



## Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026 7:30pm

*This service begins the Triduum, the three-day period from sunset on Thursday to sunset on Easter Day. The name "Maundy Thursday" comes from the Latin mandatum novum, referring to the "new commandment" Jesus taught his disciples (John 13:34).*

### SONG TO PREPARE

"Grace Flows Down"

by Bell, Giglio & Padgett

All

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound:  
Amazing love, now flowing down  
From hands and feet that were nailed to the tree  
As grace flows down and covers me.**

**It covers me, it covers me, it covers me  
And covers me.**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

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**ONE:** I will bless the LORD at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**ALL:** My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

ONE: O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

ALL: **I sought the LORD, and God answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.**

ONE: O taste and see that the Lord is good.

ALL: **Happy are those who take refuge in God.**

\*SONG TO PRAISE

"Here's My Heart"

by Tomlin, Ingram & Giglio

All

**Here's my heart, Lord; here's my heart, Lord.**

**Here's my heart, Lord, speak what is true.**

**'Cause I am found, I am yours; I am loved, I'm made pure.**

**I have life, I can breathe; I am healed~I am free.**

**Here's my heart, Lord; here's my heart, Lord.**

**Here's my heart, Lord, speak what is true.**

**'Cause you are strong, you are sure; you are life, you endure.**

**You are good, always true; you are light breaking through.**

**Here's my heart, Lord; here's my heart, Lord.**

**Here's my heart, Lord, speak what is true.**

**You are more than enough; you are here, you are love.**

**You are hope, you are grace, you're all I have ~ you're eve'rything.**

**Here's my heart, Lord; here's my heart, Lord.**

**Here's my heart, Lord, speak what is true.**

INVITATION

Christ shows his self-giving love by washing his disciples' feet. Surely we do not live up to Christ's example. We confess now our sin and our need of Savior.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Gracious and loving God, on this holy night, we stand at the threshold of your table — and confess we are not ready for where you lead us. You call us to love as you love, yet we hesitate — withholding grace, clinging to what is comfortable, turning away from the needs before us.**

**You kneel to serve, but we resist both serving and being served. We want faith without cost, discipleship without surrender. Like your first disciples, we falter at the doorway — betraying, denying, and drifting when it matters most.**

**Forgive us, Lord. Wash us clean. Give us courage to cross this threshold — from fear into love, from pride into humility, from distance into faithful presence. By your mercy, lead us forward into lives shaped by your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus does not turn us away at the threshold — he meets us there with grace. He kneels to wash us, he breaks bread with us, he calls us still to follow. In Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made new — not because we are ready, but because his love is. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

#### SCRIPTURE READING      Exodus 12:1–4; 11–14 (NRSVue)      Gay Lee Ludwig-Bonney

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. I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and 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.

#### SONG TO REFLECT

“Come to the Table”

by McDonald, Frey & Glover

Praise Team

*We all start on the outside, we're outside looking in*

*This is where grace begins*

*We were hungry, we were thirsty, With nothing left to give  
Oh, the shape that we were in.*

*And just when all hope seemed lost, Love opened the door for us  
He said, "Come to the table. Come join the sinners who have been redeemed"  
Take your place beside the Savior; Sit down and be set free  
Come to the table*

*Come meet this mighty crew of misfits, These liars and these thieves  
There's no one unwelcome here  
And that sin and shame that you brought with you, You can leave it at the door  
And let mercy draw you near*

*So, come to the table. Come join the sinners who have been redeemed  
Take your place beside the Savior; Sit down and be set free  
Come to the table- Come to the table*

*To the thief and to the doubter; To the hero and the coward  
To the prisoner and the soldier, To the young and to the older  
All who hunger, all who thirst, All the last and all the first  
All the paupers and the princess, All who fail, you've been forgiven  
All who dream and all who suffer, All who loved and lost another  
All the chained and all the free, All who follow, all who lead  
Anyone who's been let down All the lost, you have been found  
All who've been labeled right or wrong To everyone who hears this song, oh!*

*Come to the table. Come join the sinners, you have been redeemed  
Take your place beside the Savior; Sit down and be set free  
Come to the table*

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:1–17; 31–35 (NRSVue)

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 decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. 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 supper, 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 reclined again, 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, slaves 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.”

