

# Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026 • 7:30 p.m.

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*The People's responses are in **bold**.*

## PRELUDE

Prelude *De profundis*

Herbert Howells

## The Word of God

### INTROIT

*Nos autem gloriari*

G.P. da Palestrina

*Nos autem gloriari oportet in cruce  
Domini nostri Jesu Christi:  
in quo est salus, vita et resurrectio nostra:  
per quem salvati et liberati sumus.*

It is right for us to glory in the cross  
of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection;  
by whom we are saved and delivered.

—Introit for Maundy Thursday

*Stand in body or spirit*

### HYMN 170

To mock your reign, O dearest Lord

*The Third Tune*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION & PENITENTIAL SENTENCE

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**His mercy endures for ever.**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. —1 John 1:8–9

### THE CONFESSION OF SIN *Kneel or remain standing*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that 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.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE *Stand in body or spirit*

*Gloria in excelsis*, S280, Robert J. Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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 *Sit*

### FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:1-4,11-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

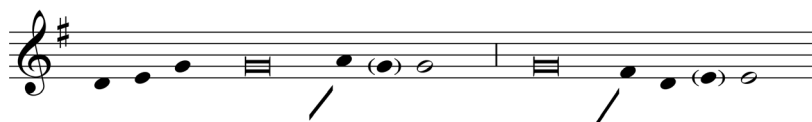
This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 116:1, 10-17

Plainsong, Tone 2.1



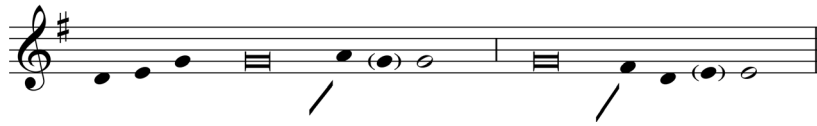
*Cantor* 1 *I love the* LORD, because he has heard the voice of my suppli-/cation, \*  
*All* because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called / upon him.

10 How shall I repay the / LORD \*  
for all the good things he / has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of sal-/ vation \*  
and call upon the Name / of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the / LORD \*  
in the presence of all / his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the / LORD \*  
is the death of / his servants



- 14 O LORD, I am your / servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed / me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of / thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name / of the LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the / LORD \*  
in the presence of all / his people,
- 17 In the courts of the / LORD's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O / Jerusalem.

## SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

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, 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.” 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.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand in body or spirit*

HYMN LEVAS 74

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

Ghana Folk Song

## THE GOSPEL

John 13:1–17, 31b–35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON *Sit*

Karen Carter

## THE FOOT-WASHING *Remain seated*

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that we may recall whose servant we are by following the example of our Master. Come remembering his admonition that what will be done for us is also to be done by us to others, for “a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

*Those desiring to have their feet washed should remove their shoes and come forward to the chairs near the chancel steps.*

## ANTHEM

Mandatum sentences

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*Ubi caritas*

Maurice Duruflé

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.

*Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.*

Christ’s love has gathered us into one.

*Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.*

Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.

*Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.*

Let us fear, and let us love the living God.

*Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Kneel or stand in body or spirit*

Hear us, O God, as you have promised, and respond as may be best for us as we lift our voices in prayer saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

May your Church be a sacrament to the world, showing forth your love to the world, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, and led by the teachings and example of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

May our nation be blessed with leaders who serve with humility and the desire to work on behalf of all. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

May your creation be healed of the damage we have done, and may we be advocates of new and better ways of living that are sustainable and life-giving. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

May your people gathered here be ever mindful of the love of Christ and inspired by his example to embrace his way and be your agents of love in a hurting world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

May all who know sickness and pain know your healing presence in their lives and be made whole and at peace. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

May the dead be remade through your eternal love and rise again in your new age. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The Presider then prays the following Collect*

Through Christ, you have gifted us with all we need for the abundant life you have offered. Remember your love for us, and lead us ever deeper into relationship with you and with one another; through Christ we pray, who with you and the Holy Spirit are One God, eternal and almighty.  
**Amen.**

**THE PEACE** *All standing*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

**WELCOME** *Sit*

## The Holy Communion

**THE OFFERTORY**

*In the Offertory, the People's gifts of bread, wine and money are offered at the Altar. We give back to God from the abundance of God's blessings in recognition that all we have is a gift from God. An offering is received to support the mission of St. Paul's to provide a spiritual home for all to seek, serve, and love God together. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed or via Venmo.*



**ANTHEM**

Drop, drop, slow tears,  
and bathe those beauteous feet,  
which brought from heaven  
the news and Prince of Peace.

A Litany

Cease not, wet eyes,  
his mercies to entreat;  
to cry for vengeance  
sin doth never cease.

