

# The Maundy Thursday Service

with Foot Washing and the Stripping of the Altar



The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd

Parkersburg, West Virginia

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

Prelude

“Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Elisabeth Boyle

Processional Hymn (pg.10)

“O God beyond all praising”

*Thaxted*



1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day  
2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,  
3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;  
its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;  
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,  
but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-  
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:  
though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:  
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,  
for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,  
to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,



we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.  
and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

**The Word of God**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* His mercy endures for ever.

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie #S96

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

### **The Collect of the Day**

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.**

### **The Lessons (Toni DeVore, Lector)**

#### **A Reading from the Book of 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.

#### **Psalm 116:1, 10-17**

- 1 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.
- 10 How shall I repay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the LORD's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

#### **A Reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (11:23-26)**

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.

**The Sequence Hymn #439**

“What wondrous love is this”

*Wondrous Love*

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (13:1-17, 31b-35)**

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.

**Homily**

The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

### **The Foot Washing**

*Celebrant*

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority or even miracle, but by such lowly service.

Therefore I invite you, as people of God, to come forward, that we may remember whose servants we are, following the example of our Lord in serving one another. Come now remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others. For “a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

*Those who wish may come forward for the ceremony of foot washing.*

Hymn

“Ubi Caritas”

Jacques Berthier

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.  
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

**Prayers of the People – Form VI** *(Please kneel.)*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Matthew our Bishop, and all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
*The people may add their own thanksgivings silently or aloud.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
*The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.  
**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Absolution**

*Celebrant*  
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*  
*Celebrant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*         **And also with you.**

### **Offertory Sentence**

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another."

**The Offertory Hymn #315** (vs. 1-2) "Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray"     *Song 1*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*         **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*     Lift up your hearts.  
*People*         **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant*     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*         **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore, we

praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus #S125

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

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be said*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

### Fraction #S161

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.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The minister receive the Sacrament in both kinds, followed by those present.*

## Communion

### Communion Hymn #325

“Let us break bread together on our knees”

*After Communion, the Celebrant says:*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose

### Processional Hymn

“Stay with me”

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a 2/4 time signature. The melody is in G major. The lyrics are: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and pray. Watch and pray." The score includes a key signature change to A major for the final phrase "Watch and pray."

## The Stripping of the Altar

### Choral Anthem

“God of the Deep”  
*(soloist, Amber Hickman)*

Dan Forrest

### Piano Offering

“In The Garden”

Shelly Hamilton

*After music has concluded, the service is ended. All depart in silence.*

*Following the service, a prayer watch/vigil will be kept until noon Friday. All are welcome to stay and pray as long as they wish.*

## Announcements

**The Prayer Vigil** begins immediately following this service at the Altar of Repose, and it will continue until noon tomorrow. **Stations of the Cross** to be held at noon on Friday. The **Good Friday Liturgy** will be held at 7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday Offering** – For 104 years Episcopalians have generously shared love, compassion and financial gifts to support the Anglican Communion Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. These gifts make a huge impact on Jesus’ homeland and beyond. Please donate with your Good Friday envelope or with a check made payable to Good Shepherd with “Good Friday” in the memo line.

**Saturday, April 4 Easter Vigil, Service of Easter at 7:30 PM at Good Shepherd**  
*(choral music from combined choir with Trinity)*

**Easter Sunday Service** will be held at 10:15 a.m. followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

**Easter Offering** - This year’s Easter offering will be split between Open Sky Arts Collective and Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD). The Open Sky Arts Collective offers a week-long Vacation Bible School for kids with a focus on the arts and sports. ERD partners with locally led organizations to promote lasting change in communities in the US and around the world impacted by injustice, poverty, disaster and climate change. Please donate using your Easter envelope or by check with “Easter Offering” in the memo line.

### PARISH PRAYER LIST

The war in the Mideast	Marcia Doyle – healing	Mary Gevas – healing
The People of Israel and Gaza	Peggy Roberts - healing	Peter Gevas – healing
The People of Ukraine	Ann Stevens– healing	Margy Yocum – healing
Victims of gun violence	Susan Allander - healing	Dee Milhoan – healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	Gene Allander - healing	Buck Harris – strength/healing
Crystal Proper – healing	Julie Stover - healing	Nicole Combs – healing
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	Amanda Morris – healing	Diane Cottrill – healing
Bob Fielder – healing	Vicki Fielder - healing	

*Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces*  
Sterling Slusher, Lauren Fielder, Peter Keiser

*Those needing healing from cancer*

Marlene Smith	Alana Dailey	John Stevens	Lois Switzer
Everett Gilmore	Faith Beha	Gary Greer	Mirtala Smith
Charles Sterchak	Ellen Faymon	Wilbur Lemmon	