

Elderton Presbyterian Church
MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 2, 2026

Tenebrae Service

Please remain seated as we sing the **first** verse of each hymn.

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: You who call upon the name of Christ, we are gathered to recall the night in which Jesus Christ was betrayed. Are you prepared to come to the table of Jesus Christ, whose life was poured out for you?

People: By the grace of God, we are.

Leader: Are you able to watch with Jesus at prayer in the garden, indeed, to struggle yourselves to be in unity with God's will?

People: By the grace of God, we are.

Leader: Will you follow Jesus even into the night of betrayal?

People: By the grace of God, we will.

Leader: Then let us praise God, even in this hour of darkness.

People: God of grace and steadfast love, greatly is your name to be praised in all the earth.

Opening Hymn No. 85 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Scripture Reading Matthew 26: 17-29

Anthem "You Are the Bread"
Flute – Hannah Keith

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: Responsively

Leader: On this Maundy Thursday, let us remember Jesus' Last Supper with his beloved disciples. May we feel the Lord's presence here as we partake in communion together.

Leader: Come and gather around the table of our Lord.

People: We are here hungry and thirsty for righteousness.

Leader: Come and hear the Lord's command to love one another.

People: We seek to love God and neighbor in all that we do.

Leader: Come and remember the night of our Lord's death.

People: We desire to be shaped by Jesus' life and death.

Leader: Come and worship together for the sake of the world.

People: We eat and drink this night to proclaim Jesus' death until he returns.

Hymn No. 97 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

First Scripture - Matthew 26: 36-46 - "The Garden" – Terry Johns

Hymn No. 80 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

First candle extinguished

Second Scripture Luke 22: 47-53 - "Jesus' Arrest" – Barbara Johns

Hymn No. 92 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Second candle extinguished

Third Scripture Matthew 26: 57-68 - "The Sanhedrin" – Kris Longwell

Hymn No. 101 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Third candle extinguished

Fourth Scripture Mark 14: 66-72 - "Peter's Denial" – Jodi Klingensmith

Hymn No. 78 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

Fourth candle extinguished

Fifth Scripture Mark 15: 1-15 - "Before Pilate" – Sheila Brumbaugh

Hymn No. 98 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Fifth Candle Extinguished

Sixth Scripture Luke 23: 26-43 - "The Crucifixion" – Jeff Elgin

Hymn "The Old Rugged Cross" (see words on back)

Sixth candle extinguished

Seventh Scripture Matthew 27: 45-54 - "The Son of God" - Cassie Clowser

Seventh Candle Extinguished

Special Music "Were You There" Charlene De La Cruz

Upon conclusion, Dr. De La Cruz will exit in silence. Everyone will exit in silence as a single chime tolls.

Acolytes - Mia Scrips and Jonah Scrips

Candle Extinguishers – Kathy Jo Scrips and Mia Scrips

The Old Rugged Cross

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame, and I love that old cross,
Where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

REFRAIN:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown



