

LITURGY OF HOLY EUCHARIST

Holy/Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026

C – Celebrant D - Deacon A - Assistant L – Lector R – Response

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Wondrous Love”

Erica Strang, Clarinet

*GATHERING HYMN

“Nature with Open Volume Stands”

GREEN #119

*INVOCATION

We make the sign of the cross in remembrance of our Baptism.

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, † and of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R: And also with you.

*PENITENTIAL RITE

C: Let us make confession to God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

R: Almighty God, merciful Father: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

C: God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, † and of the Holy Spirit.

We make the sign of the cross as God forgives us this day.

R: Amen.

Those in the congregation may come before the altar. The Celebrant, laying both hands on each person's head, addresses each in turn:

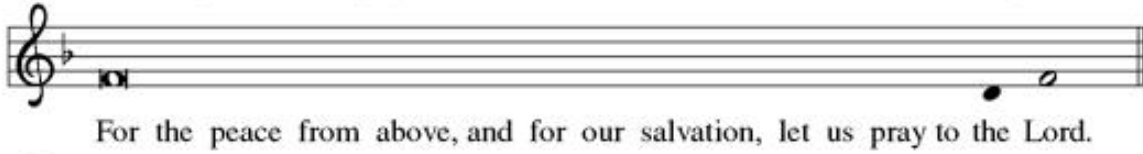
C: In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

R: Amen

***LORD, HAVE MERCY**



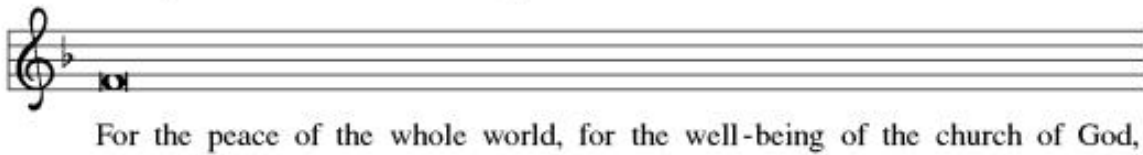
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



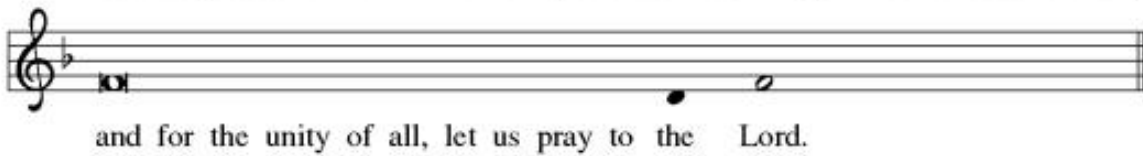
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



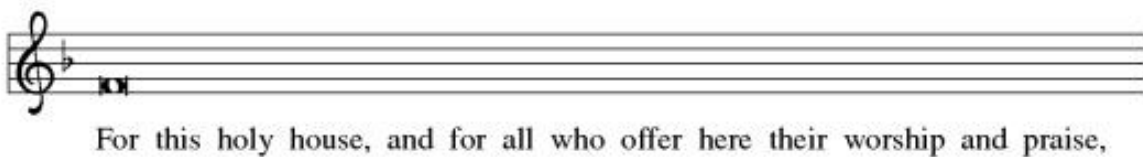
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



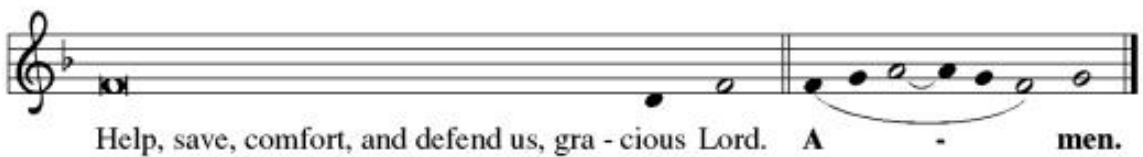
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

***GLORY TO GOD** *(the bells are rung for the last time until Easter)*



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

C: Let us pray. Holy God and Father, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R: Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

L: A reading from 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-2, 10-17 *(sung responsively)*

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.

