



The Triduum: Maundy Thursday

April 6, 6:00 pm

An ecumenical service with Immanuel Lutheran Church,
First United Methodist Church, the United Church,
and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

WELCOME

to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Big Rapids

a member of the Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant



About the Triduum service:

The Triduum is an ancient liturgy that celebrates the Pascha, with two days of fasting and one of celebration. It includes the services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and The Great Vigil of Easter. This liturgy (one continuous service in three parts) is a way in which Christians throughout the centuries have passed over with Christ from death to life, celebrating each event in the drama of salvation and entering into the mystery of dying and rising again with the Lord of Life.

This bulletin contains just the first part of the Triduum: Maundy Thursday.

The people's responses are in bold. You may notice that this service has an opening acclamation but no closing dismissal. The dismissal for the Triduum takes place at the end of the Great Vigil of Easter. We invite you to end in silence on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and to return in silence on Good Friday and for the Easter Vigil.

The Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services are ecumenical services that are planned and led together by Immanuel Lutheran Church, First United Methodist Church, The United Church of Big Rapids, and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Parts of each service are taken from each of these traditions. You are invited to participate in all parts of these services.

Therefore, let us enter into this most holy weekend with reverence and in remembrance of what God has invited us into through the passion, death, and resurrection of his son.

MAUNDY THURSDAY



The name “Maundy” comes from the Latin mandatum, referring to the new commandment in John 13:34. The liturgy celebrates the events of the Last Supper, the footwashing and the institution of the eucharist. It is the only eucharist celebrated between Wednesday and the Great Vigil and ties the events of the Last Supper to those of Good Friday.

The tradition of the footwashing comes from an understanding from John’s gospel 13:14-15, and 34 where Jesus said, “So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought also to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.” and “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” Therefore, the washing of feet is the outward and visible sign of the love of Christ, which we are commanded to share with one another.

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“I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds. O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides. Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with the bloodthirsty, those in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.” - Psalm 26: 6-10



THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn

Jesu! Jesu!, Hymnal 1982, #602

Opening Greeting

United Methodist Book of Worship

Presider The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

People Christ has prepared a feast of love.

The Collect of the Day

Episcopal Book of Common Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

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

The First Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

Reader A Reading from the book of Exodus.

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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Read responsively

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.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Reader A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

The Rev. Robert Garrels

The Hand-washing

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Handwashing Litany

Presider O Prince of Peace, O Friend of Sinners,
we praise you and give you thanks,
because you laid aside your power as a garment
and took upon yourself the form of a slave.

People **You became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
You allowed yourself to be born to die in our place,
You allowed your own feet to be anointed for death.
You allowed a sinner to wash your feet with her tears.
For God chose what is low and despised in the world
to bring to nothing things that are.
Therefore, with the woman who gave you birth,
with the woman who anointed you for death,
with the woman who worshiped you with her tears,
and with all our fellow sinners
who have loved and served you from that time till now,
we praise you, Lord Jesus.**

Presider O Eternal Father, blessed is our brother Jesus,
who on that night before Passover,
rose from the Supper, laid aside his garments
took a towel and poured water,
and washed his disciples' feet, saying to them:
"If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet,
you also ought to wash one another's feet.
If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

People **Come now, mighty Spirit of God,
wash us and make us one body in Christ,
that, as we are bound together in this act of love,
we may no longer be in bondage
to the principalities and powers that enslave creation,
but may know your liberating peace
such as the world cannot give. Amen.**

You are invited to come forward to wash your hands.