## MEDITATION

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## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table  
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving  
The Words of Institution  
The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Say: “This is the bread of life given for you.”  
Say: “This is the cup of hope poured out for you.”  
Responses might be “Thanks be to God” or “Amen.”

*(All are invited to come forward to a Table when prompted by the ushers.  
Gluten free bread is available.)*

Communion Music

“I Shall Not Want”

by Assad & Brown

Praise Team

*From the love of my own comfort ~ From the fear of having nothing*

*From a life of worldly passions*

*Deliver me, O God*

*From the need to be understood ~ From the need to be accepted  
From the fear of being lonely  
Deliver me, O God ~ Deliver me, O God*

*And I shall not want, I shall not want  
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want  
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want*

*From the fear of serving others ~ From the fear of death or trial  
From the fear of humility  
Deliver me, O God ~ Deliver me, O God*

*And I shall not want, I shall not want  
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want  
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want*

#### Prayer After Communion

\*SONG TO SEND

“Be Still”

by Shive, Benet Aguirre,  
Mason, Westlake, Barnard & Fowler

**All**

**Be still though all the earth is shaking,  
though rivers rise in flood, though mountains turn to dust.  
Be still; know you are not forsaken.  
Your god is ever near. O child, do not fear.**

**Look up, behold the Lord has heard our crying.  
Our help will come, the Lord of angel armies.  
Be still and know that the Lord is on his throne.**

**Be still though round you nations crumble.  
The powerful and proud, they rise and they die down.  
Be still; he is your help in trouble.  
You are his chosen child. He'll never leave your side.**

**Look up, behold the Lord has heard our crying.  
Our help will come, the Lord of angel armies.  
Be still and know that the Lord is on his throne.**

**Be still; the lord of hosts is with us.  
He causes wars to cease, brings evil to its knees.  
Be still; he is our mighty fortress.  
From age to age he proves that he will not be moved.**

**Look up, behold the Lord has heard our crying.  
Our help will come, the Lord of angel armies.  
Be still and know that the Lord is on his throne.**

**\*CLOSING PRAYER**

**God, we receive the love of Christ. We receive his great example,  
We receive the power and work he demonstrated by your spirit;  
And we receive the commands he has given.  
This is Christ's command: That we love one another. (John 13:34)  
This is Christ's legacy which we receive as the gift of heaven:  
Where once there was sacrifice, now there is mercy. (Hosea 6:6)  
Where once there was flesh and blood,  
Now there are bread and wine. (1 Corinthians 11:23–26)  
The mercy of God has been made known in the body of Christ.  
The character of God has been made known in the work of Christ.  
He has shown us a way forward, and we will follow the path of peace.**

*\*Stand in body or spirit*

*The service is not over. It continues tomorrow evening at Good Friday Worship and concludes with our joyful celebration on Easter morning. The worship services are really one service providing us an opportunity to undertake a pilgrimage of renewed commitment and joy. They invite us to travel Christ's path of servanthood, through the Last Supper and the suffering of the cross, as we move toward new and everlasting life at Easter.*

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## Good Friday Service

April 3 at 7:30pm

### EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES — 9 AND 11AM

Come and join us as we celebrate the resurrection this **Sunday, April 5**, in Grace Covenant's traditional unique way. As always this will be a glorious celebration with marvelous music, a beautifully decorated sanctuary, holy scripture, the sacrament of communion, and good, good news. Flowering of the cross will begin 15 minutes prior to the beginning of each worship service. Invite a neighbor! (There will be no Sunday school on Easter Sunday.)

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