

April 2, 2026
Maundy Thursday Readings

First Reading

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.
I will pass through the land of Egypt that night,
and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt,
from human to animal, and 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.”

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**
Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Second Reading

A Reading from First 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.

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel According to John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Sung

Pastor: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Congregation: Thanks be to God.