



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

Opening Sentences

Matthew 20:17–19; Luke 22:7–13; John 13:3–5, 33–35

Welcome and Invocation

*Hymn 206. “This Is the Night”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious One, in light of your commandment to love one another as you have loved us, we see our failures to love. We have not remembered or even grasped how much you love us. We have not given that love away. We have neglected each other and argued so much that the world does not see that we are your disciples. Holy God, forgive us, we pray. Free us to know that we are loved and to love one another. Grant us your spirit of forgiveness. We pray in the name of our Servant-Savior, Jesus our Christ. Amen.

Minister: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

People: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

All: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*Stand as you are able.

Anthem

“Sing, My Tongue, Sing!” from *Pange Lingua Variations* . . . Dave Brubeck
*Sing, my tongue, sing! Tell, my tongue, tell! Speak, O my tongue, the mystery.
Glorious his body and precious his blood. Christ, who is King of all people,
poured out his life for our ransom. Fruit of a generous womb; speak to my soul
with this sacrament. To us given; to us born of an inviolate virgin. He who did
pass through this world, sowing the seed of the word, closing his sojourn among
us, perfect in order and harmony.*

The Shadow of Temptation Mark 14:1–11

The Shadow of Betrayal Mark 14:12–25

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

The Lord’s Supper

Communion Anthem

“The Word Made Flesh” from *Pange Lingua Variations*. D. Brubeck
*The Word made flesh transforms true bread into flesh by his own word!
Wine becomes the blood of Christ! And though our senses fail, faith alone
suffices and strengthens the pure in heart. Let us bow down and do homage
to so great a sacrament! The ancient patterns give way to the new observance.
Let faith provide affirmation when feeble human senses fail. Praise to the Father!
Praise to the Son! Praise the Spirit in jubilation! All honor, glory, and might,
majesty and blessing, we praise in holy communion his living presence eternally.
Amen.*

Psalm 23 (*recited in unison after all have received the cup*)

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in
the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

The Shadow of Weakness Mark 14:32–42
 The Shadow of Desertion Mark 14:43–50
 *Hymn 224. “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
 The Shadow of Humiliation Mark 14:53–65
 The Shadow of Denial Mark 14:66–72

Anthem

“Thus on the Night” from *Pange Lingua Variations* D. Brubeck
*Thus on the night of his final repast, as he reclined with his band of twelve,
 Jesus fulfilled all the law, eating the Passover meal. Then, with his hand,
 gave them bread of his body as a sign.*

The Shadow of Judgment Mark 15:1–20

The Shadow of the Cross Mark 15:21–37

Solo

“Were You There?” African American spiritual

*The Tenebrae service ends in darkness and silence; there will be no postlude.
 You may leave whenever you wish after the solo “Were You There?”
 Please observe the vigil of silence until you leave the building.*

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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Holy Week and Easter Worship Opportunities

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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