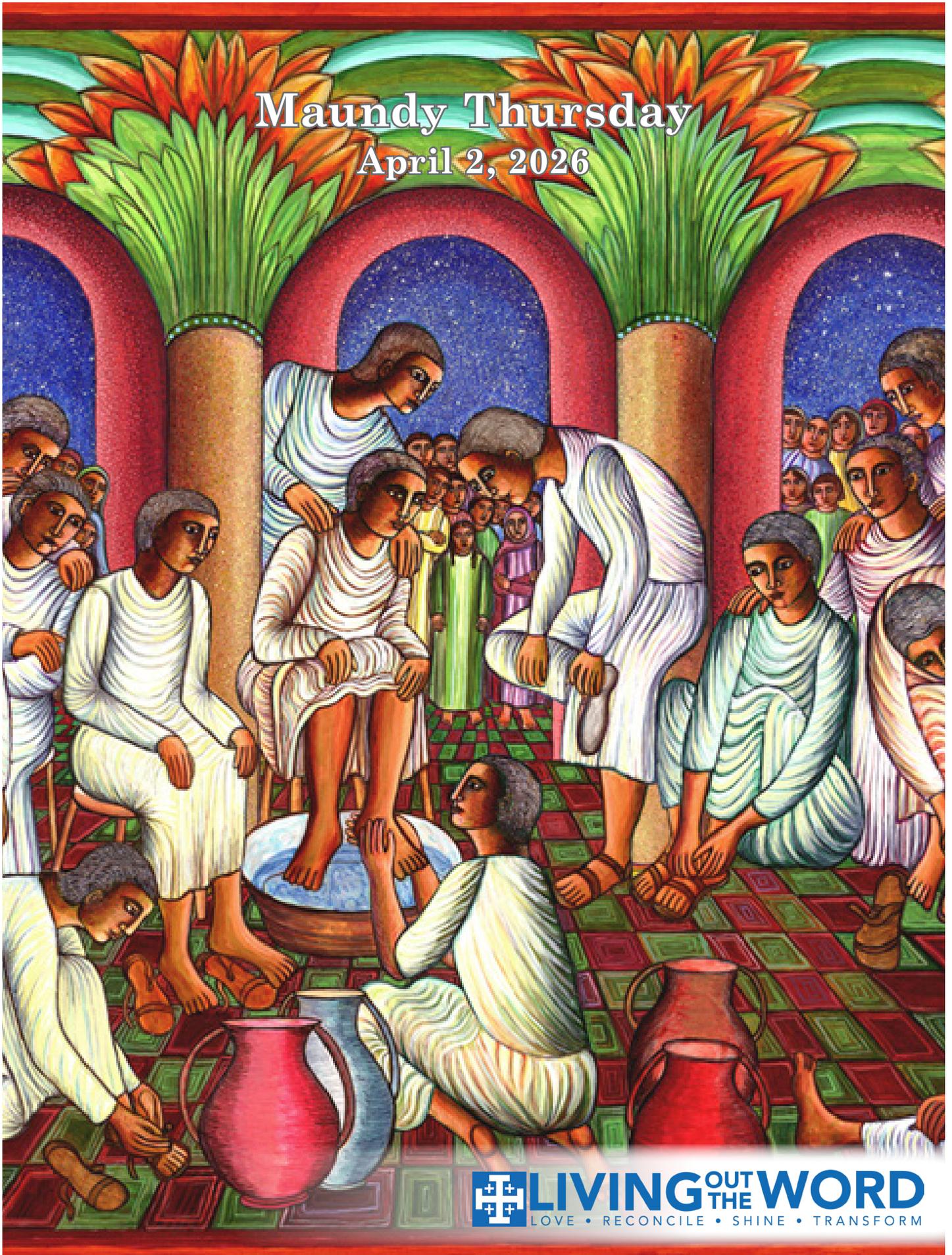


# Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026



## GATHERING

*(Silence during the Prelude is requested in preparation for worship.)*

### *About the Prelude*

The Prelude is a musical offering to help move the hearts and minds of the gathering community from the daily struggles of life to the worship of God.

