



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

Maundy Thursday

Supper and Liturgy

April 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

MAUNDY comes from the Latin word *mandatum* meaning “commandment.” On the night of his last meal with the disciples, he washed their feet as an example of humble service, saying “A new commandment I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

Three of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) depict the Last Supper as a Passover meal, full of symbolism and storytelling – specifically of God’s actions to free the Israelites from their bondage in Egypt. In many important ways, the Eucharist derives from the Jewish Passover meal, as well as the Sabbath meal at home, where specific prayers are said over the food and wine. To reflect these connections tonight, our Eucharistic meal will flow from the dinner we share. All are welcome to participate, receiving the blessed bread and wine.

John’s Gospel, in contrast, describes Jesus’ final action as washing his disciples’ feet, symbolically showing them what “loving one another” looks like. All are invited to participate as we repeat this action with one another, both giving and receiving tender care.

The traumatic conclusion of that original Thursday night included Jesus’ prayer vigil, betrayal by Judas, and arrest by soldiers sent by the religious authorities. These took place in the Garden of *Gethsemane* (“oil press”), below the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem. We shall recall those events in the church, stripping all ornament from the sanctuary to represent Jesus’ being deserted by all of his friends.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – SUPPER AND LITURGY

Part One: We bless God for our food, and eat!

Blessing over Wine

Priest: ברוך אתה ה' א-לוהינו מלך העולם (*Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam*)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and on this night you will refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Blessing over Bread

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You bring forth grain from the earth; and on this night you give us the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Blessing over the Other Foods

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen us in the fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

Enjoy the meal!

At approximately 6:30, we continue.

First, thanksgiving for the meal we shared:

Priest: בָּרַךְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ Barukh Eloheinu – Praise God!

Praised be our God, of whose abundance we have eaten, and by whose goodness we live.

Praised be the Eternal God. Amen!

Part Two: We remember the Passover _____ Exodus 12:1-4,11-14

A reading from the Book of 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Response: *Dayenu* _____ *A tradition of Passover, adapted*

We take turns reading the praises

O Lord our God, if you had taken us out of Egypt and not made judgment against them,

Dayenu – it would have been enough.

If you had made judgment against them and had not killed their firstborn,

Dayenu – it would have been enough.

If you had killed their firstborn and not split the sea for us,

Dayenu – it would have been enough.

If you had split the sea for us and not taken us through on dry land,

Dayenu – it would have been enough.

If you had taken us through on dry land and not supplied our needs in the wilderness,

Dayenu – it would have been enough.

If you had supplied our needs in the wilderness and not fed us the manna,

Dayenu – it would have been enough.

If you had fed us the manna and not given us the Sabbath,

Dayenu – it would have been enough.

If you had given us the Sabbath and not brought us to Mount Sinai,

Dayenu – it would have been enough.

If you had brought us to Mount Sinai and not given us the Torah,

Dayenu – it would have been enough.

If you had given us the Torah and not brought us into the Promised Land,

Dayenu – it would have been enough.

If you had brought us into the Promised Land and not sent us holy men and women to teach us your ways,

Dayenu – it would have been enough.

If you had sent the prophets to teach us, and not given us a Savior,

Dayenu – it would have been enough.

If you had sent the Christ and not overcome the power of sin and death,

Dayenu – it would have been enough.

If you had raised him from death and not sent us the Holy Spirit,

Dayenu – it would have been enough.

If you had conferred on us the Holy Spirit but not called us to participate in your work of redeeming and blessing the world,

Dayenu – it would have been enough.

But you have rescued us from oppressors, taught us to love justice and show mercy, saved us from the power of death and called us to new life. You have grafted us onto the ancient vine of Israel, your beloved people and the family of our Savior Jesus the Christ. As we remember the words of the Scriptures and the layers of meaning that they hold for us, give us grateful hearts for all you have done and all you continue to do, for you are our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn #648, "When Israel was in Egypt's Land"

1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo-ple go;
2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;
3 They jour-neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo-ple go;
4 Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo-ple go;

op - pressed so hard they — could not stand, let my peo-ple go.
to lead the chil - dren of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.
and came at length to — Ca - naan's land, let my peo-ple go.
and let us all in — Christ be free, let my peo-ple go.

Refrain

Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;

tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo-ple go.

