

LITTLE TRINITY

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Thursday, Apr 17, 2025

Maundy Thursday | Worship &
Communion Service

8pm

Welcome

Welcome to Little Trinity. We're so glad that you have joined us this evening, known as Maundy Thursday, on which we remember Jesus Christ's last night with his disciples before his crucifixion.

The name "Maundy" likely comes from the Latin "*Mandatum*," the first word in the Latin translation of John 13:34, when Jesus said to his disciples after their dinner, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (ESV).

Immediately prior to this teaching, Jesus had enacted his self-sacrificial love for his disciples in two ways: first, by washing their feet, and second, by instituting the sacrament of the Eucharist (also called Communion or the Lord's Supper), which foreshadowed the offering of his body and blood on the cross.

If this is new to you please join in only when you are comfortable. Look out for **STAND** and **SIT** and **SIT/KNEEL** (whichever is your preference) instructions. In general, we stand to praise, sit to learn and sit/kneel to pray. **Bold** print directs you to join in unison.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The Rev. Karen Koiter, Justice Animator

This is the day
that Christ the Lamb of God
gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

This is the day
that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the day
that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet,
giving us an example that we should do to others
as he has done to us.

This is the day
that 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 his kingdom.

HYMN

STAND

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

SIT/KNEEL

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

READING

Mark 12:28-31

SIT

²⁸ And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” ²⁹ Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

STAND

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’

³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN

STAND

SERMON

James Beck
Lay Pastoral Associate

STAND for prayer, then **SIT**

Silent reflection

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SIT/KNEEL

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord have mercy. "For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God

**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name.**

Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

REMAIN SEATED

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS OF BREAD & WINE

Father, we spread this table to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ,
your Son. Accept all we offer you this day. Bind us together in his love and
in the love he has commanded us to bring one another; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

SIT/KNEEL

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 indeed right to thank you and praise you,
holy and gracious God,
creator of all things,
ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life,
for you are the source of all goodness,
rich in mercy and abounding in love;
you are faithful to your people in every generation,
and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
with the fellowship of saints
and the company of heaven,
we glorify your holy name,
evermore praising you and singing,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise you, merciful Father,
not as we ought, but as we are able,
because in your tender love
you gave the world your only Son,
in order that the world might be saved through him.
He made you known by taking the form of a servant,
healing the sick, liberating the oppressed,
reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,
he confronted the power of sin
and disarmed it for ever.
In his offering of himself,
he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.
Redeemed by Christ,
we have been adopted as your children;
by your pardon
you have made us worthy to praise you.

On this very night, when he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts
we approach your holy table,
remembering our Saviour's sacrifice,
and rejoicing in his victory.
Confident in his sovereign purpose,
we declare our faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit on us
that as we receive this bread and this cup
we may partake of the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and feed on him in our hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love,
and strengthened in our will to serve others;
and make of our lives, we pray,
a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you,
knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray,

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread,

Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

All those who have placed their trust in Jesus as Saviour and Lord, are welcome to the Lord's table. Please follow the direction of the sidespeople.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request from the communion administrant.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SIT

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 in 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 for ever.

Amen.

Please sit in silent reflection as the vessels and cloths on the Lord's Table are removed and the lights dimmed, in preparation for Good Friday.

The congregation may stay for quiet prayer; please leave in silence.



HOLY WEEK CONTINUES...

GOOD FRIDAY 10:45AM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
(Concurrent Children's Programming 0-Gr 5)

EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 AM BAS COMMUNION SERVICE

10:45 AM BAS COMMUNION SERVICE

(Concurrent Children & Youth Programming
for both morning services)

6:30 PM EVENING COMMUNION SERVICE

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