### PRELUDE

Calvin Hampton

O Sacred Head

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us worship God!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

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

**On this day, Christ gathered with his disciples  
in the upper room.**

**On this day, Christ took a towel  
and washed his disciples' feet,  
giving us an example that we should do to others  
as he had done for us.**

**On this day, Christ, our God,  
gave us this 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.**

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**Holy God, source of all love,  
on the night of his betrayal  
Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment,  
to love one another as he loved them.  
Write this commandment on our hearts;  
give us the will to serve others  
as he was the servant of all,  
who gave his life and died for us,  
yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

The proof of God’s amazing love is this:  
While we were sinners, Christ died for us.  
**Because we have faith in him,  
we dare to approach God with confidence.**

In faith and penitence  
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**You call us to be your voices in this world  
and we stay silent.  
You call us to be your hands in this world  
and we keep them hidden.  
You call us to be your feet in this world  
and we go our own way.  
When we meet those who are doubting  
and say nothing, forgive us.  
When we meet those who need your touch  
and do nothing, forgive us.  
When we are called to take up your cross  
and carry nothing, forgive us.  
Breathe life into these bones;  
bring freedom to these lives  
that we might declare  
with heart and soul and voice  
that you are our Lord and our God. Amen.**

*(Silent confession)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

After Jesus had washed the disciples’ feet,  
he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you?  
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.”

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*Call to and Prayer  
of Confession*

A call to confession expresses God’s initiative in calling for repentance and promising forgiveness in Christ. As members of Christ’s body, we confess the reality of sin, captivity, and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God’s saving grace.

*Assurance of Pardon*

A declaration of forgiveness proclaims the good news of God’s mercy and offers the assurance of pardon in Jesus’ name. The liturgist pours water into the font, which reminds us of the grace and cleansing of our Baptism, and the baptismal call to new life in Christ.

## What Wondrous Love Is This 215



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing  
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What  
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to  
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of  
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous  
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my  
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!  
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!  
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."

## **\*The Peace**

Since God in Christ has forgiven us,  
let us also forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*(Please exchange the peace with the words,  
“The peace of Christ be with you.”)*

## **THE WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE**

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

#### **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

*(New Testament, page 173 in your pew Bible)*

#### **Psalm 116**

Philip W. J. Stopford

In the Land of the Living

I love the Lord,  
for he has heard the voice of my supplication,  
because he inclined his ear to me  
on the day I called to him.  
The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pains of hell took hold of me;  
by grief and sorrow was I held.

I will walk before the Lord  
in the land of the living.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul!”  
Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.  
The Lord watches over the simple;  
I was brought very low and he saved me.  
Turn again to your rest, O my soul,  
for the Lord has been gracious to you.

I will walk before the Lord  
in the land of the living.

This powerful and stirring setting of Psalm 116 by British church musician and composer, Phillip Stopford, features soaring vocal lines and a reflective accompaniment. Stopford (b. 1977) continues to compose prolifically for choirs and his anthems have become some of the most popular written for sacred worship and concert today.

For you have delivered my soul from death,  
delivered my soul, delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling;  
my eyes from tears, and my feet, my feet from falling,  
in the land of the living.

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

*(New Testament, pages 107 and 108 your pew Bible)*

**SERMON**

“How They'll Know”

Jessie King

*(A moment for meditation)*

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe that at the Lord's Supper  
the community of believers is renewed  
by the memory of Christ's life and death,  
by his real presence in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and by the promise of his coming again.  
Christ makes himself known to us  
in the breaking of bread.**

**He offers us his body broken for our sake,  
and his blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins.  
We accept his promises and gifts,  
and depend on his life to sustain ours.**

**In turn, we offer ourselves  
in thanksgiving to the risen Lord,  
who has conquered death.  
So we celebrate his victory here and now,  
and anticipate the joyous feast in his coming kingdom.  
Reunited around one loaf and cup,  
we receive strength and courage to continue  
our pilgrimage with God in the world.**

