

Maundy Thursday
April 2, 2026 ~ 8:00 pm

† = People May Stand

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Chimes

Prelude

Jesse Gray

† Call to Worship

We gather tonight to recall the story of the night Jesus was betrayed. Are you prepared to come to the Lord's Table and feast with Jesus, whose life was poured out for you?

By the grace of God, we are.

Are you able to watch with Jesus at prayer in the garden?

By the grace of God, we are.

Are you ready to follow him to the judgment hall and witness his mock trial?

By the grace of God, we are.

Are you ready to worship and adore the one who emptied himself in love?

We are ready.

† Opening Hymn 384 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" *St. Margaret*

Prayer of Confession

On this holy night, we confess that we are not so very different from those who condemned and crucified our Lord. We are like those who denied Jesus – refusing to claim him as Lord of our whole life. We are like those who mocked him – forgetting his power in this world. We are like those who made him a crown of thorns – diminishing his authority in our lives. We are like those who turned away their gaze – afraid to enter into the suffering of this world. Forgive us. Have mercy upon us. And help us to change. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Reading Matthew 26:26-29, 36-46 Pew Bible pages 861-862
Large print Bible pages 36-37

Meditation "Please and Thank You" The Rev. Dr. Ruth L. Boling

† Affirmation of Faith (*The Apostles' Creed*, page 14 in the blue hymnal)

Chapel Choir Anthem "Here at Thy Table Lord" Lani Smith

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer ("debts" and "debtors")

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.

..... who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

Sanctus

Argentine Santo

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!

My heart pours out my praise to you. You are holy, Lord!

Sharing the Bread and Cup

As a sign of our unity in Christ, worshipers are asked to hold the bread until all have been served.

As a sign of our individuality before God, worshipers are invited to partake of the cup as it is served.

Prayer after Communion

THE TENEBRAE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

The Shadow of Betrayal Matthew 26:20-25 Uma Kalu, Sr.

The First Candle is Extinguished.

Hymn 93 “Ah, Holy Jesus” Verses 1 & 2



The Shadow of Desertion Matthew 26:30-35 Mala Bonnet

The Second Candle is Extinguished.

Hymn 97 “Go to Dark Gethsemane” Verses 1 & 2



The Agony of the Soul Luke 22:39-46 Edmond Epitime

The Third Candle is Extinguished.

Hymn 93 “Ah, Holy Jesus” Verses 3 & 4



The Unshared Vigil Matthew 26:42-46 Nancy Edmond

The Fourth Candle is Extinguished.

Hymn 95 “He Never Said a Mumbalin’ Word” Verses 1 & 2



The Shadow of False Accusation John 18:12-14, 19-24 Kareen Singh

The Fifth Candle is Extinguished.

Hymn 95 “He Never Said a Mumbalin’ Word” Verses 3 & 4



The Shadow of Humiliation John 18:33 – 19:3 Bill Dalzell

The Sixth Candle is Extinguished.

Hymn 98 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” Verses 1, 2 & 3



The Shadow of the Cross

Mark 15:15-20

Carlos Monteagudo

The Seventh Candle is Extinguished.

Solo

“Were You There?”

John Dey, Tenor



The Desertion

Mark 14:50

Eve Space

There is no benediction. Please depart in complete silence, reflecting on our Savior's wondrous love. Our worship continues tomorrow evening at 8:00pm.

You may present your offering as you leave the Chapel.