



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

A Neighborhood Church with a Worldwide Community

MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 2, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Please stand if you are able during the portions indicated by a +. The congregation is invited to say the words in **bold** and to sing along to the music printed in the bulletin or in the red hymnals in the backs of the pews.

Please be aware that we live-stream our services on Facebook and your image may appear in the video.

If you do not want your image to appear, please speak to an usher.

We are committed to children and youth meeting God in worship. For that reason we have a play area in the Parish Hall downstairs and a PrayGround at the right front of the sanctuary, where you can sit together with your children so they have a space to wiggle when needed and they have age-appropriate resources to keep their hands busy. In the PrayGround, please be extra gentle with each other, help each other be respectful of one another's space and safety, and help each other reflect prayerful voices and movements.

GATHERING

+ Opening Chant

"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God, do not be a-
 fraid. Lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.

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+ Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

+ Welcome

+ Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.**

WORD *Please be seated.*

First Lesson *Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14*

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.

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

Antiphon *Cantor sings, then all repeat; after verses all sing:*



I will lift up the cup of sal-va-tion and call up-on the Name of the Lord.

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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.
How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me? [*Antiphon*]

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants. [*Antiphon*]

O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD. [*Antiphon*]

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. [*Antiphon*]

The Psalms are prayers and songs to God from ancient Jewish worship that speak so powerfully to the human condition that they were incorporated into the Bible. Sometimes, they lift up voices of joyful praise. Other times, they speak from the places of deepest lament and sorrow.

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

+ Sequence Hymn “As in That Upper Room You Left Your Seat”



As in that up-per room you left your seat and took a towel and chose a ser-vant's part,
so for to-day, Lord, wash a-gain my feet, who in your mer-cy died to cleanse my heart.

WORDS Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)

MUSIC *Sursum Corda*, Alfred Morton Smith (1879-1971)

+ Gospel Reading *John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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. 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.

“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Dave McEachron

Followed by silence

The Washing of Feet

All are invited to come forward to wash one another's feet, following Jesus' example. You are also invited to any of two other prayer stations:

- **Candle-lighting Station:** Light a candle and offer your prayer by the cross near the baptismal font, to the right of the footwashing stations.
- **Offering Station:** Offer your prayers, time, talent, or financial gift to God in the basket found on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Hymns and Chants During Footwashing

“Jesu, Jesu”

Hymnal #602

“This Is My Will” (*sung by choir*)

Thomas Tallis (1505–1585)

This is my will, my one command, that love should dwell among you all.

This is my will, that you should love as I have shown that I love you.

— James Quinn (1919–2010)

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

Hymnal #581

“Ubi Caritas”

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Ubi Caritas". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The score includes a triplet of eighth notes in the final measure of the treble staff.

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+ Prayers of the People

Place your hands together in prayer and move them back and forth.

(hands at forehead) **God be in my head and in my thinking.**
(hands at mouth) **God be in my mouth and in my speaking.**
(hands at heart) **God be in my heart and in my loving.**
(hands open palms up) **God be in my hands and in my helping.**

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father through Christ the saviour of the world.

Father,
on this, the night he was betrayed,
your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet.
We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.
Lord, hear us
and humble us.

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one.
We pray for the unity of your Church.
Lord, hear us
and unite us.

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message.
We pray for the mission of your Church.
Lord, hear us
and renew our zeal.

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love,
but suffered rejection himself.
We pray for the rejected and unloved.
Lord, hear us
and fill us with your love.

On this night, he reminded his disciples
that if the world hated them it hated him first.
We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.
Lord, hear us
and give us your peace.

On this night, he accepted the cup of death
and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom.
We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ.
Lord, hear us
and welcome all your children into paradise.

Presider: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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+ Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

TABLE
Offertory

Let us walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

“Ubi Caritas”

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

— attr. to Paulinus of Aquileia, 796 CE

+ **Eucharistic Prayer**

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 God thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

+ **Sanctus and Benedictus**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebekah, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

