



# **Welcome to St. Luke's Church Thursday, April 2, 2026**

## **Maundy Thursday**

**Our Vision:  
To Know God and To Make Him Known**

*Visitors are not expected to participate in the offering.  
We hope you enjoy visiting with us today. Please come again soon.*

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## **The Greeting**

Celebrant: Blessed be our God.

**All: Now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: This is the night that Christ the Son of Man gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the night that Christ our Lord and Master took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, calling us to love one another as he has loved us.

This is the night that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his perfect sacrifice.

This is the night that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

## **The Collect**

Celebrant: 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## **Praise and Worship**

### **“Come Now Is The Time”**

Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God,  
Come

One day every tongue will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose You now (Repeat)

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## “At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies  
There's a place where streams of grace  
Flow deep and wide  
Where all the love I've ever found  
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Chorus: At the cross at the cross  
I surrender my life  
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You  
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white  
I owe all to You I owe all to You (Jesus)

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless  
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness  
Where all the love I've ever found  
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Bridge: Here my hope is found, here on holy ground  
Here I bow down here I bow down  
Here arms open wide, here You saved my life  
Here I bow down here I bow (down)

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### The Lessons

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 78:15-26

Corinthians 11:23-34

*At the end of each reading, the lector says:*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### The Gospel

**Sung: Word of God speak  
Would You pour down like rain  
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty**

**To be still and know that You're in this place  
Please let me stay and rest  
In Your holiness, Word of God speak**

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 13:1-15.

**All: Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

*At the end of the reading:*

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sung:           Word of God speak  
                  Would You pour down like rain  
                  Washing my eyes to see Your majesty  
                  To be still and know that You're in this place  
                  Please let me stay and rest  
                  In Your holiness, Word of God speak**

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## **The Message**

### **The Foot Washing**

Celebrant: 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 worldly power and authority, 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 servants we are by following the example of our Master. Come now remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others. Engrave on your hearts and mirror in your actions Jesus' words: "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."

The Lord Jesus, rising from supper, laid aside his outer garments, took a towel, and washed his disciples' feet. Then he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." (John 13:12, 14)

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. (John 13:34)

### **Music During Ministry:**

#### **"I Surrender"**

Here I am down on my knees again  
Surrendering all, surrendering all

Find me here Lord as You draw me near  
Desperate for You, desperate for You  
I surrender

Drench my soul as mercy and grace unfold  
I hunger and thirst, I hunger and thirst

With arms stretched wide I know You hear my cry  
Speak to me now, speak to me now

Chorus: I surrender, I surrender  
I want to know You more, I want to know You more

Bridge: Like a rushing wind Jesus breathe within  
Lord have Your way  
Lord have Your way in me  
Like a mighty storm stir within my soul  
Lord have Your way  
Lord have Your way in me  
(Lord have Your way)  
(Lord have Your way in me)

## **“We Fall Down”**

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus  
The greatness of Your mercy and love at the feet of Jesus

And we cry holy, holy, holy. And we cry holy, holy, holy.  
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

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## **“King Of Kings”**

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus: Praise the Father, praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory, majesty  
Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake You died (Chorus)

And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me (Chorus)

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### **Prayers of the People**

Deacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.” For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. Lord, in your mercy:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: We pray for Steve, our Archbishop, and Julian, our Provincial Dean during the Archbishop’s leave of absence. Lord, in your mercy:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: We pray for Mark, our Bishop, for Allen, our Suffragan Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation. Lord, in your mercy:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: We pray for the diocesan Search Committee for our next bishop. Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Bishop for this Diocese that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, in your mercy:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. Lord, in your mercy:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, in your mercy:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially our Donald, our President, Mike, our Governor, and our senators and representatives. Lord, in your mercy:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord, in your mercy:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in your mercy:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Confession and Absolution of Sin**

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to the Lord.

**All: 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **The Comfortable Words**

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.  
Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15)

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:1-2)

## **The Peace**

Deacon: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Deacon: Exchange with one another the Lord's Peace.

**The Offertory:** (Tithes and offerings are collected at this time)

Celebrant: Our offertory sentences are from scripture. "I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (Romans 12:1)

## **"Oh The Wonderful Cross"**

When I survey the wondrous cross,  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them, to His blood.

Chorus:

Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die  
And find that I may truly live  
Oh the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross  
All who gather here by grace draw near  
And bless your name

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown. Chorus

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an off'ring far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all. Chorus

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Celebrant: All things come of you O Lord  
**All: And of Your own have we given You.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*[We invite all baptized Christians to join us at the Lord's table. We offer communion in the form of bread, wafer, gluten-free wafer, or individually packaged juice and wafer. Once received, step left to drink from the communal cup, or step to the right to intinct (dip) the wafer.]*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.  
**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; and on the night before he suffered, he instituted these holy mysteries; that we, receiving the benefits of his passion and resurrection, might be made partakers of his divine nature.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **The Sanctus**

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest!**

### **The Prayer of Consecration**

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved.

By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory; that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

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

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

## **Mystery of Faith**

Deacon: Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**All: We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection.  
We await his coming in glory.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him so that he may dwell in us and we in him.

And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord:

**All: Face to Face.**

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 forever.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**All: Our Father Who art in Heaven hallowed be Thy name  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done  
On earth as 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 the power and the glory  
Forever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

**All: We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## **The Prayer of Humble Access**

**All: We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies.**

**Apart from your grace, we are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## **The Agnus Dei**

**Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world**

**All: Have mercy on us.**

**Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world**

**All: Have mercy on us.**

**Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world**

**All: Grant us your peace.**

**Celebrant: 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.**

## **Music During Communion:**

### **“How Deep The Father’s Love For Us”**

How deep the Father’s love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life -  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer,  
But this I know with all my heart,  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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### **“Jesus Paid It All”**

I hear the Savior say thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray find in Me thine all in all

Chorus: Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim  
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save my lips shall still repeat

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## **Post Communion Prayer**

**All: Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

## **The Stripping of the Altar**

*The altar is stripped in silence.*

## **The Dismissal**

**Celebrant: When the disciples had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prayed to the Father, 'If it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me.' He said to his disciples, 'How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me for one hour? The hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinners.' Christ was obedient unto death. Go in his peace.**

*(Please exit in silence. Feel free to remain in the Sanctuary in prayer.)*