



Maundy Thursday receives its name from the Latin *mandatum novum do vobis*, “A new commandment I give you.”

This new commandment, given by Jesus on the night he washed the disciples’ feet, was “to love one another just as I have loved you.” It is his example of—and our call to—love and service that we remember on Maundy Thursday.

**Prelude**

- O God, Our Faithful God . . . . . Johannes Brahms
- Ah, Holy Jesus . . . . . Sigfrid Karg-Elert
- Tenebrae . . . . . S. Karg-Elert

**Call to Worship**

\*Hymn 209 . . . . . “My Song Is Love Unknown”

**Litany of Confession**

Each of the “Confessions” read by the pastor ends with the phrase  
 “*Lord, have mercy,*”  
 to which the congregation responds,  
 “**Christ, have mercy.**”

**Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news.*  
 People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

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\*Stand as you are able.

## Anthem

“Christ, Our Paschal Lamb” . . . . . John Sheppard  
*Christ, our Pascal lamb, is offered up for us once for all  
when he bare our sins on his body upon the cross,  
for he is the very lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.  
Therefore, let us keep a joyful feast with the Lord.*

## Scripture Lesson

John 13:1–17, 31b–35 . . . . . New Testament, page 101

Meditation . . . . . Judith L. Watt

## Renewing the Commandment

*You are invited to come forward to have your feet washed or, if you prefer, to have your hands washed. This is a gesture of humility and courage as we receive the hospitality and service of another. It is also a way to enter into Jesus’ commandment that we love one another as he has loved us. Foot-washing stations are available in the center and hand-washing stations are located on the left and right sides near the baptismal font and pulpit. If you choose to remain seated during this time, we invite you to join in singing.*

\*Hymn 205 . . . . . “Ubi Caritas”

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

### Invitation

### Great Thanksgiving

Minister: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: *Lift up your hearts.*

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

Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Prayer

Minister: *It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .*

*. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

Sanctus (*sung*) . . . . . The Hymnal, 565

**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, hosanna in the highest.**

Minister: . . . *Great is the mystery of faith:*

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*). . . . . The Hymnal, 566

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

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

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*) . . . . . The Hymnal, page 35

The Communion

Communion Anthem

“Ave Verum Corpus” . . . . . Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*Hail, true body born of the virgin Mary,  
who truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for all;  
whose pierced side overflowed with water and blood.  
Be for us a foretaste in the test of death.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of grace, your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and cup in which we share his body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

\*Hymn 202 . . . . . “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”

*There is no benediction this day.  
Our service and watch continues into the night,  
to the cross of Good Friday and the empty tomb.  
Please depart in silence.*

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#### A NOTE ON HOLY WEEK AND ANTI-SEMITISM

The Passion texts can pose problems for Christian-Jewish relations. For centuries, many Christians blamed “The Jews” for Christ’s death. This interpretation is incorrect, misguided, and dangerous. In fact, crucifixion was solely a Roman form of punishment, one used to frighten subjugated peoples into obeying Roman authority. Tragically, Christians have misused the reading of the Passion to foment violent anti-Semitic pogroms. Anti-Semitism still plagues the world.

We read these texts with sensitivity and caution, remembering the cruelties and failures of our past.

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## THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

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### Holy Week and Easter Worship Opportunities

Maundy Thursday 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Communion Service

Good Friday 12:10 p.m. Worship Service

5:30 p.m. Children’s Program (*in Buchanan Chapel*)

7:30 p.m. Choral Service

Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil (*begins in courtyard*)

Easter Sunday 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach

8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. Easter Worship

9:30 a.m. Children’s Program (*Gratz Center, Floor 4*)

4:00 p.m. Jazz Service with Communion

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