



Maundy Thursday

Trinity Episcopal Church

Thursday, April 2, 2026

6:45 PM

*I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another.*

- John 13:34, NRSV

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! It is an honor and a privilege to worship with you on this holy evening.

The first night of the Holy Triduum, Maundy Thursday takes its name from Jesus' *mandatum novum* to his disciples, the "new commandment" that we love one another as he has loved us (John 13:34).

On this night that he was betrayed, Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist, the sacrament of his Body and Blood, instructing that we break bread together and share the cup in remembrance of him.

To demonstrate the humble service to which we are called, Jesus washed his disciples feet. Tonight, we will all have the opportunity to have our feet washed, and to wash one another's feet. Please know the foot-washing ceremony is entirely optional.

Finally, in anticipation of Good Friday, we will "strip the altar." Ornaments and paraments will be removed from the sanctuary after Communion to reflect the barrenness of Gethsemane and desolation of Calvary. After the altar has been stripped, you are invited to remain in prayer until you are ready to depart in silence.

As has been the case for our ecumenical services throughout Lent, our offerings tonight will support Hope Shores Alliance and The Friendship Room. May our bonds of mutual affection thus extend into the community, healing the Body of Christ.


All that you need for worship can be found in this bulletin. Congregational responses appear in **bold**.

Entrance Hymn


H-304

“I come with joy to meet my Lord”


Unison or harmony



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.

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A Penitential Order

Cele. Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Deacon Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

The Deacon then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People stand or kneel as silence is kept for recollection of sins. Then, all say

**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.**

The Celebrant then says

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.**

All stand as they are able. The Celebrant says

Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Cele. Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Cele. The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Cele. 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

The First Reading Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14a The Rev. Tom Orth

Lector A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

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. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.”

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response Psalm 116:1, 10-17 *Dilexi, quoniam*

The Psalm appointed is read responsively by whole verse.

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my
supplication, *
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 salvation *
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.

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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.
Hallelujah!

The Second Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 The Rev. Robert Nystrom

Lector A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

For 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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn H-602 "Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love"

Chorus

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
2 Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and
3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

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feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 love. All _____ are neigh-bors to us and you.
 slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

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

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon 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 al-ready 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 rea-son 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. William Rayment

The Washing of Feet

Upon a gesture of invitation, the People may come forward to have their feet washed. After having your feet washed, you are invited to remain to wash another person's feet. If you choose not to, a Minister may do so. Shoes may be removed at the chair where the washing takes place.

For those who feel called to participate but cannot for accessibility or mobility reasons, hand-washing stations have been provided. Similarly, you are invited to remain to wash another person's hands.

Rites for the Washing of Feet

The Ministers go to their stations.

A Minister gives this brief address.

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."

It is reasonable to name that this is an uncomfortable act. May our discomfort provide an opportunity for us to be vulnerable together as members of the body of Christ.

During the music that follows, the People may come to the station.

Hymns During the Washing of the Feet

H-439 "What wondrous love is this"

Unison



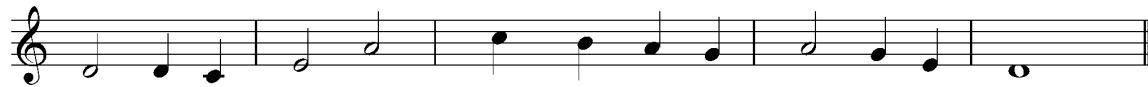
1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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H-655 "O Jesus, I have promised"



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end:
 2 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee,



be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;

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I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

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The Prayers of the People

The Rev. J. Thomas Downs

Let us pray to the Lord for courage to give ourselves to him.

An appointed person then leads the prayers.

Lord, give your Church the courage to give up her preoccupation with herself and to give more time to your mission in the world. May the blood and water flowing from the side of Jesus bring forgiveness to your people and help us to face the cost of proclaiming salvation...

Lord, meet us in the silence,

give us strength and hear our prayer. *(The People pray in silence.)*

Lord, give your world the courage to give up war, bitterness and hatred, and to seek peace. May the shoulders of Jesus, once scourged by soldiers, bear the burden of political and military conflict in our world...

Lord, meet us in the silence,

give us strength and hear our prayer. *(The People pray in silence.)*

Lord, give us the courage to give up quarrels, strife and jealousy in our families, neighborhoods, and communities. May the presence of Jesus, his body once broken and then made whole, bring peace and direction as we live with one another...

Lord, meet us in the silence,

give us strength and hear our prayer. *(The People pray in silence.)*

Lord, give us the courage to give up our selfishness as we live for others, and to give time, care and comfort to the sick and imprisoned. May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch, and the light of his presence fill their rooms...

