

Trinity Presbyterian Church

April 2, 2026

MAUNDY THURSDAY:

BREAD FOR REMEMBRANCE



GATHERING

We gather as the body of Christ to encounter God in worship.

Prelude

Jaron Marcus, piano

CENTERING WORDS

How is food connected to memory for you?

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus broke bread and shared the cup, saying, "Do this in remembrance of me."

We gather to remember the bread of life, broken at the table of love.

Jesus knelt to wash his disciples' feet, showing us what love looks like in action.

We gather to remember the Prince of Peace who chose humility over domination.

Jesus shared his life and love with the world, inviting us to be nourished and transformed.

The bread of life has come to sustain us. Believing this promise, let us worship together!

Prayer of the Day

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, we confess we have allowed the distractions of life to cloud our memories of your love. We have failed to reflect your kindness in our actions and have neglected your command to serve one another. Forgive us, Lord. Stir our hearts and bring to mind the joy and purpose we find in Jesus’ life and resurrection. Remind us that we are yours, and empower us to live as your people. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us share signs of Christ’s peace.

THE WORD

The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation is the center of worship.

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

Exodus 12: 1-14

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. 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 with fire. 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. I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and 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.

*People: **Thanks be to God***

Anthem

“Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs”

Alan Pote

Trintiy Heritage Choir

Second Lesson

Matthew 26: 26-29

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

*People: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

Reflection “Bread for Remembrance”

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

We respond to the Word of God in prayer and by offering ourselves and our substance.

*Hymn No. 655 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

“What Shall I Render to the Lord?”

We believe Jesus calls us to remember him every time we partake in the Lord's Supper.

We remember God sent Jesus to live a human life, complete with temptations, struggles, pain, and hardships.

We remember Jesus devoted himself to love and justice, teaching us about the kingdom of God through stories and healing works.

We remember Jesus fed the hungry, ate with sinners, flipped tables of injustice, and set tables of communion.

We remember Jesus broke bread and shared the cup in his final hours, showing us community happens best at the table.

We believe the bread and the cup at God's table are available to all who seek to know God better. Amen.

Prayers of the People

On this night, we remember the love of Christ that calls us to serve one another. God who restores and makes all things new, we ask your healing for all who are broken in body, mind, or spirit. May they find comfort in your presence and peace in the power of Christ's love.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: We lift up those who have experienced betrayal, abandonment, or loss. May the healing balm of your grace soothe their wounds and restore their hope.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: We lift up those who are weary from the weight of injustice, oppression, and struggle. May your strength and resilience empower them to continue the work of reconciliation.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: We lift up those who are not with us at this table, especially those who are suffering or alone. May they know they are not forgotten and feel your love always around them.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: We lift up this community of faith. May we grow in love for one another, extend grace, and seek to serve with humility as we follow the example of Christ.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: We lift up the church throughout the world. May we be agents of redemption, bringing your love to all who are in need.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: We lift up our world. May the peace of Christ prevail, healing divisions, restoring hope, and renewing all things.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: We pray all these things in the name of the one who humbly served his friends.

All: Amen.

Anthem

“Come Share the Lord”
Keith Christopher
Trinity Heritage Choir

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

Lord’s Prayer

**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 debts, as we
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Communion Music

Brad Stipcak, organ

Prayer After Communion

SENDING FORTH

Worship equips us to go forth to serve God in the world.

*Sending Hymn No. 215

“What Wondrous Love is This”

Stripping of the Church

All depart in Silence.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participating in Worship Leadership:
Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Presider
Rev. Carol Shannahan Liturgist
Brad Stipcak, Dir. of Music, Organ
Jaron Marcus, Piano
Anton Ahrens, Audio/Vis
Peter Blum, Audio/Visual
Matt Blum, Audio/Visual

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