



Maundy Thursday
Worship Service
April 2, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Luke 22

Jesus said, "When I sent you to prepare for this Passover feast, I told you, 'My time is at hand.' I have looked forward to this hour with deep longing, anxious to eat the Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. For I tell you now that I will not eat it again until what it represents has occurred in the Kingdom of God. I tell you the truth: one of you is going to betray me."

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 116:12-13

What shall we offer for all God's goodness to us?

Let us lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

† HYMN

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Hymnal #203

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 13:1-11; 31b-35 NRSVUE

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing the Cup

Prayer after the Meal

THE LIVING LAST SUPPER

Leonardo DaVinci captured the power and emotions of the Last Supper in his famous painting. The painting was not intended as a faithful reproduction of the original scene. Although the setting and appearance of the table are from the sixteenth century, his painting still captures the moment. In a dark upper room in the first century Palestine, Jesus tells his disciples that one of them will betray him. In the surprise of the moment, Peter draws his knife and asks John to ask the Master for the identity of the betrayer. A salt shaker is overturned. While the disciple's minds whirled with unanswered questions, the Master remained the calm center of the universe.

DISCIPLE SOLILOQUIES

Andrew, portrayed by Roger McKnight

Peter, portrayed by Roy McBee

James, portrayed by Brad Ketting

Philip, portrayed by Rob Cardwell

Nathaniel, portrayed by Bill Tucker

Thomas, portrayed by Heidi Nuckolls

Matthew, portrayed by Dave Burgess

James the Lesser, portrayed by Jim Schiro

Judas, portrayed by Scott Collier

Simon the Zealot, portrayed by John Northrip

Thaddeus, portrayed by Barry Boeker

John, portrayed by Jim Arnet

Jesus, portrayed by Devin Melter

SPECIAL MUSIC

“In the Garden”
Chancel Choir

TOLLING OF THE BELL AND STRIPPING OF THE COMMUNION TABLE

DEPART IN SILENCE

There is no postlude. Please leave the Sanctuary quietly and enter the night in peace.

Welcome to St. Mark Presbyterian Church!

We are pleased to have you join us this evening. Your presence enriches both us and this experience of worship. It is our prayer that this will be a time of challenge and encouragement. Wherever you may be on your faith journey, there is a place for you to participate in our life together.

Offering Plates are in the Narthex, just beyond the Sanctuary doors for your free-will contributions following the worship service this evening. Your gifts are truly appreciated.

Easter Schedule: Tomorrow, April 3 “Journey to the Cross; a Self-guided Spiritual Experience” 11am – 7 pm and Good Friday Worship Service 3 pm; Easter Sunday, April 5, Worship and Nursery (Infant – PK) at 10:00 am.

Thank you for coordinating and supporting this evening’s worship experience: The cast of Jesus and the Disciples, Donna Schiro, Bertha Larez, Cathy York, Jan Boehme, Jean Steward, Sharon Yoder, Chuck Livesay, Norm Steiner and Greg Reiter.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. J. David Burgess
Dir. of Children's Ministry: Latisha Gilliland
Parish Associate: Donna Schiro



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Accompanist & Organist: Jee-Hye Lee
Special Music: Chancel Choir