



Gathering Table  
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

**Maundy Thursday – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**  
7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing

**Celebrant:** Rev. Ann Camber -  
**Preacher:** Kimberly Bienvenue  
**Huron Theology Student:** Sandy Drindak  
**Lay Readers:** Brenda O'Neill, Rose Jardine  
**Music:** Donna, Ted Hamill, G T Singers & Percussion  
**Lectors:** Elisabeth Gesch, Rose Jardine  
**Eucharistic Assistants:** Erminie & David Reid,  
Lisa Long, Brenda O'Neill, Rose Jardine  
**Greeter:** Marg Boone  
**Altar Guild:** Elaine McKinnon & Erminie Reid

*For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of life and spirituality. We are gathered as treaty people on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg of the Fort William First Nation and acknowledge this people's stewardship of this land through the ages.*

*Land Acknowledgement- Doug Semple*

**Welcome To Gathering Table  
and Opening Remarks**

Welcome to all our visitors and newcomers we're glad you're here! We invite you to sign our Visitor's Book at the

back of the church, and please join after the service for coffee hour.

**All observe a time of silence  
until the Opening Song**

Opening Music: **CP 400**  
**What Wondrous Love Is This**

**Gathering of the Community** *BAS page 304*

*‘A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.’ ~ John 13.34*

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

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

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.

This is the day that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

**Collect for Maundy Thursday**

**Celebrant:** O God, your Son Jesus Christ has left to us this meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and his blood. May we who celebrate this sign of his great

love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *All: Amen*

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

*(Please be seated for the readings.)*

#### **First Reading is found in the Book of Exodus**

##### **Exodus 12: 1 – 4, 11 – 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 neighbour 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.

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. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: 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  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 116: 1, 10 – 17**

***REFRAIN: I will lift up the cup of salvation.***

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

***REFRAIN: I will lift up the cup of salvation.***

How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

***REFRAIN: I will lift up the cup of salvation.***

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants.

***REFRAIN: I will lift up the cup of salvation.***

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

***REFRAIN: I will lift up the cup of salvation.***

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

**Psalm Prayer**

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**Eternal God, faithful in your tender compassion, you give us hope for our life here and hereafter through the victory of your only Son. When we share his cup of salvation, revive in us the joy of this everlasting gift. We ask his in his name.**

**Amen**

**The Second Reading is from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

**1 Corinthians 11: 23 – 26**

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed

took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual:      **Judas Song**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John*

**John 13: 1 - 17, 31b - 35**

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 devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. 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 the table, 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 returned to the table, 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, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. 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."

Homily:        **Kimberly Bienvenue**

**Ceremony of the Washing of Feet**        *BAS page 305*

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 such lowly service.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that I may recall whose servant I am by following the example of my Master. 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.”

Music during washing of the feet:

**Jesus' Abiding Love  
Stricken, Smitten, And Afflicted**

**Prayers of the People**

***Lay Reader***

Today, we celebrate God's eternal love for all people.

Leader: You call us to be your voices in this world and we stay silent. You call us to be your hands in this world and we keep them hidden. You call us to be your feet in this world and we go our own way.

**ALL: When we meet those who are doubting and say nothing, forgive us. When we meet those who need your touch and do nothing, forgive us. When we are called to take up your cross and carry nothing, forgive us.**

Leader: Your commands are not burdensome, your way of life is our example, your footsteps are there to be found.

**ALL: Love one another; care for children, brothers, sisters and outcasts.**

Leader: But, love also and do not resent Those who appear to be rich, powerful, and beautiful.

**ALL: If you are my disciples, then show the world, demonstrate your discipleship and love both lovely and unloved. Show God's Grace to this world!**

Leader: And as we open our hearts and lives, and follow as you have shown, others will discover you through our words, actions, and by the life we share.

**ALL: For the love you have given us, and the blessings you have shown us, we thank you, God of Love and Grace**

Leader: Let us pray together, this modified version of St. Francis' Prayer of Christian Life:

**ALL: Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, help us to pardon; where there is discord, show us how to bring unity; where there is doubt, help us to increase our faith; where there is despair, let us bring hope; where there is darkness, let us bring your light; where**

**there is sadness, may we add joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be  
consoled as to console; to be understood  
as to understand; to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in  
pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to  
eternal life                      *All: Amen***

Offertory:                      **When Jesus Wept**

**The Prayer over the Gifts**

Celebrant: Father, we spread this table to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ, your Son. Accept all we offer you this day. Bind us together in his love and in the love he has commanded us to bring one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**

**The Communion**

**Receiving Holy Communion**

This is the table of Christ made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, whether you have much faith or little, have tried to follow or afraid you have failed. Come because it is Christ's will that those who want to meet him, might meet him here.

Our tradition says that to receive any part of the Eucharist is to receive the full grace of the Sacrament.

**The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Eucharistic Prayer 1**

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

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

Celebrant: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**

Celebrant: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all

creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On this night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you. he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “ Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

**Celebrant:** Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy

Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **All: Amen.**

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

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And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Fraction Sentence for Holy Week #7** *BAS Page 213*

Celebrant: We break this bread,

**All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for all the people of God.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Agnus Dei**

Lamb of God you take away  
the sin of the world  
have mercy on us

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have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away  
the sin of the world  
grant - us peace

### **Communion Music:**

**Stay With Me**  
**CP 610 Before I Take The Body Of My Lord**

### **The Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant: 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 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. **All: Amen**

### **Stripping of the Altar**

*(We sit in silence, as the Altar is stripped during the readings by the Lay Reader)*

**Psalm 22** *Lay Reader*  
**Plea for Deliverance from Suffering and Hostility**

To the leader: according to The Deer of the Dawn.  
A Psalm of David.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; by night as well, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

Our forefathers put their trust in you; they trusted, and you delivered them.

They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

But as for me, I am a worm and no man, scorned by all and despised by the people.

All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

"He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

They open wide their jaws at me, like a ravening and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax.

My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

They stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

Be not far away, O Lord; you are my strength; hasten to help me.

Save me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth, my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

I will declare your name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them.

My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's forever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

**We leave in silence once the altar is stripped, and we return on**

**Good Friday for the Stations of the Cross at 1:00**  
Lead by Kim Bienvenue and Lisa Long

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 2 p.m.**

**Scripture Readings for Good Friday**

Isaiah 52: 13 – 53:12  
Hebrews 10: 16 – 25  
Dramatic Reading of the Passion According to St. John



**Please join us at the following services**

**Stations of the Cross – April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 - 1:00 p.m.**

2 p.m.- Good Friday Service followed by Hot Cross Buns

**Easter Vigil – April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:45 p.m.**

**Easter Sunday – April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 10 a.m.**

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026** will be the last service for Sandy Drindak at Gathering Table, as she completes her first year of Theology at Huron. We wish her all the best as she continues in her journey in the coming years. Envelopes are available at the back of the church if you wish to Thank her for her time here at Gathering Table



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**Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2026**

Ephesians 3: 17

“That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith  
as you are being rooted and grounded in love.”