Spiritual

Part Three: The Last Supper

Matthew 26:17-29

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Response Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve disciples, and while they were eating he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

A priest takes the elements for Communion, and continues according to **Eucharistic Prayer D**

Lord God, tonight we gather as Jesus asked us to do, remembering him. We pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember the poor and needy, those in danger and those who are sick, especially those we name _____ .

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone, especially those we name _____, and bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

As Jesus taught us, we are bold to say:

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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of Bread. *Silence follows. Then all join in saying:*

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Invitation and instructions for sharing Communion

Communion Hymn, "Let us break bread together"

Spiritual



1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Communion Hymn: "In remembrance of me"

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1. In re - mem - brance of
 (2. In re -) mem - brance of
 (3. In re -) mem - brance of

mp

me, eat this bread. _____ In re - mem - brance of me, drink this
 me, heal the sick. _____ In re - mem - brance of me, feed the
 me, search for truth. _____ In re - mem - brance of me, al - ways

Continues...

wine. _____ In re - mem - brance of me, pray for the
 poor. _____ In re - mem - brance of me, o - pen the
 love. _____ In re - mem - brance of me, don't look a -

Third time to Coda ⊕

time when God's own will is done. _____ 2. In re -
 door and let your neigh - bors
 above, but in your

in, let them in. _____ Take,

eat, and be com - fort - ed; drink and re - mem - ber,

cresc.

too, _____ that this is my bod - y and pre - cious

Continues...

dim. and rit. *D.S. al Coda*

blood shed for you, _____ shed for you. _____ 3. In re -

⊕ CODA

heart, __ look for God. __ Do this in re - mem - brance of me. __

Let's clear the tables before we continue.

Part Four: Foot-washing _____ John 13:1-17

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

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."

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A Reflection _____ *The Rev. Dcn Judy Marinco*

All are encouraged to participate in washing one another's feet, and in the singing.

Hymn #602, "Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love" ----- Ghanaian folksong

Chorus

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
- 2 Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and
- 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
- 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

Repeat Chorus

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 white, neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.
 love. All are neigh - bors to us and you.
 slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

Song, "Ubi Caritas" in English and Latin ----- Taizé community

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
 Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
 live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

After foot-washing and some tidying, we reassemble in the church sanctuary.

Part Five: The Garden of Gethsemane _____ Mark 14:32-50

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me, yet not what I want but what you want."

He came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived, and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a rebel? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." All of them deserted him and fled.

Silence follows.

Stripping of the Altar

Members of the clergy and altar guild strip the altar and sanctuary of any objects that can be removed. Choir and congregation sing:
A Song, "Stay with me" _____ *Taizé*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and" and ends with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "pray watch and pray." and ends with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes.

After this symbolic action, all recite Psalm 116 antiphonally

Odd verses **Baptismal Font Side**

Even verses **Lectern Side**

Psalm 116

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
 because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 **The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; ***
 I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: * “O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”
- 4 **Gracious is the Lord and righteous; * our God is full of compassion.**
- 5 The Lord watches over the innocent; * I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 **Turn again to your rest, O my soul, * for the Lord has treated you well.**
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, * my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 **I will walk in the presence of the Lord * in the land of the living.**
- 9 I believed, even when I said, “I have been brought very low.” *
 In my distress I said, “No one can be trusted.”
- 10 **How shall I repay the Lord * for all the good things he has done for me?**
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation * and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 **I will fulfill my vows to the Lord * in the presence of all his people.**
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord * is the death of his servants.
- 14 **O Lord, I am your servant; * I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;**
 you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving * and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 **I will fulfill my vows to the Lord * in the presence of all his people,**
- 17 In the courts of the Lord’s house, * in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Following the service, the Prayer Vigil begins. You are invited to spend time in prayer near the reserved Sacrament. Please observe silence in the worship space and library.

The Parish Prayer List:

Pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Anne, our Assisting Bishop; for all lay and ordained leaders in the Diocese of the Great Lakes; for Susan, our Priest-in-Charge; for Judy, our Deacon; for the Vestry.

Our prayers for healing and comfort are asked for: Donald, Chuck, Molly, Evelyn, Matt, Jenny, Jerry, Harvey, Melissa, Brian, Abby, Marilyn, Jeri, Pam, Ron, Tim, Tony, Emily Jane, Bobby, Francine, Anna

Our overnight Prayer Vigil concludes at 10 am tomorrow, Good Friday, when the Sacrament will be consumed. The Fenton ecumenical service is at 12 noon at Fenton United Methodist Church; and the traditional, Episcopal Good Friday Liturgy is here at 7 pm.

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