Lord, meet us in the silence,

give us strength and hear our prayer. *(The People pray in silence.)*

Lord, give us the courage to give up our fear of death and to rejoice with those who have died in faith. May the feet of the Lord Jesus, once nailed to the cross, walk alongside the dying and bereaved in their agony, and walk with us and all your Church through death to the gate of glory...

Lord, meet us in the silence,

give us strength and hear our prayer. *(The People pray in silence.)*

The Celebrant concludes the prayers with the following Collect.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Cele. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People may greet one another with a sign of peace. After the Peace, the People are seated for announcements and the offering.

Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with this sentence of Scripture.

Jesus said, "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."

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L-151 "One Bread, One Body"

One bread, one bod-y,

one Lord of all, one cup of

bles - ing which we bless. And we, though

man - y, through-out the earth, We are one

Last time ⊕

bod - y in this one Lord.

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

1. free, wom - an or man,
 2. works, one in the Lord
 3. grown, gath - ered to one

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D.S.

1. — no more. _____ One
 2. — of all. _____ One
 3. — for all. _____ One

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Lord. _____

The Great Thanksgiving

Cele. The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Cele. Lift up your hearts.

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

Cele. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Cele. 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:

Then the Celebrant continues

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, _____ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. 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.

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."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Ministers and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

The Celebrant continues through the Invocation, then says

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Ministers and People

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Bread is broken and silence is kept. Then the Celebrant says

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Hymns During Communion

325 "Let us break bread together on our knees"



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

Refrain



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



O Lord, have mer - cy on me. _____



3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; _____



let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; _____

Refrain



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



O Lord, have mer - cy on me. _____

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474 "When I survey the wondrous cross"

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an
 Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,
 count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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"In remembrance of me"

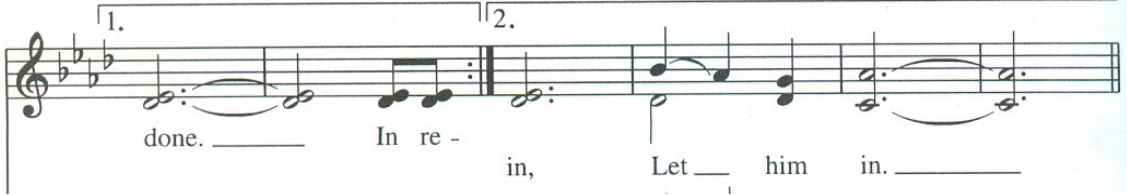
1. In re - mem - brance of me,
 2. (In re -) mem - brance of me,
 1. eat this bread. ___ In re - mem - brance of me, drink this wine. ___ In re -
 2. heal the sick. ___ In re - mem - brance of me, feed the poor. ___ In re -

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1. mem - brance of me, pray for the time when God's_ own will is
 2. mem - brance of me, o - pen the door and let_ your broth - er



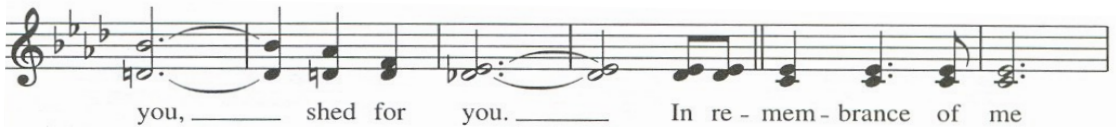
done. _____ In re -
 in, Let_ him in. _____



Take, eat, and be com - fort - ed; drink and re - mem - ber



too. _____ That this in my bod - y and pre - cious blood shed for



you, _____ shed for you. _____ In re - mem - brance of me



search for truth. _____ In re - mem - brance of me al - ways love. _____ In re -



mem - brance of me, don't look a - bove, but in_ your heart _____



_____ look for God. _____ Do this in re - mem - brance of me _____

After Communion, all stand to say

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son. Sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth, until our joy is complete in heaven and we share the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Stripping of the Altar

The People sing the following as the sanctuary is prepared.

Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.

Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.

The People sit or kneel while items are removed from the sanctuary and the altar is washed. During the stripping, a Minister recites Psalm 22, with this antiphon:

Leader: They divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.

All: **They divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.**

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.

**They divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.**

Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

**They divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.**

But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.

All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
"He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

**They divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.**

Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my
mother's womb.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.

**They divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.**

The Stripping of the Altar continues in silence. When it is finished, the Ministers depart. The People are invited to remain in silent prayer, and to depart in silence when they are ready.

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