

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2, 2026



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Lakewood, Ohio

Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist & Agape Supper

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

The Lesson

Lector 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.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. (*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

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.

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.

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you Lord Christ.

Now 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. (*John 13:1-15*)

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you Lord Christ.

Meditation The Reverend Mike Lager

During the meditation, small children are welcome to have a little food.

The Washing of Feet

Celebrant Fellow disciples of Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God do not come by power, authority, or even miracle, but by service to each other. Jesus said, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done." Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ to come forward, that we may recall whose servants we are by remembering this instruction. "By this shall the world know what you are my disciples: That you have love for one another."

All are invited to come forward for the symbolic washing of feet.

Please remove your shoes and socks and leave at your seats, then come forward and find a seat. When your feet have been washed, you are invited to wash the feet of the person who next takes your seat, or to return to your seat.

Jesu, Jesu

Chorus: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. (*Chorus*)
2. Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are nearby and far away. (*Chorus*)
3. These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love. All are neighbors to us and you. (*Chorus*)
4. Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we were slaves; this is the way we should live with you. (*Chorus*)

Ubi Caritas

Ubi Caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

(Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is there.)

At the conclusion of the washing of feet, the following is said.

Celebrant: The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

People: Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

Celebrant: I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

People: Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

Celebrant: By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Anne; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of the divine. Pray that they may find and be found by the one who is Light and Love.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for those who are in need of God's healing presence.

Silence

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant & People say together:

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 neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of our Savior 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.

(The Celebrant stands)

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

Tonight, we recall the institution of the Holy Eucharist. It was first celebrated by Jesus at His Last Supper with His disciples. Tonight, we share the setting of a meal at a table where feet were washed as a symbol of servanthood. Early Christians shared this kind of meal as an "Agape Dinner;" a meal of "Love." Later, the Church formed the Eucharistic Prayer for use on Sunday's Eucharist. Tonight, we commemorate the instructions of Jesus.

Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Gracious God, Creator of all, we give thanks for the beauty of the earth, for the mountains that rise, the oceans that roll, and the gift of life that flows through all creation.

In Your goodness, You have made all things, and You call us to see Your presence in the world around us. Yet, we confess, O God, that we have turned from Your goodness, falling short of the love You have shown us. In our brokenness, You did not abandon us, but gave us the life of Jesus, a light in the darkness, a path to reconciliation.

On the night he gave his life for us, he took the bread of that final meal and said, "This is my body that is given for you. Whenever you gather, do this in remembrance of me."

At the conclusion of the meal, he took the cup of wine and said, "This is my blood of the new Covenant that is given for you. Whenever you gather, do this in remembrance of me."

As we share in this bread and cup, We remember His life, His love, and His invitation to walk in His way of justice, peace, and compassion. We give thanks, O God, For the gift of Jesus, and for the ongoing work of redemption in our lives. **Amen.**

We say together the prayer our Lord taught the disciples to 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. Amen.

The Communion is now shared. The bread and cup will be passed from person to person. Parents should help children.

The bread is shared with the words, "THE BODY OF CHRIST."

The wine is shared with the words, "THE BLOOD OF CHRIST."

The Prayer after Communion

Lord, we pray that this holy food of your Body and Blood would bind us together and strengthen us to share your love with all whom we meet, and all whom we are called to serve. Amen.

SHARE TOGETHER THE AGAPE MEAL OF FELLOWSHIP

During the meal, it is appropriate to share conversation and fellowship. It is good as well to call to mind the meaning and significance of this night. Let our conversation, therefore, have a prayerful sense to it.

PROCESSION TO THE CHURCH FOR THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

We process in silence behind the cross, clergy, and choir into the darkened church. Once in the church, all should find a place. The priest will offer directions for the liturgy in the church.

As the Choir sings Psalm 22 (on page 610 in the Prayer Book), the sanctuary will be stripped of all finery and the altar cleansed with vinegar and water.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS PROCESSED

The service is concluded as the Blessed Sacrament will be processed to the Altar of Repose. The Taize hymn, "Stay with me" recounts the procession of Jesus and the disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed before his arrest. We pray and wait with Jesus this evening as the hour of his death draws near.

The choir sings:

The image shows a musical score for a Taize hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
No - ho pū, no - ho mai me ia'u, ki - a'i a

pray watch and pray.
pu - le, kiai a pule.

The service is now concluded for this evening. However, the service will continue tomorrow on Good Friday, so a dismissal is not given tonight. You may stay and pray as long as you like. Please observe silence as you leave.

Serving Today

Thursday		6:30 p.m.
Lector	Julie Steigerwald	
Lector	Jan McDonough	
Intercessor	Ken Taylor	
Acolyte/Crucifer	Amelinda Norton	
Usher	Sarah Taylor	
Bell Ringer	Sarah Taylor	
Verger	Sarah Taylor	
Chancel Guild	Team 3 Linda	

Serving Good Friday

3 APR.2026		GOOD FRIDAY	
Friday		12:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
Lector	Jan Babbit	Sarah Taylor	
Lector	xxx	Brad Vandrask	
Intercessor	Robin McNutt	Martha Taylor	
Acolyte/Crucifer	Will Cody Crosby	Rory Taylor	
Usher	Robin McNutt	Sarah Taylor TEAM LEADER	
Usher	xxx	Linda Purdy	
Usher	xxx	Joanne Hull	
Chalicer	Jan Babbit	xxx	
Chalicer	xxx	xxx	
Bell Ringer	Robin McNutt	Sarah Taylor	
Verger	Liz Crosby	Sarah Taylor	
Chancel Guild	Team 3 Linda		

Serving Easter Sunday

5 APR. 2026		EASTER SUNDAY	
Sunday		8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Lector	Penny Mead	Deb Vandrask	
Lector	xxx	Virginia Bartos	
Intercessor	Jan Babbit	Hilary Bickerton	
Crucifer	Dan Hout-Reilly	Colin McConnell	
Clergy Cross	xxx	Alison LaRosa	
Acolyte (Torch)	xxx	Riley Crosby Scoville	
Acolyte (Torch)	xxx	Liz Crosby	
Usher	Jan Babbit	Dan Lammers TEAM LEADER	
Usher	xxx	Holly St. Clair	
Usher	xxx	Kevin St. Clair	
Chalicer	Sara Ferry	Beth O'Rourke	
Chalicer	xxx	Liz Crosby	
Bell Ringer	Jan Babbit	Amanda Chambers	
Verger	xxx	Liz Crosby	
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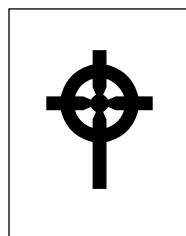
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Holy Eucharist w/Prayers for Healing: Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Oratory



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