Clearing of the altar
The Holy Thursday liturgy ends with the clearing of the altar in preparation for the stark liturgy of Good Friday. We pass from song to music to silence. All are welcome to remain for personal prayer and reflection as our Triduum prayer unfolds the mystery of the passion and resurrection of Jesus. You may remain in prayer or exit quietly. The Oratory is also available for meditation.

Stay With Me

Stay with me, re-main here with me, watch and pray.

Our services continue—
Good Friday at 3:00 pm, the Easter Vigil at 7:00 pm on Saturday, and Easter Sunday at 9:00 am.
We invite you to join us.

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Kathy Woytych
Second Reading
Sally Bowers
Cantor
Diane Smith
Guitar
Vicki Clark
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Sharon Hansen
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Communion Ministers
Diana Ducett, Alison & David McKee
Euphonium
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We welcome you to our special Holy Week Services! Tonight, we begin the celebration of the Easter Triduum—the three days—Holy Thursday evening through Easter Sunday evening. These days are the culmination of the entire church year. We commemorate the last days of Jesus’ life on earth, his passion and resurrection. In tonight’s service we remember Jesus washing the feet of his friends and sharing the meal at the last supper.

Gathering Hymn
Tell the Gospel’s Boundless Riches

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word
All are seated.

First Reading

Following each reading:
Reader The Word of Salvation
All Thanks be to God

Exodus 12:1-14

The Prayer of Jesus

Holy One, our only Home, blessed be your name.
May your day dawn, your will be done, here, as in heaven.
Feed us today, and forgive us as we forgive each other.
Do not forsake us at the test, but deliver us from evil.
For the glory, the power, and the mercy are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider The bread which we break,
is it not communion in the body of Christ?
The cup of blessing which we share,
is it not communion in the blood of Christ?
All So all of us are one body,
all who share the one bread and drink from the cup.

Communion Rite

All are welcome to receive Communion. Our Communion bread is gluten-free.
Come to any one of the locations in the room.
One station is behind the altar, with the option to also receive the wine.
Other stations, with only the bread, are at the side exit and near the piano.

A time of silent reflection follows our sharing of Communion.
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we pro-claim your death, O Christ, un-til you come a-gain.

Covenant God,
in the life and example of Jesus,
you have given us this intimate bond of a common table,
and the commandment to love one another.

May our communion be sign and seal
of our washing of feet,
that as we have served one another,
so may our compassion extend to all the world.

Bless the communion of all the Christian churches.
Give them servant leaders in the manner of Jesus,
never dominating, but caring for all people.

Bless the leaders of all the religions of the world.
Bless the peacemakers
who seek to bring people to the same table
and bless all those of good will
who strive to bring about a better world.

God of everlasting life,
may our remembrance of the life and death of Jesus
bring mercy and peace to those who are dying
and to all our beloved dead.

Join our prayer with all the holy ones
who have gone before us,
especially witnesses of charity and service.
May all of us be joined together one day
in the eternal banquet.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ.....for ever and ever.

Psalm 116

A time of silent reflection follows each reading
as we practice the Benedictine value of listening.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

All stand as you are able.

Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Before the Gospel

Reader A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
All Glory to you, O Christ

Following the Gospel

Reader The holy Gospel
All Praise to you, O Jesus Christ

Washing of Feet

All are invited to wash feet or to have their feet washed.
Several stations are available throughout the Assembly Room.
Please remove your shoes and socks at your seats.

Music during the Washing of Feet

Ubi Caritas, “Where there is true charity, God is present.”

Homily

All are seated.
Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant

1 & 6 Won’t you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
2 We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road;
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shadow of your fear;
4 I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I’ll laugh with you.
5 When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony,

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
We are here to help each other go the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we’ve seen this journey through.
Born of all we’ve known to gather of Christ’s love and agony.

(repeat stanza 1)

General Intercessions  Response: God in mercy, hear our prayer.

Sign of Peace

Presentation of the Gifts
A basket is available to receive your donations. Thank you for your generosity.
Tonight’s collection will assist local food pantries. Members of the assembly present the gifts of bread, wine and our offering to the presider.

Choral Meditation

Do This In Remembrance of Me

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Eucharist Prayer for Holy Thursday

All join in proclaiming the Eucharist Prayer. The Assembly parts are in bold.

Presider  The Holy One be with you.
All    And also with you.
Presider  Lift up your hearts.
All    We lift them up to God.
Presider  Let us give thanks to our God.
All    It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Gracious God,
at this table you feed us and strengthen us in holiness
so we may walk in the light of faith
and in communion with one another.

May your comforting Spirit
be present to our table and sharing
so we may grow in the likeness of Jesus.

For Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed,
took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks,
broke it, blessed it and said:
This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, blessed it and said:
This cup is a new covenant in my blood.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.