

# HOLY WEEK

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Mauudy Thursday (April 2):**  
7 PM (Holy Communion)

**Good Friday (April 3):**  
7 PM (Tenebrae)

**Easter Sunrise (April 5):**  
7 AM (Green Area Behind Sanctuary,  
Weather Permitting)

**Easter Breakfast (April 5):**  
Following Sunrise

**Flowering of the Cross (April 5):**  
9:15 AM (in front of the Sanctuary, weather permitting)

**Easter Worship (April 5):**  
10:30 AM

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## WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

### The Prelude

#### \*Invitation and confession

**P:** In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil - all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism: God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of His love for us in Jesus, our Savior.

In this, we who receive God's love and forgiveness in Christ Jesus are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became a servant to all.

It is, however, in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in His love. Remembering our Lord's last supper with His disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of Himself fully given, and present in, with and under the elements of bread and wine and we participate in this new covenant loving others as Christ loves us and inviting them into a life of reconciliation with God and one another.

**P:** Let us make confession to God.

**C:** *Almighty God, merciful Father:*

*I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being: forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.*

**P:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. Through His Holy Spirit He cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of His light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** *Amen.*

\*Greeting

**THE MAUNDY THURSDAY LITURGY:** The Word "Maundy" comes from the Latin word "mandatum," which means "commandment." On that first Thursday in Holy Week, Jesus commanded His disciples to love one another as He had loved them. He also instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and instructed them that this was a sign of His new covenant.

At the conclusion of the Service, there will be no closing benediction or the Doxology. Instead, we will conclude with the Stripping of the Altar. This act has both a practical and symbolic value in the Church's worship. Practically, it sets the stark stage for the Good Friday Liturgy. Symbolically, it represents the indignities which Jesus suffered at the hands of the Roman soldiers which included the stripping of His garments in preparation for the Crucifixion.

Following the Stripping of the Altar, the processional cross will depart and will pass through the congregation in silence. The congregation will then depart in silence. No greetings will be exchanged in the narthex on either Maundy Thursday or Good Friday.

P. You make us one in the body and blood of Christ, O Lord. Let both our individual prayers and these prayers of our worshiping community rise to You, for You promise to hear them and to give us what is good, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C. Amen.

### The Offertory

\*The Offertory Anthem

Choir

\*The Offertory Prayer

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P. Merciful Father,

C. We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### LITURGY OF THE LORD'S TABLE

\*The Lord's Prayer

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(We Sit)

**Holy Communion** *All are welcome at the Lord's table.*

*We will receive Holy Communion by Intinction. You will receive the wafer and then dip it into the wine. If you are unable to partake of the bread or wine, the church affirms our Lord's presence in each element. Children who do not commune are invited to the Altar to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will gladly serve you Holy Communion where you are.*

\*Post Communion blessing and prayer

(We Sit)

### STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*The Altar Candles are extinguished, the sacramental elements, linens, paraments, banner and Bibles are removed from the worship space as a symbolic representation of what Jesus suffered for us this night. All Altar/Parament committee members (and any member of the congregation who wishes to assist) are invited to assist in the stripping of the altar.*

Psalm 22 (read in unison)

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Psalm 88 (read in unison)

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*There is no blessing or dismissal and all are ask to depart in silence following the stripping of the Altar and the exit of the altar cross, pastor, and choir from the sanctuary.*

### \*Prayer of the Day

\*Hymn

"A New Commandment" (sing twice) WOV Hymn 664

(We sit)

### GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

#### First Reading

Exodus 24:3-11

<sup>3</sup>Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." <sup>4</sup>And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. <sup>7</sup>Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." <sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." <sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

#### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-29

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for[a] you. Do this in remembrance of me."<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>25</sup>In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup>Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

\*Gospel Acclamation

"Return to the Lord"

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*Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.*

**\*Gospel**

**Matthew 26:17-30**

<sup>17</sup>Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>18</sup>He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" <sup>19</sup>And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover. <sup>20</sup>When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. <sup>21</sup>And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup>And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" <sup>23</sup>He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me." <sup>24</sup>The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." <sup>25</sup>Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so." <sup>26</sup>Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." <sup>27</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." <sup>30</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

**Sermon** "Do This in Remembrance of Me" **Pastor Randy Drafts**  
(We sit)

**\*Hymn of the Day** "Where Charity and Love Prevail" **Hymn 126**

**WE OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING TO GOD**

**\*The Apostles' Creed** **Page 65**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

**\*The Prayers**

P. Remembering Jesus' love shown in both the washing of His disciples' feet and in instituting the Lord's Supper, let us bring our prayers before the Father, trusting in His abundant mercy for us.

For the Church, that, following Jesus' example of washing feet, we obey His command and love one another as He has loved us. And that, nourished by Christ's body and blood in the Lord's Supper, our lives reflect the One who first gave the Supper.  
In prayer,

C. **we return to You, O Lord.**

P. For leaders throughout the world, for national, regional, and local leaders, that they choose to lead as servants rather than as lords. In prayer,

C. **we return to You, O Lord.**

P. For those in our community who struggle with poverty, addiction, or unemployment, that You use us to serve them and love them as You loved and served them during Your earthly ministry. In prayer,

C. **we return to You, O Lord.**

P. For those who are sick, hospitalized, or dying, [*including . . .*]. Bless them with Your presence and heal them according to Your will. Use us to touch their lives in ways that reflect Your servant heart. In prayer,

C. **we return to You, O Lord.**

P. For this congregation, that You guide us toward being a people known in our community for serving others in love, as You loved and served Your disciples by the washing of feet and giving them the food of Your body and blood. In prayer,

C. **we return to You, O Lord.**

P. In remembrance of those who during their lives loved and served You and are now embraced in Your love forever, help us to follow their example of love and service, as we await that day when we join them in the eternal feast of heaven. In prayer,

C. **we return to You, O Lord.**