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Merciful God, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. As we commit ourselves to following his example of love and service, teach us humility. God of grace,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor On this night, Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one. As we grieve for the divisions in the church, unite us. God of grace,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor On this night, Jesus prayed for those who would come to believe through the disciples' message. As we take up the mission of the church, renew our zeal. God of grace,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor On this night, Jesus commanded his friends to love, but he suffered rejection himself. As we open our hearts to the rejected and the unloved, fill us with your love. God of grace,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor On this night, Jesus reminded his people that, if the world hated them, it had hated him first. As we face our own fears, we pray for those who are persecuted for their faith; give us your peace. God of grace,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor On this night, Jesus loved his friends to the very end. As we open our hearts to all who face darkness tonight, we pray for the sick, those who mourn, those trapped by violence, addiction, or pain: give healing and hope. God of grace,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider Faithful God, these are the prayers of your Church. We offer them trusting and hoping in you. Hear and help us, challenge and change us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Pardon

United Methodist Book of Worship

Presider Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will, we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *All pray in silence.*

Presider Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All Glory to God. Amen.

The Peace

Episcopal Book of Common Prayer

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you. *The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Episcopal Book of Common Prayer

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The gifts for communion are brought forward and the table is prepared.

The Great Thanksgiving

Lutheran Book of Worship

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather all people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Presider In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Presider Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

All are welcome at God's table.

Please come forward to the bottom of the steps to receive communion.

If you need communion brought to you, let an usher know.

After you receive communion, please proceed into the parish hall and take your seat for our potluck dinner. Bring your bulletin with you.

All return to the sanctuary in silence.

The Stripping of the Altar

Episcopal Book of Common Prayer

While the people say Psalm 22 together, the blessed Sacrament, representing Jesus, is carried to the Altar of Repose in the sacristy, which represents for us this night the garden of Gethsemane where Jesus asks all his disciples to wait and watch with him. The altar is stripped of ornament until all is desolate.

Psalm 22

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?**
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;
by night as well, but I find no rest.**
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.**
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you;
they trusted, and you delivered them.**
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.**
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man,
scorned by all and despised by the people.**
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,**
- 8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."**
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.**

- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me,
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me;
they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.
- 17 They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.
- 18 Be not far away, O Lord;
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth,
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him;
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them;
but when they cry to him he hears them.**
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:
"May your heart live for ever!"**
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over the nations.**
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.**
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.**

All depart in silence. As the service ends, we invite you to meditate on the Lord's time in the Garden of Gethsemane. Worship continues tomorrow at noon at Immanuel Lutheran Church for the liturgy of Good Friday.

All are invited to participate in the Community Choir tomorrow. The choir will sing an anthem during the Good Friday service. If you would like to participate, please attend the pick-up rehearsal at Immanuel at 11:00 am.



Participants in the Ecumenical Triduum Services

Maundy Thursday

Presiders: The Reverends Bob Garrels & Jeremy Wicks

Musician: Bob Garrels

Reader (1st reading): Immanuel Lutheran Church

Reader (Psalm): First United Methodist Church

Reader (2nd reading): St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Intercessor: The United Church

Acolyte: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Worship Server: Immanuel Lutheran Church

Stripping of the Altar: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Good Friday

Presiders: The Reverends Bob Garrels, Jeremy Wicks & Radha Kaminski

Musicians: Paul Heidemann, Janet Mallett, & Kathy Bell

Reader (1st reading): The United Church

Reader (Psalm): St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Reader (2nd reading): Immanuel Lutheran Church

Intercessor: First United Methodist Church

Cross-bearer: The United Church

Acolyte: Immanuel Lutheran Church

Good Friday Service

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Easter Services

First United Methodist Church 304 Elm St, Big Rapids
7:00 am – Easter Sunrise Service www.bigrapidsfirst.org
at Hemlock Park (meet in church parking lot)
10:00 am – Easter Sunday Service

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 323 South State St, Big Rapids
8:00 am – The Great Vigil of Easter www.standrewsbr.com
(the conclusion of the Triduum service)

Immanuel Lutheran Church 726 Fuller Ave, Big Rapids
9:30 am – Easter Sunday Service www.immanuelbr.com

The United Church 120 South State St, Big Rapids
9:30 am – Easter Sunday Service www.unitedchurchbr.org

St. Mary's Episcopal Church 815 Lincoln St, Cadillac
11:00 am – Easter Sunday Service www.stmaryscadillac.org