William Walton

In your deep floods  
drown all my faults and fears;  
nor let his eye  
see sin, but through my tears.  
— Phineas Fletcher (1582–1650)

**HYMN 164** *Stand in body or spirit*

Alone thou goest forth, O Lord

*Bangor*

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

**Celebrant**      The Lord be with you.

**People**            And al - so with you.

**Celebrant**      Lift up your hearts.

**People**            We lift them to the Lord.

**Celebrant**      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Sanctus* S113, John Merbecke

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:  
 Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be  
 to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*Remain standing or kneel*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."



## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Fraction Anthem S157, Agnus Dei*

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

## THE PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. The Celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by those viewing the service online.*

**In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.**

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. (Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.)

## THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION *Sit*

*All are welcome at the Lord's table at Saint Paul's. Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. All are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing— please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. **In the interest of public health, Saint Paul's does not practice intinction, that is, the dipping of the Bread into the Wine.** Gluten-free wafers are available at the Altar rail. If you are mobility impaired, and would like Communion brought to your pew, simply notify an usher. If you would like to learn more about Baptism, please speak to one of our priests.*

**ANTHEM**

God so loved the world

John Stainer

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. —John 3:16, 17

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER** *Stand in body or spirit*

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,**  
**you have graciously accepted us as living members**  
**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**  
**and you have fed us with spiritual food**  
**in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**  
**Send us now into the world in peace,**  
**and grant us strength and courage**  
**to love and serve you**  
**with gladness and singleness of heart;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE** *Kneel in body or spirit*

*Consecrated Bread and Wine to be reserved for use on Good Friday are processed to the Altar of Repose in the Chapel of the Cross. Tonight this chapel represents the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus asks his disciples to wait, watch, and pray with him.*

*During the procession, the following hymn is sung:*

**HYMN 329** *Remain kneeling* Now, my tongue, the mystery telling (*stanzas 1–4*)*Pange lingua***THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR** *All kneeling in body or spirit*Psalm 22, *Deus, Deus meus*

*The lights are dimmed as the Altar, Sanctuary and Chancel are stripped of adornment.*

*During this time, the choir chants the psalm.*

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| <p>1. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *<br/> and are so far from my cry<br/> and from the words of my distress?</p> <p>2. O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not<br/> answer; *<br/> by night as well, but I find no rest.</p> <p>3. Yet you are the Holy One, *<br/> enthroned upon the praises of Israel.</p> <p>4. Our forefathers put their trust in you; *<br/> they trusted, and you delivered them.</p> <p>5. They cried out to you and were delivered; *<br/> they trusted in you and were not put to shame.</p> <p>6. But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *<br/> scorned by all and despised by the people.</p> <p>7. All who see me laugh me to scorn; *<br/> they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,</p> | <p>8. “He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *<br/> let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”</p> <p>9. Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *<br/> and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.</p> <p>10. I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *<br/> you were my God when I was still in my<br/> mother’s womb.</p> <p>11. Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *<br/> and there is none to help.</p> <p>12. Many young bulls encircle me; *<br/> strong bulls of Bashan surround me.</p> <p>13. They open wide their jaws at me, *<br/> like a ravening and a roaring lion.</p> <p>14. I am poured out like water;<br/> all my bones are out of joint; *<br/> my heart within my breast is melting wax.</p> |
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- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-herd;  
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.

*The People depart in silence.*

*After the liturgy, all are invited to keep watch in the Chapel of the Cross  
until midnight to spend time with Christ's presence.*

**The story of The Great Three Days continues with these services:**

**— Friday, April 3 —**

Good Friday Ecumenical Service, Noon—3 p.m. (*Livestreamed*)

Good Friday Family Service, 5:30 p.m.

The Good Friday Liturgy, 7:30 p.m. (*Livestreamed*)

**— Saturday, April 4 —**

Holy Saturday Liturgy, 10 a.m.

Family Easter Vigil, 5:30 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter at Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, 8 p.m.

**— Sunday, April 5 —**

Easter Day Holy Eucharist, 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. (*Livestreamed*)

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## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

<i>Presider</i>	The Rev'd T.J. Freeman <i>SMMS</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	Cathy Albers, Karen McKeehan
<i>Preacher</i>	Karen Carter	<i>Crucifer</i>	April Siegel-Green
<i>Gospeller</i>	The Rev'd Patricia Rose	<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ann Kitchen, Carolyn Mawhorter, Jim Nicks, Liz Richmond, April Siegel-Green
<i>Senior Choir</i>	Kevin Jones, <i>Director</i>		
<i>Organist</i>	Kevin Jones	<i>Chalice Ministers</i>	John Gates, April Siegel-Green
<i>Lectors</i>	Steven Mawhorter, Ann Kitchen	<i>Livestream Operator</i>	Andrea C. Turner
<i>Intercessor</i>	Cathy Albers		

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