

**Maundy Thursday**

**April 2, 2026**

**6:00 PM**



*Washing the Disciples' Feet*

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**Saint Paul Lutheran Church**

929 Concord Turnpike

Arlington, MA

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO DINNER CHURCH

### Now We Join in Celebration



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' n - ly glad - ness.  
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST COURSE WITH TABLE CONVERSATION

### WORD

#### FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

A reading from 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; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY**                      **Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19**

I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,  
**for the Lord has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

How shall I repay the Lord  
for all the good things God has done for me?  
**I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all God's people.  
**Precious in your sight, O Lord,  
is the death of your servants.**

O Lord, truly I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.  
**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all God's people,  
**in the courts of the Lord's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

**SECOND READING**                      **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

A reading from Paul's first letter 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND COURSE WITH TABLE CONVERSATION

*We begin the second course with the following table prayer:*

**Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,  
and let these gifts to us be blessed.  
Blest be God, who is our Bread;  
may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.**

*When the second course had ended, we sing the following song to welcome the Gospel.*

### A New Commandment

A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as

The first system of musical notation for 'A New Commandment'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major (one sharp). The treble staff contains the vocal melody, and the bass staff contains the piano accompaniment. The lyrics 'A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as' are written below the treble staff.

I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal melody with the lyrics 'I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.' The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment.

By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal melody with the lyrics 'By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if'. The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment.

you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know

The fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal melody with the lyrics 'you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know'. The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment, featuring a triplet of eighth notes in the left hand.

you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

The fifth and final system of musical notation. The treble staff concludes the vocal melody with the lyrics 'you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.' The bass staff concludes the piano accompaniment with a triplet of eighth notes in the left hand.

## GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 already 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 reason 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## FOOTWASHING

*During the footwashing, we sing the following song:*



## Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

*Refrain*



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 feet,



2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,



3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;



4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:




*Refrain*  
mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.



neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.



all these are neigh - bors to us and you.



this is the way we will live with you.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we gather on this first day of the Triduum, renew us, O Lord, and give us the strength and will to obey your commandment to love one another. Refresh us once again with your holy feast. Let us now pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs:

Lord, in your mercy:  
**hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, merciful Father. Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### PREPARATION OF THE TABLES

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.**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done, on earth as it is 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, and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**



## **THE COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. O Christ, Lamb of God pure and holy, O Wisdom, Word, and Power of God, grant that we may more perfectly partake of you in the days which know no ending in your Kingdom. **Amen.**

### **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

#### **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**

**Matthew 26:36-46**

A reading from Matthew.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the

disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Again he went away for the second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

*The following is sung as we process to the Sanctuary*

### Stay with Me

The musical score for "Stay with Me" is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and pray. Watch and pray." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The bass line provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

### STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*The service concludes with the stripping of the altar. The congregation is seated in silence. Psalm 22 is sung by the cantor as the sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed. Symbolically, Christ is in the hands of his captors.*

*All depart in silence. You may remain for meditation.*

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Good Friday (April 3)	<i>Passion according to John</i>	7:30 PM
Holy Saturday (April 4)	<i>Vigil of Easter</i>	7:00 PM
Easter Day (April 5)	<i>Resurrection of our Lord</i>	8:15 & 10:30 AM
Easter Potluck Breakfast from 9:00 – 10:30 AM.		
Pickup Choir Practice to sing the <i>Hallelujah Chorus</i> from 10:00-10:20 AM.		