

**A LENTEN SERVICE OF WORD, SONG, & TABLE
FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 2, 2026**

*Please rise in body or spirit.
[UMH=United Methodist Hymnal (red);
TFWS=The Faith We Sing (black)]

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Dr. Daniel Cummings

•*CALL TO WORSHIP

Followers of Jesus, our lives are filled with stress and distress, disquiet and fear.

In the unrest and the fear, we gather to worship God who delivers us.

Like the disciples gathered with Jesus, we feel the turmoil of rumors and conspiracies, the grasping for power and security that threatens the lives and livelihoods of our neighbors.

In the suffering and the tumult, we gather to call on God who delivers us.

Facing an unknown future, the disciples gathered as we do today, to be surprised by Love, to share a meal, to remember their story, to receive a new story and a new meal.

In the uncertainty of these days, we gather to share the story of God who delivers us.

Followers of Jesus, come. Come to the basin and be washed. Come to the meal and be fed. Come to the table and be strengthened for the journey.

We gather together to remember the story of God's deliverance, that we may go from this place to heal the hurting, to tend the suffering, to love one another as Jesus loves us.

•*HYMN *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* TFWS 2223

***A READING FROM THE GOSPELS** John 13:1-7, 31b-35

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo

Small Ensemble

translation

Where Charity and Love abide, God is also there.

*Christ's Love now gathers us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in God.
Let us fear and let us love the Living God,
and may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

HOMILY

MUSICAL RESPONSE *Jesu, Jesu* (vs. 1,5) *UMH 432*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Holy Deliverer,
Tonight, we have reached the all-too-familiar story of the eve before the execution. While there are times when we relate very well to Jesus in this story, we forget that we have been Judas, Peter, and the disciples. We have allowed ourselves to become part of someone's story of pain. Our words have pierced another's hearts. We have betrayed our neighbor instead of filling this world and another's soul with love. Instead of living with the heaviness of guilt, allow us to create peace around us and within us. Invite us to share our repentance and to reconcile whenever possible. May we live into the mandate to love one another as you love us. Amen.

SILENCE

Words of Assurance

Through the redeeming love of Christ, God has poured grace upon us. May the mercy of God transform us into bearers of love in a wounded world. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

REGATHERING HYMN *Let Us Break Bread Together* *UMH 618*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious Redeemer, you invite us to the table not for comfort, but for commissioning. As you washed feet and broke bread, you redefined greatness through service. Tonight, we offer more than gifts; we offer ourselves: ready to rise from this table, ready to run with towels and basins, ready to love as you have loved us. Bless these gifts and those who give, that they may be signs of hope in a world in need of healing, and fuel for a kin-dom on the move. In the name of Christ, who knelt, served, and gave. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Dr. Cummings

* DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

TFWS 2257 b, c., d.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Christ has prepared a feast of love.

When the time arrived for Jesus to be lifted up; When all had been prepared, and He shared His last meal with His friends, The Lord, took the loaf, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples. When you eat the bread, remember Me. This is my body broken for you.

R1 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

When the meal was finished, The Lord took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to the disciples. When you drink the wine, remember Me. This is my blood shed for you. Now, as we gather at this table, we eat bread; we drink wine; and we remember the One Who died to bring us life. And we will keep sharing this meal until He returns. Amen. Communion is shared.

**R2 Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!**

We thank You, Lord, for giving us this sacred meal, for giving us Your Presence and Your life, and for reminding us of Your everlasting grace, which will be celebrated for all eternity. Amen.

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 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. Amen.

**R3 Amen, amen, amen.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!**

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Dr. Cummings

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

UMH 290

MUSICAL MEDITATION

The Crucifixion Samuel Barber
Amanda Porter, soprano

DEPART IN SILENCE