

Maundy Thursday

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

"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."
– John 13:34-35

Welcome!

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Today we will be celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please prepare by having bread and wine available.

Prelude

Le Banquet Céleste

Olivier Messiaen

Silent Procession

Holy Week Exhortation

In our Lenten journey from ashes to Easter, we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death and the devil — all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism. God's forgiveness and the power of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of God's love for us in Jesus, our Savior.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the words of absolution, we receive God's forgiveness. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant.

It is, however, in Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's last supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal. Together, we receive the Lord's gift of himself and participate in that new covenant which makes us one in him. The Eucharist is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

Please stand

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

God of love and mercy,

You know the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts; you know our coming in and our going out. We confess to you all our sins — those things done and left undone. We have not loved one another as you have loved us. We have not served others as you have served us. Hear our cry, O Lord. Accept our repentance. Cleanse us, restore us, and lead us that we may love and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was sent to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Salutation/The Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray . . . **Amen**

Today's Worship

Participants

Musicians

Celina Kobetitsch, organ
SPD Vocal Ensemble
Sanctuary Choir

Readers

Jackie Peterson
Mark Hodowanic

Acolyte

Eivind Berg

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Thank you to all who
have assisted in today's
worship services.

Please be seated

Lesson

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

... the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand and sing:

Lenten Verse

Return to the Lord, Your God

Red Hymnal page 151

Re-turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,
slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

*As the Gospel is announced the people stand and say: **Glory to you, O Lord!***

*As the Gospel ends the people say: **Praise to you, O Christ!***

Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Red Hymnal #347

1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
 2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - raigned;
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
 oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.

turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

Please be seated

Homily

Pastor Mark Schmid

Please stand

The Prayers. . . God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Please be seated

Offering

Verleih uns Frieden

Felix Mendelssohn

Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich,
Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten.
Es ist doch ja kein anderer nicht,
der für uns könnte streiten,
denn du, unser Gott, alleine.

*Mercifully grant us peace,
Lord God, in our times.
For there is no other
Who could fight for us
But you alone, our God.*

trans. Sabine Köllmann

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Please stand

Offertory

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

Red Hymnal #811

**On my heart, imprint your image, blessed Jesus, king of grace.
That life's troubles nor its pleasures ever may your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: "Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation, all my glory and salvation!"**

Prayer

God of glory,

receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Please know that all are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given "for you and for all people." We will bless the bread and wine in the Sanctuary. After the Lord's Prayer, the pastor will say, "the body and blood of Christ are given and shed for you." At that time, we invite you to serve yourself or share bread and wine (or juice) at home with one another.

The Great Thanksgiving

Red Hymnal page 152

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you... as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

The Lord's Prayer

Red Hymnal page 154

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 and ever. Amen

The Three Days (Triduum in Latin) are the three 24 hour periods of Holy Week which focus on Christ's passage from death to life: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday (our "First Light of Easter" service) and Easter Sunday. Because the Three Days are viewed as one ongoing worship service, we omit the benediction on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

New Member Class

If you are interested in joining St. Philip the Deacon, please attend our next New Member Class:

Saturday, April 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Register at spdlc.org/register or contact Cindy Carlson at 763-475-7115. Childcare is available. New Members will be received on Sunday, April 26.

Reception of Communion

Red Hymnal page 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated

Anthem

Ave verum Corpus

William Byrd

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine:
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine: cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum,
in mortis examine.
O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae.
Miserere mei. Amen.

*Hail, true body born Of the Virgin Mary:
Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed
on the cross for mortals, Whose side was pierced,
Whence flowed water and blood:
Be for us a foretaste (of heaven)
During our final examining.
O Jesu sweet, O Jesu pure, O Jesu, Son of Mary,
have mercy upon me. Amen.*

trans. Ron Jeffers

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22

Bible page 490

The stripping of the altar is symbolic of the stripping of Christ before his crucifixion.

Silence for reflection

Dismissal

On Maundy Thursday, the benediction is omitted and the service concludes with these words:

We depart in silence, in the name of Christ. **Amen**

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Stripping of the Altar

In the ritual of the Stripping of the Altar, we remember what our Lord endured in his last hours.

We extinguish and remove all the candles, as we remember that the human life of Jesus, the Light of the world, was extinguished on the cross.

The palms are reminders of the joy of Palm Sunday and, in their greenness, of vibrant life. As we remove the palms, we are humbled by our Lord's sacrifice of his vibrant human life for our sake.

Our sacramentary book on the altar guides our worship life together as we sing our praises to God. As Jesus suffers, joyful songs are not sung, so we remove the book.

The altar is a table where our Lord serves as both host and meal at the banquet of Holy Communion. As the bread and wine are removed from it, we remember that he gave his very body and blood to nourish us and forgive us.

The altar linens are made of fine and beautiful fabrics, appropriate for joyful feasting with our Lord. As the altar is stripped of its linens we remember how the soldiers stripped Jesus of his robe before his crucifixion.

The stripping of the altar points us firmly toward Good Friday.

Holy Week & Easter Worship Schedule

April 3

Good Friday

Children's Service

5:30 p.m.[†]

*The service is designed for children and families.
Music will be provided by the Children's Choirs.*

Good Friday Service

7:00 p.m.[†]

The service will include music by the Sanctuary Choir.

April 4-5

Easter Celebration Weekend

All Easter worship services include special music and Holy Communion.

First Light of Easter Candlelight Service **5:00 p.m.**

Easter Morning **8:00*, 9:30[†], 11:00* a.m.**

** please note time change at 2 services*

[†] Livestreamed

Childcare is available at all services except the 5:30 service on Good Friday and the 5:00 service on Saturday

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