

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2, 2026

Organ and String Prelude

Debbie Smith and String Quartet

Adagio in G Minor
attributed to Tomaso Albinoni

***The Opening Sentences**

Sharon Howard and Congregation

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: and also with you.

Leader: Jesus gathers his friends for a final meal.

People: We come to the table he sets for us.

Leader: On the night before he suffered, he took the bread and cup.

People: We come to remember and to receive.

Leader: The hour is near. The gift is given.

People: We come to eat and drink with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

***Hymn of Pilgrimage No. 180**

Congregation

Go to Dark Gethsemane
REDHEAD 76

Welcome to Worshipers

Wayne Splawn

Prayer of Confession

Amy Hirsch and Congregation

Leader: Tonight we come before God with hungry hearts and heavy hands, with fear we cannot shake and hope we barely dare to trust. We come with the burdens we carry and the burdens we have helped create. Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us pray.

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We confess that we are wounded by this broken world, and sadly, we are often also shaped by it.

People: We hoard what we have, as if we were saving ourselves. We cling to comfort, and call it wisdom. We protect our own place at the table, while others are left outside.

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord. Prune away what is false in our lives.
Plant what is true and restore to us the joy of our salvation in
you.
People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Message

Ethan McVay

“Remember and Proclaim”
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Preparation Prayer for the Table

Wayne Splawn and Congregation

Leader: Loving and gracious God, as we come to your table, we
remember the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ.
People: May this bread and cup be for us a means of grace, drawing
us closer to you and to one another. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

The Ordinance of Holy Communion

*You are invited to come forward to pick up your elements from one of the
ministers and take them back to your seat, where we will partake of the Lord's
Supper together. Gluten-free elements are marked and available for those who
need them.*

Distribution Anthem

Sanctuary

Choir

Remember

arr. Larry Shackley

Jeff Flaniken, violin and Libby Phillips, cello

This is the body that was torn for us. This is the blood that was spilt.
Points to the pain you endured for us, points to the shame, the blame,
the guilt. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, come, move our hearts to
remember.

This is the Lamb who was slain for us so we, the church, may enter
in. So bittersweet when we think of you, the one who bore our curse,
our guilt. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, come, move our hearts to
remember.

Post Communion Prayer

Mary Splawn and Congregation

Leader: Faithful God, you have met us at your table in the midst of
a world that is anxious and afraid. You have fed us with the
bread of mercy and the cup of hope. You have reminded us
that you do not abandon your people on the night of danger,
in the hour of betrayal, or on the long road toward freedom.
Send us now into the darkness of these next days with courage

to follow, with humility to serve, and with trust in your saving love.

All: Ground us in your grace. Grow us in your love. Lead us in your way. Amen.

***The Exchange of the Peace of Christ** **Joel Burks and Congregation**

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you told your apostles, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” Grant us always this peace and guide us toward the perfect unity of your kingdom forever.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please greet one another saying: “The peace of Christ to you.” / “And also with you.”)

The Paschal Prayer

Wayne Splawn

The Suffering Servant

A Choral Setting in Four Movements of Isaiah 53

by K. Lee Scott

Prologue Scripture Reading

Isaiah 52:13-15

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

1. Who Has Believed Our Report?

Isaiah 53:1-3

Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a tender plant, as a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look on him, not beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom we turn our faces, he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

2. Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs

Isaiah 53:4-6

Surely, surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we considered him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God. But he was pierced for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities; the chastening which brought our peace fell to him, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray, turning every one to his own way; but the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

3. He Was Oppressed and Afflicted

Isaiah 53:7-9

soloists: Sam Phillips, Jacob King

He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgement he was taken away. And who of his generation considered him cut off out of the land of the living for the transgressions of my people? To them the stroke was due. And he was assigned a grave with the wicked and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in his mouth.

4. Yet It Was the Lord's Will to Bruise Him

Isaiah 53:10-12

soloists: Sarah Rich and Claire Hills

Yet it was the Lord's will to bruise him and to put him to grief. When he has made his soul an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in his hand. Because of his anguish, he will be satisfied; through knowledge of him my righteous servant will justify many, for he will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great and he will divide the spoil with the strong because he has poured out his soul to death and was numbered with his transgressors. He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Closing Prayer

Mark Rector and Congregation

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

People: If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

People: because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. Amen.

The Stripping of the Altar

Tonight we practice the ancient custom of stripping things of beauty from the altar area, symbolizing our mourning over Christ's death. As the choir sings, ministers will remove all elements of beauty and the lights will be dimmed. When the Christ Candle is extinguished, symbolizing our Savior's death, please exit in complete silence and darkness.

Choral Chant

Sanctuary

Choir

Psalm 22

with

They Divide My Garments Among Them

Special thanks to tonight's instrumentalists: Ryan Brown, Jeff Flaniken, Angie Flaniken, Libby Phillips, and Annesley Streets