



**Maundy Thursday Service
April 2, 2026**

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Prelude

The Summons

The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

***Call to Worship**

Meghan Walker

Come to this moment; God's love is before us.

We heed the summons that calls us to this time.

Wash your hands; God will wash your feet.

How do we prepare to receive Christ's love?

With humble acceptance of God's grace,

turn and receive the gifts that are offered.

We are ready partake of the gifts of the divine.

***Opening Prayer**

Meghan Walker

Holy God, when our faith is small and impatient,
overcome our reluctance to receive your grace.

When we expect hurt and hate,
help us endure the trials of living.

Open our eyes to behold Jesus's life-giving gifts,
that we might no longer guard our hearts
from the pain that the world brings.

Like Peter before us, meet us in our weakness
when we walk away, deny love,
even fail to receive the meal of our Lord. Amen.

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Prayer of Confession and Pardon

Pastor Larry

My sisters and brothers, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

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**Most merciful God,
we your Church confess
that often our spirit has not been that of Christ.
Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us,
where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips
and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him,
forgive us, we pray;
and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor Larry

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.
But Christ suffered and died for us,
was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us,
and continues to intercede for us.
Believe the good news:
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

Ministry of Music

Pie Jesu

Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

Meghan Walker

Heavenly Father, we come before You humbly and with hearts full of gratitude. We pray that You will pour out Your light and wisdom upon us, so that we may understand the depths of Your love and grace on this Holy Night. Amen

Scripture Readings

John 13:34-35; Luke 22:25-26; I Corinthians 11:23-26

Meghan Walker

John 13:34-35

³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.” ³⁶ Simon Peter asked him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus replied, “Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.” ³⁷ Peter asked, “Lord, why can’t I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” ³⁸ Then Jesus answered, “Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!

Luke 22:25-26

²⁴ A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. ²⁵ Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. ²⁶ But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves.

I Corinthians 11:23-26

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Sermon

Love, Serve, Remember

Pastor Larry

***Hymn**

When I Survey the Wonderful Cross

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THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION
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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

In the beginning, you hovered over the waters and
poured out your love over the formless void,
turning chaos into life.

You formed us in your image

and provided for us from the fruit of creation.

Even when we turned away and our love failed,

Your love remained steadfast, sustaining us and giving us life.

When we were thirsty, you brought water from a rock,

When we were hungry, you fed us manna from heaven.

When we questioned your provision, you gave us grapes
as evidence of the promised land.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ.

When we turned away from you and abused your gifts,
you gave us in him your crowning gift.

Divine Love poured out in human form,

Christ fed the hungry, healed the sick,

ate with the scorned and forgotten,

and taught us how to love through his actions.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection,

you gave birth to your church,

delivered us from enslavement to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

That same night, Jesus took bread,

gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

As Christ, Divine Love poured out for us,

came to show us how to love one another,

pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here

and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,

that we may be for the world the body of Christ,

redeemed by his blood and called to

love one another as Christ loves us.

For it is by this love that everyone will know

We are his disciples.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ,

one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,

until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,

all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

The 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.

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All Praying

Meghan Walker

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SENDING FORTH

Hymn

Were You There

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Stripping the Altar in Silence

LAMB OF GOD

*Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But you have sent him from your side,
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.*

Refrain:

***O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.***

*Your gift of love, they crucified,
They laughed and scorned him as he died,
The humble king they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. **Refrain.***

*I was so lost, I should have died,
But you have brought me to your side,
To be led by your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God. **Refrain.***

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

*When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

WERE YOU THERE

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (were you there)
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Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (were you there)

2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you there)
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? (were you there)
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you there)

3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)
Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)

4 Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (were you there)
Were you there when the sun refused to shine? ((were you there)
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (were you there)

5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you there)
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you there)
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you there)