

April
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MAUNDY

Thursday



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Artwork created by Caroline Renee Loy.

Maundy Thursday

Celebration of Worship

7:00pm

April 2, 2026

Welcome

Centering Words

With nightfall, our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to begin the three days during which we participate in the saving story of Jesus' passing over from death to life. At the heart of Maundy Thursday is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the judged and forgotten ones. At the Lord's Table we remember Jesus' giving of his life for all creation, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world. Tonight's service concludes with the stripping of the sanctuary. This action symbolizes the transition from the celebration at the Lord's Table to the crucifixion and death of Jesus. Come, as we journey to the table, the cross, and finally, the empty tomb together.

Prelude

Bread of Heaven

Marc Jordan

*Call to Worship

We gather tonight to tell the old, old story.

**a story of bitterness and betrayal,
of despair, denial and death.**

We gather tonight to tell an even older story
prepared before the worlds began:

**a story of love powerful enough
to rewrite our endings
with the promise of new life.**

In the telling of the story,
in the breaking of the bread,
in the coming of the night,
we draw near to Christ once more.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 525

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

Confessional Prayer

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Receive these words, and let them dwell in your body: God's final word to us will always be love. **We are a forgiven people; let us be a people of forgiveness.**

*Hymn (GTG) No. 501, verse 1**Feed Us, Lord*

FEED US

¹Now 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

*Hymn (GTG) No. 501, verse 2**Feed Us, Lord*

FEED US

⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 501, verse 3**Feed Us, Lord*

FEED US

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*Hymn (GTG) No. 501, verse 4**Feed Us, Lord*

FEED US

Meditation

Biscuits on Windowsills

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

Anthem

You are the Bread
(*Emmanuel Chancel Choir*)

Ruth Elaine Schram
From The Living Last Supper

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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 our thanks and praise.

(Minister continues praying)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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 daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, amen.

Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

*Communion of the People

(Please come forward using the center aisle and return to your seats using the side aisle. If you are not able to come forward, remain in your seat and you will be served. Gluten free bread and cup are available on the small table in the center aisle.)

Prayer

The Stripping of the Sanctuary

Departure in Silence

You may remain in prayer or depart in silence.

The service continues tomorrow night (Good Friday) with our Tenebrae Service of Shadows at 7 p.m.

*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

Words in **bold print** are said in unison by the congregation.

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Worship Leaders

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Brittney Axton, Director of Music

Dr. Tak Yan Yeung, Organist

Dina Ferreira, Liturgist

Emmanuel Chancel Choir