



MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2, 2026

Prelude **Jessica Haigh**

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn** **ACS #1034, *When It Seems the Day Will End

***Confession and Forgiveness**

L: Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

L: Most merciful God,

**C: 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.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

***Greeting**

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

C: **And also with you.**

***Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray.

C: **Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Word

P God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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

An introduction:

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

The reading:

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴If 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.

¹¹This 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³The 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.

¹⁴This 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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

An introduction:

In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

The reading:

²³For 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation for Lent**..... *ELW Setting 8, p. 189*

*Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.
Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.
Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.*

***Gospel**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

L: The holy gospel according to John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Intro:

The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.

The reading:

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." 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."

^{31b}"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."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Scott

Hymn of the Day ELW #336, *Lamb of God*

***Prayers of Intercession**

L: Let us pray for new life in the church, new hope for the world, and God's love for all who are in need.

After each petition:

L: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We pray to you, O God, in the name of the one who endured the cross, forgives our sin, and feeds us at his table, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***Peace**

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

***Offertory** ELW #712, vs 1, *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

Lord, whose love in humble service

bore the weight of human need

Who up on the cross, forsaken

worked your mercy's perfect deed

We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart

Consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart

***Offering Prayer**

L: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.

C: As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION MILESTONE BLESSING

Students come forward with their parents.

To the students: Children of God, in the water of baptism you were washed, forgiven, named and claimed as God's beloved. And now, on this holy night of our Lord's Last Supper, you will receive the living presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and in the wine. Jesus' body was broken and his blood was shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do you believe this?

Students: **We believe.**

To the parents: Parents, in faithfulness to the baptismal promises you made, you are exhorted to regularly bring your children to worship so they may receive the sacrament and continue to be fed and strengthened throughout their journey of faith. Will you fulfill this promise?

Parents: **We will.**

(Parents are invited to place their hands on their child's head in blessing.)

Prayer of Blessing: Heavenly Father, creator of water, bread, and wine, bless these children as they participate in your Holy Meal. May sharing in the sacrament of Holy Communion grant them joy and peace now and throughout their lives. Open their hearts to receive Jesus, the Bread of Life. Fill them with the assurance of your love and forgiveness. Strengthen them for a life of service and give them a foretaste of the feast to come.

All: **Amen.**

***Great Thanksgiving**

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

***Words of Institution**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught.

C: **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 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.**

Invitation to Communion & Distribution

Distribution Hymns **ELW #471**, *Let Us Break Bread Together*
ELW #483, *Here Is Bread*

Prayer after Communion

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

P: Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Stripping of the Altar

The stripping of the altar is symbolic of Jesus' humiliation at the soldier's hands. As the linens, paraments, ornaments, and candles are removed, Psalm 22 is read.

There is no benediction.

All leave the sanctuary in silence.



HOLY COMMUNION

The following participated in our First Communion Class:

Name of child

Parents

Vivian Arens

Ashleigh & Rhett Eilts

Raegan Bennett

Lacey & Matt Bennett

Maci Davis

Taya & Gaven Davis

Kylie Giblin

Stacy & Scott Giblin

Grace Hagen

Luke & Shannon Hagen

Sereana Kingsbury

Rajeana Kingsbury

Michael Kingsbury

Rajeana Kingsbury

Amelya Lanning

Sydney & Grant Lanning

Ella Leighton

Danielle & Jordon Leighton

Brigston Nath

Christina & Jon Nath

Reed Schutz

Amanda & Scott Schutz

Olivia Sperlich

Bobbie & Cris Sperlich

Keller Styer

Tammy & Jason Styer