**The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took | hold of me;
I came to | grief and sorrow.**

How shall I re- | pay the Lord
for all the good things he has | done for me?

**I will lift up the cup | of salvation
and call upon the name | of the Lord.**

I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord
in the presence of | all his people.

**Precious in the sight | of the Lord
is the death | of his servants.**

O Lord, I | am your servant;
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from
my bonds.

**I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and call upon the name | of the Lord.**

I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord
in the presence of | all his people,
**in the courts of | the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

L: A reading from First Corinthians.

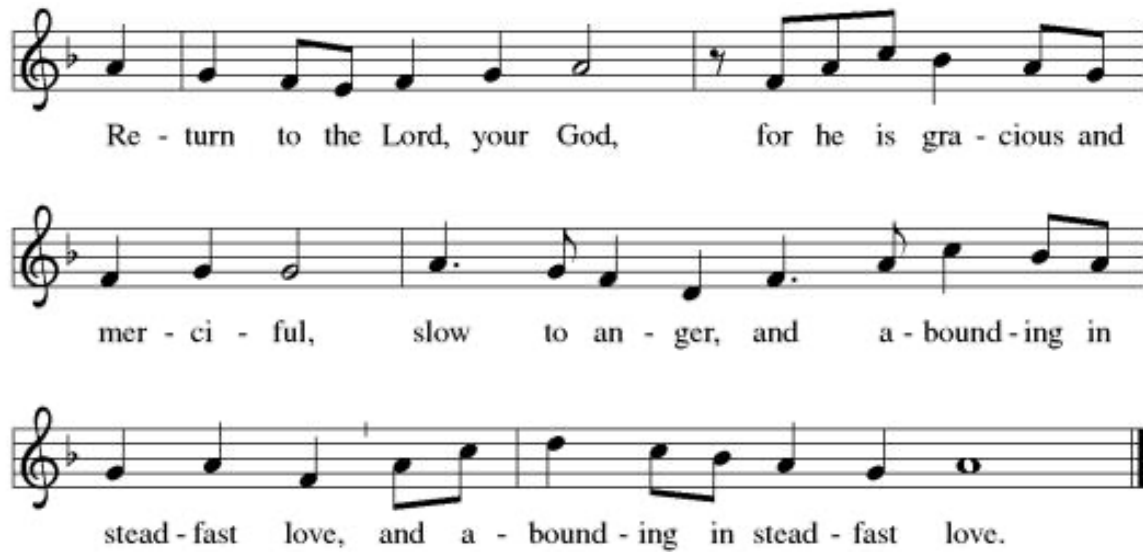
For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

Please stand in honor of the Gospel.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

C: A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

R: Glory to you, O Lord.

We make the sign of the cross with our right thumb on our forehead, lips, and heart to symbolize the gospel being present in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

***GOSPEL READING**

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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

Please stand as you are able.

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *“It Happened on That Fateful Night”*

GREEN #127

***WASHING OF FEET**

C: Brothers and sisters in Christ, on this night before his passion, in an act of humble service, Jesus knelt down and washed the feet of his friends. In so doing he modeled a way of life for all of us who believe. Jesus said, “I have set you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.” No servant is greater than the master; therefore, those who are disciples should accept such service from one another, and continually model such service in the ministry of their daily lives. Tonight, we wash your feet as a sign of this servant ministry and we ask that you in turn join us in the sign of discipleship.

Please be seated. if you wish to participate in the foot washing, please remove one or both shoes and come forward by the center aisle. After the Celebrant washes your foot/feet, please return to your seat by the side aisle.

HYMNS

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

Hymn #612

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Hymn #708

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

C: On the night before his death, Jesus sat at table with his disciples. Gathered to participate in that sacred Supper, let us join Christ and pray to the Father for all our needs.

A brief silence.

