

Open To The Light
ST Catherines
ANGLICAN CHURCH



Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 6 p.m.

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME

Presider

All

This is the day
**that Christ the Lamb of God
gave himself into the hands
of those who would slay him.**

Presider

All

This is the day
**that Christ gathered with his
disciples in the upper room.**

Presider

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This is the day
**that Christ shared a meal
as a sign of his great love.**

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This is the day
**that Christ took a towel
and washed the disciples' feet,
giving us an example
that we should do to others
as he has done to us.**

Presider

All

This is the day,
that the Lord has made.



**“HEARING THE STORY”/
PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

THE COLLECT

Presider Holy God,
All **giver of blessing**
 to hungry and hated,
 you overturn tables
 of privilege and greed.
 Teach us a new way of being
 beyond reward, beyond revenge,
 so that we may do to others
 as we would have them do to us;
 through Jesus Christ,
 who prays for all who crucify him. Amen.

GOSPEL READING John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Please rise, in body or in spirit

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 according to John.

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 Tempter had already put it into his heart that Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, would betray Jesus. 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 supper, 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 reclined again, 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, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers^(a) greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "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.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

REFLECTION

Rev. Sarah Lehman

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

You are invited to join in an affirmation of faith.

**You, O God, are creator of all,
by whom every being in heaven and earth
is fashioned, named, and sustained.
You call us each by name.**

**You, O God, are Living Word,
who came and pitched your tent with us,
lived and died and rose again.
You speak to us now through faith.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit,
who comforts, strengthens, and inspires,
sending us forth to share your love.
You are the breath of grace.**

**You, O God, are Trinity:
Creator, Word, Spirit;
Artist, healer, friend.
You are holy mystery.
We worship you. Amen.**

RECONCILING/CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Presider Let us pray.

All Holy One,
we long for you.
You know our wounding
and our broken-heartedness.
You know how others have hurt us,
how we have hurt others,
and how we have hurt you.
You alone have the healing we need.
Yours is the love that
changes everything. Amen

Presider Giver of life, have mercy on us;
Pardon and deliver,
revive and strengthen,
and keep us in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



PASSING THE PEACE

Presider May the peace of God be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

Please share a non-touch sign of peace with one another at your table (for example, a bow with hands folded), taking special care to create peace in any relationships that may need special care or attention.

"THE STORY OF THE TABLE" / HOLY COMMUNION

As the table is prepared and our offerings are presented, we remain seated at our tables.

Presider Source Eternal, we bring our offerings to you.
We thank you for this bread and wine,
gifts of your creation.
We thank you for Jesus: God with us.

People **Amen.**

Presider God is with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Open your hearts.
People **We open them to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
People **We give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Creator, You made our world –
beautiful, wholesome, and good.
You made us to live in right relationship
with you and all creation.
You sent Jesus to live among us
and show us what you are like.

We bring our grateful, worshipping hearts to you, our awesome God.
You formed the earth and all that dwells here, the seas below and the skies above.
You crafted all creatures and inspired them, animating all with your Spirit of love.
You alone are worthy of glory, honour, and praise.

And so, we join with the heavenly beings and all of creation as we say:

All

You are holy.
You are whole.
You are always ever more than we ever understand.
You are always at hand.

Blessed are You coming near.
Blessed are You coming here,
to your church in wine and bread,
Raised from soil, raised from dead.
You are holy.
You are wholeness.
You are present.
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord.

Presider

Glory and honour are yours,
Creator of all, Your Word has never been silent. Of your grace, you sent Jesus to live among us to share our humanity and daily life, to proclaim the coming of justice and peace, and to give himself for us.
Through Jesus Christ we are reconciled to you and restored the goodness you intended for us.

Presider

On this very night,
when he was handed over
to suffering and death,
Jesus ate supper with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks, broke it,
and gave it to them, saying:
"Take and eat. This is my very self given for
you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup of wine,
again he gave thanks,
and gave it to them, saying:
"Drink of it, all of you. This cup is a new
covenant poured out for you and all people.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, we remember:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection, and the
ascension, and, longing for Christ's coming
again in glory, we present these gifts to you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these
gifts, so that we who share this bread and
wine may be a people of hope, justice, and
love.

Draw us together in Christ,
and, in the fullness of time, gather us with all
your people into the joy of your eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you, our God and Creator,
and give you our unending praise. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider As Jesus taught us, let us pray,
in whatever language or wording is most
meaningful to each of us, saying

**All 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider This is the bread of life given in love for us.
This is the cup of restored relationship with
God.

 These are the gifts of God for God's people.
All Thanks be to God!

THE SHARING OF COMMUNION

We share the bread with one another at our tables, saying:
"The Body of Christ, Food for the Journey"

We share the wine with one another at our tables, saying:
"The Cup of Salvation"

And...

*we share a simple soup supper, enjoying one another's
fellowship and in solidarity with those who hunger this night.*

*When you finish your meal,
please clear your dishes and return to your seats.*



AFTER SUPPER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

All 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 loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts; Give us the will to serve others as he was 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 forever. Amen.

Presider Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by humble service.

Therefore, I invite you to come forward that I may recall whose servant I am by following the example of my Master.

Presider But come remembering his admonition
 that what will be done for you
 is also to be done by you to others,
 for "a servant is not greater than his master,
 nor is one who is sent greater than
 the one who sent him.
 If you know these things,
 blessed are you if you do them."

RECORDED MUSIC DURING FOOT-WASHING (Taize)

Please sing along quietly.

Bless the Lord, My Soul

Bless the Lord, my Soul,
and bless God's holy Name.
Bless the Lord, my Soul,
who leads me into life.

Ubi Caritas

Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Nada Te Turbe

Nada te turbe, nada te espante.
Quien a Dios tiene, nada le falta
Nada te turbe, nada te espante.
Solo Dios basta.

*(Let nothing trouble you, let nothing frighten you.
Whoever has God lacks nothing
Let nothing trouble you, let nothing frighten you.
God alone is enough.)*

STRIPPING THE ALTAR

*We dim the lights and remain seated as Altar Guild members
remove all ornaments and cloths on the Altar,
symbolizing Christ being stripped of his garments
and prepared for the grave.*

*The consecrated Bread and Wine are moved to the Chapel.
The Presider washes the altar with water and vinegar
as a symbol of purification.*

RECORDED MUSIC (Taize)

Please join the chant.

Stay with Me

Stay with me

Remain here with me

Watch and pray

Watch and pray

DEPARTING

*We move in silence or singing quietly together
to the Memorial Garden
with the basins of water, which will be tipped into the soil.*

*Tonight, there is no blessing or dismissal,
and we depart the church buildings in silence
or move in silence to the chapel to continue our
prayer and meditation
by the Garden of Repose.*

Our service resumes tomorrow – Good Friday – at noon

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