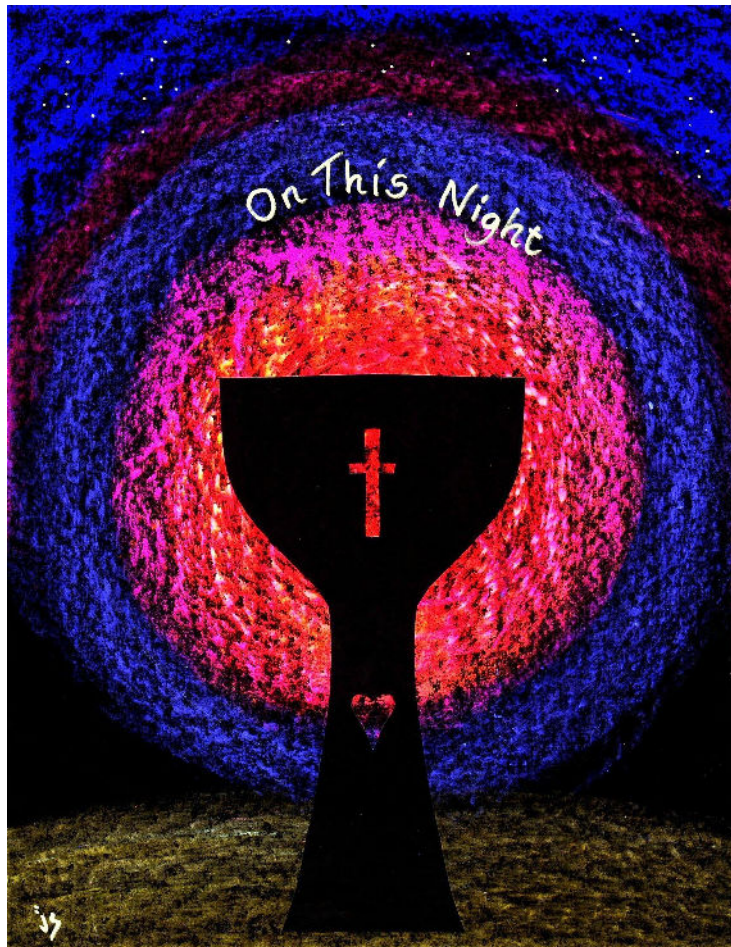


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**MAUNDY  
THURSDAY**

**2 APRIL 2026**

**7.00 PM**

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

On Maundy Thursday we remember the events of the Last Supper. Jesus gathered with his disciples, shared a meal and when saying the normal Jewish graces over the bread and wine, he added the words “This is my body ... ”  
“This is my blood ... ”  
“Do this in remembrance of me”.

The Church ever since has followed the pattern set down for us and the Eucharist has become the prime focus of our worship.



Jesus also taught the disciples about service in a dramatic way. The task of washing feet was that of the lowest slave but Jesus insisted on washing the feet of his disciples to give them an example of service.

We re-enact that scene to remind ourselves of the need to serve others and to allow others to serve us.

The word “Maundy” comes from the Latin “*mandatum novum*”, the new commandment which Jesus gave at the Last Supper “to love one another, just as I have loved you”.

We follow Jesus’ commands to love, to serve, and to break bread together.

At the end of the service we will strip the altar and the church of all adornment as we prepare for the emptiness and sorrow of Good Friday.

## The Community Gathers

Sentence for Maundy Thursday:

‘I give you a new commandment,’ says the Lord,  
‘that you love one another.  
Just as I have loved you,  
you also should love one another.’ *John 13: 34*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**All: The Lord bless you.**

Presider: Welcome to the fourth night of this Holiest of weeks,  
when we remember Jesus gathered with his friends  
around a table for one final meal - the Passover feast.

