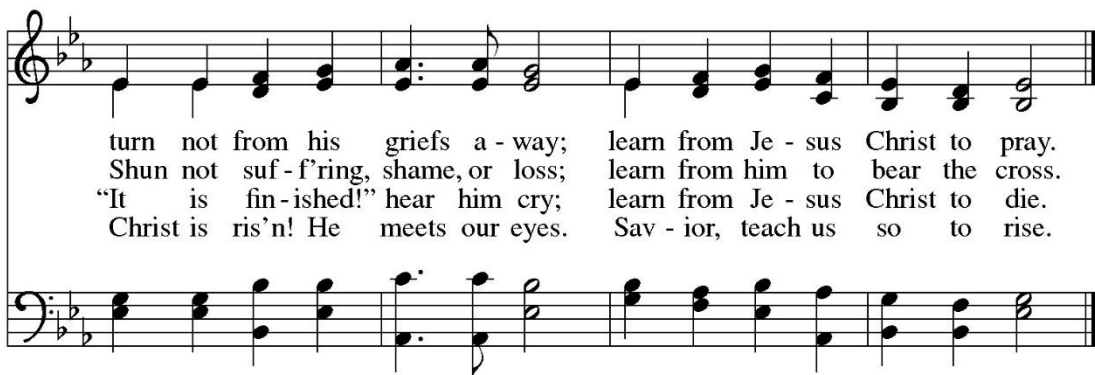
"Go to Dark Gethsemane" (vs. 1-3)



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt-er's pow'r;
2 Fol-low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;
3 Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor-ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath-less clay;



your Re-deem-er's con-flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin-ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Jesus Arrested

Matthew 26:47-56

Go in Peace

Youth participating in tonight's service:

Maya Buchanan
Girum Charles
Nikolas Curty
Emma Frase
Anne Hosler
Ellen Hosler
Josie Lynch
Collin Maryniak
Patrick Maryniak
Jadon Matias
Grace McCormick
Audrey Myallis
Susanna Myallis
Max Ruschenberg
Kayla Stuckey
Travis Stuckey
Leila Testa
Ryder Troxell

Worship Schedule

Good Friday

12:15 pm: Community Worship at Lititz Springs Park

7:00 pm: Tenebrae Service – St. Paul Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

*8:15 am: Worship - St. Paul Sanctuary
Prelude begins at 8:05 am*

*9:30 am: Easter Fellowship for all ages in the Social
Hall with coffee, food and activities.*

*10:45 am: - Worship - St. Paul Sanctuary
Prelude begins at 10:35 am*