

# Maundy

## THURSDAY



**April 17, 2024 • 7:00 p.m.**

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.  
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.  
*John 13:34*

The word *Maundy* is derived from the Latin word for *mandate*.  
The 'Maundy' in Maundy Thursday refers to the command Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, that they should love and serve one another.

The stripping of the sanctuary during the service of Tenebrae symbolizes the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers before his crucifixion. It represents the humiliation of Jesus and the consequences of sin as a preparation for the celebration of new life on Easter.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

† Please rise in body or in spirit

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*"Elevation on `Victimae Pascali'"*

Dr. Timothy D. Belflowers, *organ*  
Jeanne Joulain

WELCOME AND WORDS ABOUT MAUNDY THURSDAY

Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

**People: On this evening, Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.**

Leader: On this evening, Christ gathered his disciples in the upper room.

**People: On this evening, Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do for others as he has done for us.**

Leader: On this evening, Christ our God gave us his holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

† HYMN #209

My Song Is Love Unknown  
*(verses 1, 2 and 5)*

*Love Unknown*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Rev. Dr. Allysen Schaaf

**God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, your grace makes no sense:**

**Grace sits next to betrayers, Grace washes the feet of backstabbers, Grace breaks bread with the disloyal, Grace shares a cup with double-dealers.**

**Loving God, forgive us for the times we have refused your love, doubted your grace, and ignored your command to love and serve one another. Lead us to your table once again and unite us to Christ who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

ANTHEM

*"Go to Dark Gethsemane"*  
Sanctuary Choir

Victor C. Johnson

*Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's power; your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with Him one bitter hour; turn not from His griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray. See Him at the judgement hall, beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned; O wormwood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained! Shun not suffering shame, or loss; learn of Him to bear the cross.*

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Dr. Martin

**Leader:** Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God.

**People:** **People shall come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God.**

**Leader:** This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust in him to share this feast which he has prepared.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Dr. Schaaf

**Leader:** Holy God, we thank you for your son Jesus, who lived with us, sharing joy and sorrow. He told your story, healed the sick, and was a friend to sinners. In obedience, he took up his cross and was murdered by those he loved. We thank you that he is not dead, but is risen to rule the world; and that he is still the friend of sinners. We trust him to overcome every power to hurt or divide us, so that, when your promised kingdom is established, we will celebrate victory with him.

**People:** **Remembering our Lord Jesus, we break bread and share the cup, announcing his death for the sins of the world and telling his resurrection to all people and nations.**

**Leader:** Great God, give us your Holy Spirit in the breaking of bread, so that we may be drawn together and joined to Christ the Lord, receive new life and remain his glad and faithful people until we feast with him in Glory.

**People:** **O God, who calls us from death to life, we give ourselves to you; and with the Church through all ages, we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Dr. Martin

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*When the usher cues your pew, please come forward to receive communion. Please eat and drink as you are served. If you are unable to come forward, remain seated and someone will serve you. For those who need allergy-friendly bread, it is available at the communion table. Ingredients are listed at [sardis.org](http://sardis.org).*

## MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

Matthew Carpenter, *organ*

*"Chorale and Variations on 'O Sacred Head, Now Wounded'"*

Felix Mendelssohn

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

FIRST READING	Judas plans to betray Jesus	Doyle Williams
HYMN ( <i>verses 1 and 2</i> )	<i>Ah, Holy Jesus</i>	No. 218
SECOND READING	Jesus foretells Peter's denial	Paul Green
HYMN ( <i>verses 3 and 4</i> )	<i>My Song Is Love Unknown</i>	No. 209
THIRD READING	Jesus prays in Gethsemane	Alice Glefke
HYMN ( <i>verse 1</i> )	<i>Go to Dark Gethsemane</i>	No. 220
FOURTH READING	Jesus is betrayed by Judas	Coddy Coddington
HYMN ( <i>verses 1 and 3</i> )	<i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i>	No. 216
FIFTH READING	Peter denies Jesus	Don Glefke
HYMN ( <i>verses 1 and 2</i> )	<i>O Sacred Head, Now Wounded</i>	No. 221
SIXTH READING	Jesus is turned over to Pontius Pilate	Sally Phillips
STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY		
ORGAN SOLO	<i>"Consummatum est" (It Is Finished)</i> Dr. Belflowers, organ	Charles Tournemire
SEVENTH READING	Jesus is crucified	Kim Weber
BELL TOLL AND REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE		
SOLO	<i>Were You There</i> John Hovis, tenor	Traditional Spiritual
FINAL READING		
BENEDICTION		



*Please exit the sanctuary in silence.*

*Those wishing to remain for silent prayer are encouraged to do so.*