Tonight, many tables later, and many years later,  
we gather as friends of Jesus too.  
So, welcome to this holy table;  
welcome to you,

**All: for we are Christ’s body,  
Christ’s work in the world.**

Hymn: **An Upper Room**

*CP130 - Words: Fred Pratt Green 1903-2000*

*tune: O WALY WALY*

- 1 An upper room did our Lord prepare  
for those He loved until the end:  
and His disciples still gather there,  
to celebrate their Risen Friend.**
- 2 A lasting gift Jesus gave His own,  
to share His bread, His loving cup.  
Whatever burdens may bow us down,  
He by His Cross shall lift us up.**

- 3 **And after supper He washed their feet,  
for service, too, is sacrament.  
In Him our joy shall be made complete  
sent out to serve, as He was sent.**
- 4 **No end there is! We depart in peace.  
He loves beyond our uttermost:  
in every room in our Father's house  
He will be there, as Lord and host.**

### **The Community Confesses**

*Leader:* Associating with Jesus and following his cause  
was often costly for the disciples.  
They risked losing friends, family, and even their lives.  
Sometimes they acted courageously -  
they cheered for Jesus,  
even when they were cautioned to keep silent;  
at other times, they lost their courage,  
leaving Jesus to suffer alone.

**All: Sometimes, we have difficulty following Jesus ...  
we fail to stand up for what we believe;  
we don't protest against injustice wherever it occurs;  
we let others suffer alone when they need our support.**

*Leader:* We come seeking forgiveness  
for all we have failed to be and do  
as members of Christ's body.

*Silence*

In God there is forgiveness.

**All: Loving and all-seeing God,  
forgive us where we have failed to support one another  
and to be what we claim to be.**

**Forgive us where we have failed to serve you;  
and where our thoughts and actions  
have been contrary to yours  
we ask your pardon.**

*Priest:* God forgives us; be at peace.  
God invites us to start again,  
to feast with Jesus,  
and to serve others as He did.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

*Collect for Maundy Thursday:*

Infinite, intimate God;  
this night you kneel before your friends  
and wash our feet.  
Bound together in your love, trembling,  
we drink your cup and watch.  
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.  
**Amen**

**Reading: Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14 - *The Passover of the Lord***

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church  
**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 116: 1–2, 12–19 (ANZPB)**

<sup>1</sup> I love you O Lord because you heard my voice:  
**when I made my supplication,**  
<sup>2</sup> because you turned your ear to me:  
**when I called upon your name.**  
<sup>12</sup> I will take up the cup of salvation:  
**and call on the name of the Lord.**  
<sup>13</sup> I will pay my vows to the Lord:  
**in the presence of all God's people.**

14 Grievous in the sight of the Lord:  
**is the death of a faithful servant.**

15 Lord I am your servant, the child of your maidservant:  
**you have freed me from my bonds.**

16 I will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving:  
**and call on the name of the Lord.**

17 I will pay my vows to the Lord:  
**in the presence of all God's people,**

18 in the courts of the Lord's house:  
**in your midst O Jerusalem.**

Whakamoemititia a Ihowā. / **O praise - the Lord.**

**Reading:**            **1 Corinthians 11: 23-26** - *Proclaim the Lord's death*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church  
**Thanks be to God**

**Hymn:**                ***A bowl of water and a towel***

*Words: Martin E Leckebusch (b.1962) © Martin E Leckebusch, admin. The Jubilate Group*  
*Tune: **KINGSFOLD** (traditional English)*

1    **A bowl of water and a towel**  
**became a sign of grace**  
**when Christ, the Lord, the Teacher, took**  
**the lowest servant's place:**  
**his work of power and parable**  
**could only be complete**  
**when he had knelt before his friends**  
**and washed their grimy feet.**

2    **What scandalous humility!**  
**Our hearts recoil in dread:**  
**should we not kneel to worship him?**  
**Can he serve us instead?**  
**Yet answered by his firm rebuke**  
**our protest quickly ends -**  
**unless we let him wash our feet**  
**we cannot be his friends!**

3 **And still, across the centuries,  
he presses home his claim:  
that we who know the things he did  
must learn to do the same;  
for we have felt love's gracious touch  
far more than we deserve!  
and with it, heard love's highest prize:  
the call to go and serve.**

**Gospel:** **John 13: 1-17, 31b-35** - *The service of Christ: foot-washing and meal*

The Holy Gospel according to John,  
chapter thirteen, beginning at the first verse.  
**Praise and glory to God.**

*After the reading:*

This is the Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to Christ the Word.**

### **The Sermon**

*A silence for reflection may follow*

### **Liturgy of Foot-washing:**

O Eternal Wisdom,  
we praise you and give you thanks,  
because you laid aside your power as a garment,  
and took upon you the form of a slave.  
You became obedient unto death,  
even on a cross;  
for God chose what is weak in the world  
to shame the strong,  
and God chose what is low and despised in the world,  
even things that are not,  
to bring to nothing things that are.

