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We Welcome One and All

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

April 2, 2026

7:00 pm

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

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Maundy Thursday

Maundy is a shortened form of the Latin "mandatum" which means "command." It was on the Thursday of Christ's final week before being crucified and resurrected that he said these words to his disciples: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34).

Prelude Music

"Andante Sostenuto fr. Symphony No. 9 (Gothique)"

Kenneth Dake

Widor

Invitation to Supper

Call to Worship

Song "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" Dearmer/Schaffer

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in Your name
Two or three are met together, You are in the midst of them
Alleluia, Amen

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup
Then, with thanks to God the giver, break the bread and share the
cup

Alleluia, Amen

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments to You
That by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true
Alleluia, Amen

Scripture:

Luke 22:1-13

~Don Hancock

Setting the Table

*Hymn

'I Come with Joy'

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I come with joy to meet my Lord
Forgiven, loved and free
In awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for me

I come with Christians far and near
To find, as all are fed
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share
Each proud division ends
The love that made us, makes us one
And strangers now are friends

And thus, with joy we meet our Lord
His presence always near
Is in such friendship better known
We see and praise Him here

Preparing to Eat

Scripture:

John 13:1-17

~Paula Duke

Foot Washing *Kim Bourne-Vanneck & Gloria Salas-Lindquist*

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Calling" Spiritual

Waiting to be served

Meditation:

Pastor Nate DeWard

Prayers before the meal

Silent Prayers of Confession

(for meditation)

Forgive us, Lord, for forgetting your sacrifice and for thinking your grace is cheap.

Forgive us, Lord, for using the cross as a trinket, forgetting the agony it represents.

Forgive us, Lord, for taking our worship for granted, forgetting the struggle that has assured its freedom.

Forgive us, Lord, for being calloused to human cruelty, forgetting that every victim is a creature of God.

Forgive us, Lord, for being nonchalant about injustice, forgetting that it still nails innocence to the cross.

Forgive us, Lord, for thinking that sacrifice is obsolete, forgetting that we still contend against the powers of darkness.

Receive our prayers offered in all humility, as we remember and honor Christ our Lord who prays for us still...

Response

'Kyrie'

Garnaas-Holmes

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son Chris - te e - le - i - son - Ky - ri - e e -
Lord, have mer - cy Je - sus, have mer - cy - Sav - ior, have
le - i - son Grant to us your peace, Lord.
mer - cy

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Lord's Prayer

The meal is brought to the table

Offering of Music "Let Us Break Bread Together" arr. Wood

Partaking of the supper

Scripture:

Luke 22:14-20

~Shereé Haubrich

Sharing the Bread and Cup

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.

Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth, You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty and preserve us by your providence. When we disobeyed, you sent Jesus to deliver us from sin and death and free us to joyful obedience. With your whole church on earth and with all the company of heaven we proclaim your glory... and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

LAND OF REST

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Lord God of Hosts

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

Hosanna in the highest

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. United with Christ in his suffering, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the power of God to triumph over evil, we wait in joyful hope for the fullness of God's reign. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ, that we may attain the unity of the spirit, through the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ.

We praise and honor you, holy God. Heaven and earth are surely full of your glory. Blessed is He whose supper we share this night, and blessed are we - renewed by his life.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.

Institution

Offering of Music "Communion Hymn"

Williams

Oh, this we do in remembrance of You
This we do to honor You
Oh, this we do in remembrance of You
Because You have bid us to
You said: Take this bread and eat of Me
This symbol broken represents My body
Oh, in this upper room, we gladly feast with You
Committing of our service back to You
You said: Take this cup of sacrifice
It represents My blood which gives you new life
Oh, in this upper room, we gladly feast with You
Committing of our service back to You
Oh, this we do in remembrance of You
Because You have bid us to

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leaving the Table

Hymn

'Lamb of God'

Paris

**Your only Son, no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God**

Your gift of love we crucified
We laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King we named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

Chorus:

Oh, Lamb of God, sweet lamb of God
I love the Holy Lamb of God
Oh, wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God

I was so lost, I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God (*chorus*)

(During the singing of this song, the sanctuary is stripped, symbolic of the long night of desolation and abandonment in Gethsemane)

Prayer

"Psalm 23"

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures: he leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul: he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Choral Response "On the Night Which He Was Betrayed"

SCARBOROUGH FAIR

On the night which He was betrayed
In the night, our Savior prayed
My Father, I will drink this cup
So Your name be lifted up

On the night which He was betrayed
No reply, no sound He made
My every sin on Him was laid
On the night which He was betrayed

Benediction

Postlude "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

Doane, arr. Wood

*You are invited to return tomorrow night at 6:45 pm for a special organ prelude service of and shadows, to hear the Passion story and to meditate upon the cross of Christ and then to celebrate the Resurrection on Sunday 6am at Smith Bay (Lindquist) Beach and 10am in our Sanctuary.
Go in peace and love one another...*

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All of us worshiping together
Preaching:	Transitional Pastor Nate DeWard
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer, Organ - Kenneth Dake
Vocals:	Andrea Lee, Phoebe Smith-Charles, Yolanda Thorpe
Readers:	Paula Duke, Don Hancock, Shereé Haubrich
Foot washing:	Kim Bourne-Vanneck & Gloria Lindquist
AV/Livestream:	James Anderson, James Cobb, Ariel Rosenthal, Lyra Rosenthal, Trey Thompson and Dave Whitter