A: For the Church on earth, that we may be guided to a greater understanding of the perfect love and service of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those engaged in the Catechumenate Process here at Shells – Douglass, Anna, Lauren, Lucas, Lexi, Emma, Evelyn, Julia, and Nora, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For our law enforcement officers, first responders, and service women and men, especially Matt, Nikolas, Sam, John, Dominic, Blake, Keegan, Michael, Stephen, Chris, Ryan, and John, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those in positions of power and influence in the world, that they may understand something of the spirit of Christ's sacrifice, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those confronted by temptation, that they may be strengthened by Christ's example of loyalty to his Father, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For all of us in this community, that more and more we may reflect in our lives the Eucharistic love of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For the nations and places where Christ is not known, that the Holy Spirit may bring them to trust the Good News of Jesus Christ. We pray especially for our missionaries: Richard, Emily, Ben & Courtney, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those who are seeking Christ, that they may find a faith community centered around Word and Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For those who suffer in any way, especially – Bobbie B., Diana B., Sam D., Betty E., Crist E., Cristin E., Nadine E., Mim F., Ed F., Herb F., Diane G., Peter H., Shirley H., Nancy I., Keira K., Tregan L., Blaine M., Erna O., Kevin O., Rena S., Lucas S., Larry S., Don W., Bev U. and Jack U., our homebound members and those we name out loud or in the silence of our hearts (*a brief silence*), let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

A: For the dead, that the sacrifice of Christ on the cross may bring them to eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.

R: O God, hear us.

C: Father, we come before you and present our needs to you, humbled by the Eucharistic love and generosity of your Son, your eternal Priest. Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

R: Amen.

*Please be seated while the bread and wine are brought forward for consecration
and the offering is collected for the ministry of Christ's Church.*

MEAL

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

*“Cross of Jesus”
Please stand as you are able.*

Senior Choir

***OFFERTORY HYMN**

“God Loved the World”

HYMN #323

***OFFERING PRAYER**

C: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice of praise and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

R: May the Lord accept our sacrifice of praise for the glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

C: Lord, make us worthy to celebrate these mysteries. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

R: Amen.

***DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

***PREFACE**

It is indeed right and sal - u - tary that we should at all times and in all
plac - es of - fer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through
Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all,
that, where death began, there life might be re - stored, and that he, who by
a tree once o - ver - came, might by a tree be o - ver - come. And so, with the
Church on earth and the hosts of heav - en, we praise your name
and join their un - end - ing hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

C: We come to you, Father, with praise and thanksgiving,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

Through him we ask you to accept and bless
these gifts we offer you.

We pray for your holy Church,
watch over it, Lord, and guide it;
grant it peace and unity throughout the world.

We pray for Yehiel our Presiding Bishop,
Stephen our Bishop,
and for all who hold and teach the faith
that comes to us from the apostles.

Remember, Lord, your people,
especially those for whom we now pray.
Remember all of us gathered here before you.

You know how firmly we believe in you
and dedicate ourselves to you.

We offer you this sacrifice of praise
for ourselves and those who are dear to us.

We pray to you, our living and true God
for our well-being and redemption.

In union with the whole Church
we honor Mary,
the ever-virgin mother of Jesus Christ our Lord and God.
We honor Joseph, her husband,
the apostles and martyrs and all the saints.
Father, accept this worship
from your whole family.
Grant us peace in this life,
save us from final damnation,
and count us among those you have chosen.

Bless and approve our offering;
make it acceptable to you,
an offering in spirit and in truth.
Let it become for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ,
your only Son, our Lord.

The day before he suffered
he took bread in his sacred hands
and looking up to heaven, to you, his almighty Father,
he gave you thanks and praise.
He broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks and praise,
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:
Take this, all of you, and drink from it:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for you and for many so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



C: Father, we celebrate the
memory of Christ, your Son.
We, your people and your ministers,
recall his passion, his resurrection from the dead,
and his ascension into glory.

Look with favor on your people and accept us
as you once accepted the gifts of your servant Abel,
the sacrifice of Abraham, our Father in faith,
and the bread and wine offered by your priest Melchisedech.
Almighty God, we pray that your angel may take our prayers
to your altar in heaven.