+ **The Lord's Prayer**

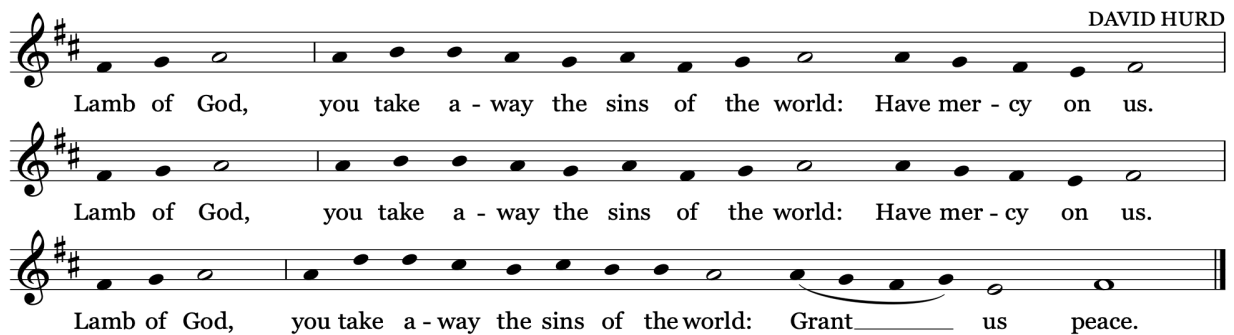
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

+ **The Breaking of the Bread**

+ **Agnus Dei**

DAVID HURD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: Have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: Have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: Grant _____ us peace.

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+ **Invitation to Communion**

The table of bread and wine is now made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus and all those who love him. So come to this table you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more. You who have been to this sacrament often and you who have not been in a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet Him here.


Communion

All are welcome at Christ's table. Please come forward to receive communion. If you cannot come forward for communion, please let an usher know and a clergy person will come to you. If you do not wish to receive bread and wine, but would like a blessing, please cross your hands over your chest.


We offer bread broken from a common loaf and wine from a common cup. The church teaches that you have received fully if you only receive the bread. If you choose to receive the wine, you are encouraged to drink directly from the common cup rather than to dip.

There are also individually-wrapped gluten-free wafers and a pewter chalice reserved for gluten-free. Please indicate to the clergy if you would prefer this option.

Hymns During Communion “As in That Upper Room You Left Your Seat”



As in that up - per room you left your seat and took a towel and chose a ser - vant's part,
I bow be - fore you, all my sin con fessed, to hear a - gain the words of love you said;
So in remembrance of your life laid down I come to praise you for your grace di - vine;



so for to - day, Lord, wash a - gain my feet, who in your mer - cy died to cleanse my heart.
and at your ta - ble, as your hon - ored guest, I take and eat the true and liv - ing bread.
Saved by your cross, and sub - ject to your crown, strengthened for service by this bread and wine.

WORDS Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)

MUSIC *Sursum Corda*, Alfred Morton Smith (1879-1971)

“Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling”

Hymnal #329

“O Food to Pilgrims Given”

Hymnal #309

+ Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Chant

“My Peace”



My peace I leave you, my peace I give you: Trou - ble not your hearts.



My peace I leave you, my peace I give you: Be not a - fraid.

WORDS & MUSIC Joseph Berthier (1923-1994)

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The service is followed by a vigil with the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel until midnight. You are invited to spend an hour in the presence of Christ in our chapel praying, meditating, reading, walking the Stations of the Cross, or simply sitting and keeping watch.

Please depart in silence. There is no dismissal, as the service continues tomorrow on Good Friday.

Announcements

Easter Lily Offerings

If you would like to give an Easter lily in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a blessing, please write your dedication on one of the small envelopes found in the pews and narthex, place your contribution inside, and leave it in the offering plate or send it in. You can also use the form at stmatthewsmn.org/lilies and make an offering on Pushpay. The deadline for dedications is tonight, **Maundy Thursday, April 2.**

Serve Dinner at Project Home

We are looking for volunteers to serve dinner at Project Home on **Saturdays, April 4 and 25.** Each session begins at 4:00 and lasts two hours. Contact Elaine by text (651-338-6155) or email (ecetarone@gmail.com).

Social Gathering at Episcopal Homes

Members of St. Matthew's and other parishes are joining together for drinks at Episcopal Homes next Tuesday, April 7, at 5:00 pm. Parishioners of all ages are invited to join them and connect with some of our oldest and wisest members!

Music Search Survey

The search committee has designed a 5-minute survey to help discern what we expect from a new Director of Music and the future of our music ministry. Please take the survey at stmatthewsmn.org/survey or by scanning the QR code to the right. **The deadline for completing the survey is Monday, April 6.**



Open Church

Starting in the Easter season, we will open our church doors each Wednesday and Friday afternoon from 2:00 to 5:00 pm to welcome any who wish to enter for prayer, rest, or to have a look around. Sign up for a volunteer slot to welcome or assist visitors at stmatthewsmn.org/open-church.

