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### Join us for *Holy Week & Easter*

- Maundy Thursday Worship (April 2): Noon and 6<sup>pm</sup>
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# MAUNDY THURSDAY



# MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.



**Prelude** "Maundy Thursday Meditations" organ

## Welcome and Announcements

**Confession and Forgiveness** see screen

## Laying on of Hands

**Hymn** "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" ELW 608

**Hymn** "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" ELW 529

## Greeting & Prayer of the Day

**First Reading** Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

**Psalm** 116:1-2, 12-19

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**Special Music** "Why" Judy Gittus (12 pm)  
"In All Things Love" Chancel Choir (6 pm)

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

**Sermon** For You

**Hymn of the Day** "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" on screen

## Prayers of Intercession

**Peace**

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

Offering

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion - Distribution - First Communion

Communion Hymns

"Lamb of God"

ELW p. 144

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

ELW 479

"As the Grains of Wheat"

ELW 465

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

ELW 471

Prayer After Communion

## Stripping of the Altar

ELW p. 261

- The congregation departs in silence. -

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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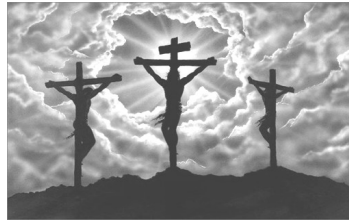
# GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2026 | 3 & 6 PM



## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days at Easter.



### - We Gather in Silence -

Gathering Hymn	"Go the Dark Gethsemane"	ELW 347
Prayer of the Day		
First Bible Reading	Isaiah 52:13-53:9	
Second Bible Reading	Hebrews 10:16-25	
Gathering of Gifts	"Crucified"	Chancel Choir
Offering Prayer		
Gospel Acclamation	"Return to the Lord"	
Gospel	John 18:1-19:42	



*Throughout Christian history, references to "the Jews" in scripture—particularly in John and Acts—have been used to perpetuate negative stereotypes and falsely assign blame for the death of Jesus. These references gloss over significant distinctions among religious leaders, such as Pharisees, scribes, and Sadducees, and obscure the fact that Jesus and his disciples were themselves Jews. As Christians, we confess and lament the history of anti-Judaism associated with these texts. We renounce the evils of violence and discrimination against Jewish people. We strive for mutual understanding, respect, and partnership with Jewish neighbors and commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation among people of all faiths.*

### Gospel Part 1

Hymn "In All Our Grief" ELW 615, vs. 1  
Sensing the Gospel - Reflection & Prayer Activity

### Gospel Part 2

Sensing the Gospel - Reflection & Prayer Activity  
Hymn "In All Our Grief" ELW 615, vs. 2

### Gospel Part 3

Sensing the Gospel - Reflection & Prayer Activity

### Gospel Part 4

Sensing the Gospel - Reflection & Prayer Activity

Hymn "In All Our Grief" ELW 615, vs. 4

### Gospel Part 5

Hymn "In All Our Grief" ELW 615, vs. 3

Sensing the Gospel - Reflection & Prayer Activity

### Gospel Part 6

*Silence for prayer and reflection.*

Hymn of the Day "Christ, the Life of All the Living" ELW 339

The Lord's Prayer *Congregation stands.*

Procession of the Cross *Please, turn and face the cross as it moves.*

- The Congregation Departs in Silence -

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### GATHERING

Prelude	“Easter Meditations”	organ
Opening Litany		
Gathering Song	“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”	ELW 365
Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		

### WORD

First Reading	Acts 10:34-43	
Psalm	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	
Children’s Hymn	“Christ is Risen! Alleluia!”	ELW 382, vs. 1
Children’s Word	Thankful Hearts	
Gospel	Matthew 28:1-10	
Sermon	Heaven and Earth	
Hymn of the Day	“O Day Full of Grace”	ELW 627, vs. 1, 3, 5
Nicene Creed		ELW p. 104
Prayers of Intercession		
Peace		

### MEAL— Sacrament of Holy Communion

Gathering of Gifts		
Offering Prayer		
Great Thanksgiving		
Dialogue		
Preface		
Holy, Holy, Holy		
Thanksgiving at the Table		
Lord’s Prayer		
Distribution		
Communion Song	“Morning Has Broken”	ELW 556
Prayer After Communion		

### SENDING


Announcements		
Blessing		
Sending Song	“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”	ELW 367, vs. 1, 2
Dismissal		
Postlude	“Christ is Risen”	organ

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Opening Litany  
 Gathering Song “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” ELW 365  
 Greeting  
 Prayer of the Day

### WORD

Musical Offering “Easter Joy” Bethel Ringers  
 First Reading Acts 10:34-43  
 Psalm Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
 Children’s Hymn “Christ is Risen! Alleluia!” ELW 382, vs. 1  
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 Gospel Acclamation ELW p. 142  
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### GATHERING

Prelude	"Easter Alleluia"	organ
	"Easter Joy"	Bethel Ringers (9:30 am)
Call To Worship	"Rise Up, Easter Morning"	Chancel Choir
Opening Litany		
Gathering Song	"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"	ELW 365
Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		

### WORD

Musical Offering	"On the Third Day"	Chancel Choir, Brass Timpani, Strings
First Bible Reading	Acts 10:34-43	
Musical Offering	"We Fall Down"	Men's Quartet (8 & 11 am)
	"The Name of Jesus"	Sing For Joy (9:30 am)
Second Bible Reading	Colossians 3:1-4	
Children's Hymn	"Christ is Risen! Alleluia!"	ELW 382, vs. 1
Children's Word	Who Knows Your Name?	
Gospel Acclamation		
Gospel	John 20:1-18	
Sermon	Loved, Called, and Sent	
Hymn of the Day	"Now the Green Blade Rises"	ELW 379
Prayers of Intercession		

### MEAL— Sacrament of Holy Communion

Gathering of Gifts	"O, God, Beyond All Praising"	Bethel Brass
Offering Prayer		
Words of Institution		
Lord's Prayer		ELW p. 112
Invitation to Communion		
Communion Song	"Lamb of God"	ELW p. 146
Musical Offering	"Rejoice! The Lord is King"	Men's Quartet (8 & 11 am)
	"You Are"	Sing For Joy (9:30 am)
Communion Hymn	"Thine is the Glory"	ELW 376
	"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!"	ELW 377
	"This Joyful Eastertide"	ELW 391
Prayer After Communion		

### SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Song	"Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"	ELW 389, vs. 1, 3, 5
Dismissal		
Postlude	"Festive Postlude on Llanfair"	organ

### RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

## EASTER Day



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Bible Reading Acts 10:34-43

Children's Sermon Who Knows Your Name?

Gospel John 20:1-18

Sermon Loved, Called, And Sent

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