Then, as we receive from this altar
the sacred body and blood of your Son,
let us be filled with every grace and blessing.

Remember, Lord, those who have died
and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith,
especially those for whom we now pray,

May these and all who sleep in Christ,
find in your presence
light, happiness, and peace.

For ourselves, too, we ask
some share in the fellowship of your apostles and martyrs
and all the saints.

Though we are sinners,
we trust in your mercy in love.
Do not consider what we truly deserve,
but grant us your forgiveness.

Through Christ our Lord
you give us all these good gifts.
You fill them with life and goodness,
you bless them and make them holy.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
almighty Father, forever and ever.



***LORD'S PRAYER**

C: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us.

**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.**

***PEACE**

C: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R: And also with you.

C: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*Please greet those who are seated near you with
the sign of peace using the words, "Peace be with you."*

***LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*INVITATION

C: This the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

R: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Please be seated.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER *(for those viewing via live-stream)*

A: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All baptized Christians who acknowledge the Real Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Bread and Wine are welcome to receive the Sacrament. If you would prefer a blessing come forward and cross your arms over your chest. Beginning with the front pews, form one line and make your way down the center aisle. Please pick up a communion glass from the tray on your right. Receive our Lord Jesus' Body from the Celebrant and, according to where you are seated, receive his Precious Blood from the Assistant and consume both elements. Low-Gluten Hosts are available for those who wish to receive the Lord this way – simply inform the Celebrant. Mustum (sacramental non-alcoholic wine that was not left to ferment) is available for those who wish to receive the Lord this way – simply inform one of the Assistants distributing the chalice. Upon receiving our Lord's Body and Blood, respond **Amen**. Please place your used communion glass in the tray on the table and return to your seat by the side aisle. Taste and see that the Lord is good!*

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Lamb of God"

Hymn #336

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Hymn #359

Please stand as you are able at the direction of the Celebrant.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

C: Let us pray. Almighty God, we receive new life from the supper your Son gave us in this world. May we find full contentment in the meal we hope to share in your eternal kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

*TRANSFER OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

HYMN

"My Song is Love Unknown"

GREEN #94

During the singing of the Hymn, the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood will be processed through the Nave and then placed on the Altar of Repose in the Sacristy. This procession mirrors the jubilant procession on Palm Sunday. However, instead of shouts of "hosanna" our Lord will soon hear shouts of "crucify." The church will be open through the Easter Vigil for you to come to the Sacristy and pray before our Lord Jesus Christ truly present in the Sacrament of the Altar.

Please be seated at the conclusion of the Hymn.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 22 *(intoned by the Senior Choir)*

+++We depart in silence+++

THOSE SERVING TODAY:

Celebrant	The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, <i>STS</i>
Assistant	Karlene Jaggan & Karen Gussler
Lector	Lisa Lugovich
Acolyte	Douglass Howard, (+) Ellie Frye & Lexi Frye
Organist	Barbara Dupler
Greeters/Ushers	Rick & Linda Blair

HOLY WEEK 2026

April 2 @ 7pm - Holy/Maundy Thursday

We gather to begin the Great Three Days with the celebration of the institution of the Holy Eucharist.

April 3 @ Noon - Stations of the Cross

We will pray at the stations in the Sanctuary with music.

April 3 @ 7pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

We will remember our Lord's death on the cross and offer our prayers of thanksgiving.

April 4 @ 7pm - Easter Vigil

We will gather outside to light the new fire and illumine the darkness with the light of Christ and the promise of salvation. This liturgy is the culmination of the entire liturgical year with the Rite of Confirmation, blessing of Holy Water, and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

April 5 @ 6:30am - Easter Sunday: Morning Prayer at Sunrise

We will gather to celebrate the resurrection in the pavilion.

April 5 @ 9am - Easter Sunday: The Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

We will gather to celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ and his victory over sin, death, and the devil.

SHELLS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"We are a community of the Triune God, nourished by Word and Sacrament, sent forth by the Holy Spirit into the Grantville community and beyond to share the life-changing news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed."

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Password: **GodIsAwesome** (*case-sensitive*)