Blessed is our brother Jesus, who on this night,  
before Passover, rose from supper,  
laid aside his garments, took a towel,  
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.  
If I do not wash you,  
you have no part in me."

**All: Lord, not my feet only  
but also my hands and my head.**

*All are welcome to participate in the foot-washing; or, if you prefer, hand-washing.*

*After the washing is completed, we pray:*

Servant God,  
**grant us opportunity,  
give us willingness  
to serve you day by day;  
that what we do  
and how we bear each other's burdens,  
may be our sacrifice to you;  
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
who gave himself for our sake.  
Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

*(adapted from 'Let Us Pray' - Janet Nelson)*

On this holy night, we dine together as the body of Christ,  
and at the table commit ourselves to love and serve one  
another. Let us pray, then, for the church and for the world,  
giving thanks for God's goodness.

Jesus, in your mercy:  
**hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with the following Collect:

Holy God, you give us this meal of bread and wine  
in which we celebrate your great compassion;  
**grant that we may work with you to fulfil our prayers,  
and to love and serve others as Christ has loved us;  
this we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Peace**

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
neither let them be afraid.' *John 14: 27 (a&c)*

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*We share a sign of Peace with those around us by shaking hands (or an appropriate alternative) and saying 'Peace be with you'.*

*As we sing the next Hymn, the altar is prepared with the bread and wine.*

**Hymn:**

***My God, now is your table spread***

*CP313 - Words: Philip Doddridge © Jubilate Hymns*

*Tune: **ROCKINGHAM***

- <sup>1</sup> My God, now is your table spread,  
your cup with love still over-flows;  
so may your children here be fed  
as Christ to us his goodness shows.**
- <sup>2</sup> This holy feast, which Jesus makes  
a banquet of his flesh and blood -  
how glad each one who comes and takes  
this sacred drink, this royal food!**

- 3 **His gifts that richly satisfy  
are yet to some in vain displayed:  
did not for them the Saviour die -  
may they not share the children's bread?**
- 4 **My God, here let your table be  
a place of joy for all your guests,  
and may each one salvation see  
who now its sacred pledges tastes.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord is here.  
**God's Spirit is with us.**

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

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

It is truly right to give you thanks,  
it is fitting to give you glory,  
most holy and loving God,  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

For on this very night,  
he wrapped himself with a towel  
and, taking the place of a servant,  
washed his disciples' feet.  
He gave us a new commandment  
that we should love one another  
as he has loved us.

Knowing that his hour had come,  
in his great love he gave this holy meal to his disciples  
to be a memorial of his passion,  
that we might proclaim his death until he comes again,  
and feast with him in his kingdom.

Therefore earth unites with heaven  
to sing a new song of praise.  
We, too, join with the angels and archangels and say:

**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.**

On this very night before he died,  
he took bread and gave you thanks.  
He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
Take, eat, this is my body  
which is given for you;  
do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup,  
and gave you thanks.  
He gave it to them and said:  
Drink this.  
It is my blood of the new covenant,  
shed for you, shed for all,  
to forgive sin;  
do this to remember me.  
Therefore loving God,  
recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,  
we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life  
and this cup of salvation.

Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive  
may be to us the body and blood of Christ,  
and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power,  
may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you  
in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,  
here and everywhere, now and forever.  
Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As Christ teaches us we pray -

**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.**

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.  
**Christ is the bread of life.**

His blood was shed for our forgiveness.  
**Christ is risen from the dead.**

### **The Invitation**

Come God's people,  
come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

## **Prayer After Communion**

Holy God, source of all love,  
on the night of his betrayal  
Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment,  
to love one another as he had loved them.  
Write this commandment in our hearts.