*(From A Declaration of Faith)*

### **THE EUCHARIST**

#### **\*PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE**

#### **\*INVITATION**

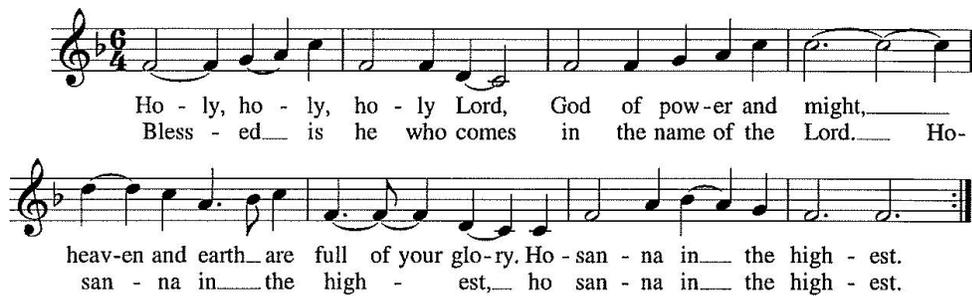
The bread served in  
today's communion  
is gluten-free.

## \*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.**  
It is truly our greatest joy...  
calling us again to turn to your ways.

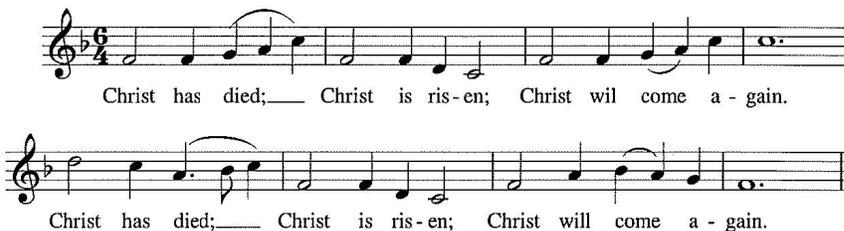
Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with the celestial choirs,  
and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
san - na in the high - est, ho san - na in the high - est.

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

You are holy, O God of majesty...  
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.  
Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.  
Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...  
we will feast with you at your table in glory.

Through Christ,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,  
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church,  
now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

## 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

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(The people will move to the Communion stations as directed by the ushers. The celebrant will give each worshiper the bread. The worshiper dips the bread in the cup and partakes. An appropriate response is "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." Please return to the pews, using the side aisles.)*

Music during Communion

Anthem

Ubi Caritas

Victor Johnson

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.*

Where charity and love are,  
God is there.

*Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.*

The love of Christ has  
gathered us together.

*Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
And from a sincere heart let us  
love one another.

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.*

Where charity and love are,  
God is there.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

\*HYMN 202

O WALY WALY

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

### STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL

(The final act of this service is the stripping of the Chancel. The stark, unadorned church reflects Jesus' abandonment during the night in the Garden of Gethsemane. As we depart the Sanctuary this evening in silence, we move from the celebration of the Lord's Supper to the crucifixion and death of Jesus. Symbolically, Jesus Christ, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors.)

*(Please depart the Sanctuary in silence.)*

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*\*(Those who are able may stand.)*

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### Tonight @ Westminster

#### Worship Leaders

##### Preaching

Jessie King

Youth and Pastoral Care Fellow

##### Liturgist

Rev. Dr. Guy D. Griffith

Associate Pastor for Adult Faith Formation

Rev. Stephanie Boaz

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

##### Music

Laudate Choir

John Semingson

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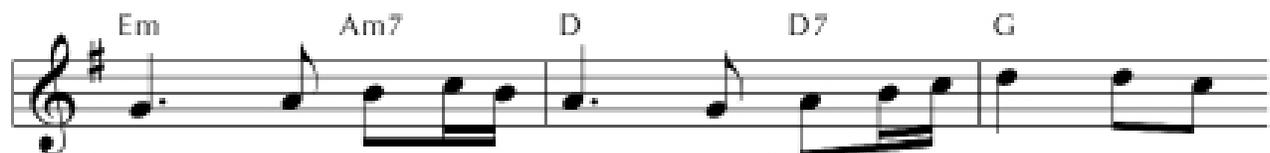
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# An Upper Room Did Our Lord 202

## Prepare



1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he  
2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his  
3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,  
4 No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -



loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still  
bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may  
too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be  
yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our



gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.  
bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.  
made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.  
Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text brings together the two New Testament traditions regarding Jesus' final evening with his disciples: the Synoptic account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26–29/Mark 14:22–25/Luke 22:14–20) and the Fourth Gospel's report of his washing the disciples' feet (John 13:3–17).

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