March FoodShare Month

The annual March FoodShare campaign goes through April 6. For FoodShare month, we are especially encouraging cash donations, since these allow them to obtain matching funds and be more efficient by purchasing food at wholesale prices, particularly fresh food. Cash donations may be sent through the Keystone website at keystoneservices.org. Items can also still be left on the pew outside the office.

ECMN Migrant Support Fund

Requests for support from the ECMN Migrant Support Fund are expected to exceed \$315,000 over the next three months, primarily for rent stabilization and legal support. We need your help to raise funds to continue this urgent, compassionate response. Please consider making a special Easter offering to continue this essential care. You can contribute online at: onrealm.org/ECMN/-/form/give/migrantsupport.

Prayers of Gratitude

This Easter season, we invite you to think what you want to give thanks for. Instead of our usual petitions in our ritual of Prayers of the People, let's share our gratitude! You can submit your prayers of thanksgiving to the form at stmatthewsmn.org/prayer and we will share them during our Eucharists (which means thanksgiving) as we live as Easter People.

Prayer list

Prayers: Grayson, Lindsey and Greg, the residents of Poltava, Ukraine, Jenny, Laurie, Shauna and Chad, Aaron and Trinity, Peter, Martha and Adam, Lynne, Jim, Maddy, Randy, Doug, Anita, and family, Dick, Andy, Jennie, Sam, Brad, Darlene, Gary, Josie, Mark, Judy, Dave, Michele and Kate, Anne, Jim, Nancy, Bridget, Cathy, Laura, the Crowe family, James and Barbara, Richard, Larry, Tom and Elaine, Nevin, Ruth and family, Gail.

Your generous contributions make the ministries of our church possible. If you are a person for whom St. Matthew's Episcopal Church provides a spiritual home or respite, a place to gather, pray, and seek God, we hope you will make a contribution to sustain our shared life of faith. To give securely and easily online, scan this QR code. You may also place cash or checks in the trays during the offertory.



Spiritual Practice for Lent: Making Community

Think of that neighbor, or perhaps colleague, whom you say hello to a couple of times a week, but still don't know the name of, or have forgotten and find it too embarrassing to ask again. Then commit to asking them next time you see them, however awkward. Once you have done that, find a time to pray for them and those whom they love.

At a time like this community is all the more important—so that we can be there for one another, but also just because our neighbors are the people whom God has given us to love. This practice is a small practice, but it is in small acts of grace that community is made.

Holy Week and Easter at St. Matthew's

Good Friday, April 3

- **12:00 noon spoken service at Holy Trinity**
- **7:00 pm choral service**

Good Friday offers us time for silence, contemplation, and reflection as we remember Jesus' death on the cross. The prayerbook liturgy is intentionally sparse, helping us to focus on praying for the world that Jesus loved even unto death. This year, we will join our friends at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church for their noon service; the Rev. Shawn Evelyn will provide a sermon. The evening service at St. Matthew's will include the choir.

Holy Saturday, April 4

- **9:30 am Centering Prayer (in library)**
- **4:00 pm Children's Easter Vigil**

We plan to bring back the Children's Easter Vigil again this year, in partnership with St. Christopher's. We will have child-friendly acting out of Bible stories and songs. The service will be followed by a simple kid-friendly meal. Join in the fun! While this is geared toward families, adults will have fun too! To help us plan, please register at stmatthewsmn.org/easter-vigil.

Easter Sunday, April 5

- **9:00 am potluck breakfast**
- **10:30 am Eucharist**

Holy Week ends with the resurrection of Christ, that we celebrate as Easter. You are invited to bring a dish or juice for our famous potluck breakfast which starts at 9:00 am. There will be no faith formation that morning. We will then celebrate one service at 10:30 am that will include the wakening of the Alleluia butterflies and choral offerings. We will also welcome new members during the service.

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Laura Bathke, Vergers

Today's worship leaders

The Rev. Christopher Rogers, presider
The Rev. Dave McEachron, preacher
Maria May, worship assistant
Laura Bathke, verger
Cathy Wilkowske, crucifer
Judy Johnson and Richard Day, readers
Elaine Eyre, prayer leader
Daniel White and Eric Odney, ushers
Heather Halker and Gwen Odney, chalice bearers
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Susan Jones, Dave McKenna, Cheryl Olman, Audrey Powell, Christopher Sibia,
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