**Give us the will to serve others  
as he was the servant of all,  
who gave his life and died for us,  
yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*We remove all the adornment from the church to prepare for the emptiness of Good Friday; when that is completed, then we sing -*

### **Hymn:**

#### ***Before they leave the upper room***

*Words: Christopher Idle © Christopher Idle/Jubilate Hymns Ltd*

*Tune: **ST COLUMBA** (trad. Irish melody)*

- 1 Before they leave the upper room  
disciples join in singing;  
they cannot know the days to come  
nor what the night is bringing.**
- 2 So we, like them, can lift our song  
to praise our God and Giver;  
the Lord who calls us to belong  
has made us his for ever.**
- 3 The gifts of peace, the gifts of love  
we have been handling, sharing;  
God grant us wisdom from above  
to show our faith by caring.**
- 4 Although like them we cannot guess  
our roads through joy or sorrow,  
we trust the risen Christ to bless  
and walk with us tomorrow.**

## **The Garden of Gethsemane**

*We pause for a moment of silence between each verse as each candle is extinguished*

After the last supper, Jesus spoke to his disciples, saying:  
“I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer”

*The first purple candle is extinguished*

Jesus looked up to heaven and said:  
“Father, the hour has come”.

*The second purple candle is extinguished*

Jesus and his disciples went out to the Mount of Olives,  
to a place where there was a garden, called Gethsemane.

*The third purple candle is extinguished*

Judas, one of Jesus’ disciples, met with the authorities  
to plan Jesus’ arrest; they gave him money to betray Jesus.

*The fourth purple candle is extinguished*

Jesus told his disciples to sit and wait while he prayed -  
“Father, not what I want, but what you want”.  
When Jesus returned, the disciples were asleep.

*The fifth purple candle is extinguished*

When the soldiers arrived with weapons to arrest Jesus,  
he said: “This is your hour and the power of darkness”.

*The sixth purple candle is extinguished*

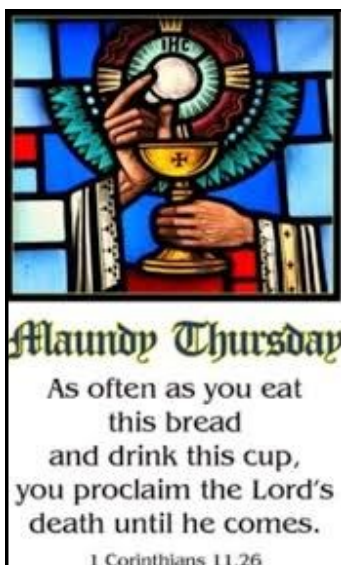
Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss.  
The soldiers seized Jesus, and led him away - alone.

*The red ‘Garden of Gethsemane’ candle is extinguished.*

*The centre ‘Christ’ candle remains burning alone;  
it will be extinguished tomorrow, Good Friday,  
when Jesus dies on the cross.*

*All are welcome to remain in silence, and to leave the worship space quietly when ready.*

*There is no Blessing nor Dismissal, as all are invited to return tomorrow, Good Friday,  
and Easter Day for the continuation of the Liturgy.*



## All Welcome to our Parish Services at St Matthew's Church

### Good Friday - 3 April 2026

10.00am - 'Choices' - A Journey to the Cross

12-1.00pm - The Stations of the Cross - In the Footsteps of Christ

1.15-3.00pm - 'Romero' - a biographical drama movie.

This movie chronicles the final three years of Archbishop Óscar Romero's life as he transforms from a conservative clergyman into a vocal defender of the poor against El Salvador's oppressive military regime. The movie depicts Romero's struggle against the military-led government, initially being viewed as a safe choice for Archbishop before witnessing the brutal injustice that changes his perspective. It covers his fight for human rights, his confrontations with the government, and his ultimate, tragic death. The film highlights his journey toward martyrdom, culminating in his 1980 assassination while celebrating Mass. (1 hr 45 mins).

### Easter Day - 5 April 2026

8.00am - Eucharist

10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns, Liturgy of Baptism,  
and Renewal of Baptism Vows

### Second Sunday of Easter - 12 April 2026

8.00am - Eucharist

10.00am - Harvest Festival Eucharist with hymns

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