



**April 2, 2026**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**7:00 PM**

**THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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# Order of Worship

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+All who are able may stand

*As you enter this holy space and sacred time, please quiet your mind, meditate on the Scriptures,  
and pray for the Holy Spirit to prepare you to worship the Living God.*

## PRELUDE

Stabat Mater

Giovanni Battista Pergolesi  
Suzanne Shick, organ

## WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

**People: His mercy endures forever.**

Leader: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

**People: And this is the judgment, that the light has come into this world,  
and we loved darkness rather than light. God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.**

Leader: For God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved through Him.

**People: Everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light,  
but all who do what is true come to the light.**

Leader: Come, let us worship in spirit and in truth.

## + HYMN 221

**O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

PASSION CHORALE

## + PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we your church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. We confess where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him. Forgive us, we pray, through Christ the Lord. Amen.

**+ MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION**

**+ ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**+ PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 26:17-29** – *The Last Supper*

Suhail Khalil

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?” He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.”

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

**ANTHEM**

*Ave Verum Corpus*

Edward Elgar  
Chancel Choir  
Calieanne Grossheim, soloist  
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

*Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine  
Hail the true body born of the Virgin Mary*

*Vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine  
Truly suffered and sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man.*

Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine  
*From whose pierced side flowed water and blood*

Esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine  
*Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.*

O clemens O pie O dulcis Jesu Fili Mariae  
*Oh merciful, Oh pious, Oh sweet Jesus, Son of Mary*

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*We are the body of Christ and individually members of it as we celebrate the Lord's Supper.  
We share one bread and one cup in remembrance of the body and blood of Jesus that was given for us.*

Invitation      Words of Institution      Bread & Cup      Thanksgiving

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

*Two Settings of the Passion Chorale*

Michael Burkhardt and Max Reger  
Suzanne Shick, piano

## THE SERVICE OF DARKNESS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Most gracious God, look with mercy upon your family gathered here for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, given into sinful hands, and suffered death upon the cross. Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we enter the way of His passion; through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

## DRAPING OF THE CROSS

Stacey Love and Malachi Marshall

## FIRST READING

**Matthew 26:30-46** – *Gethsemane*

Bill Burch

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.” Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Again he went away for the second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

**ANTHEM**

*Recitative: “And they Came to a place named Gethsemane”*

John Stainer

Cole Tornberg and Malachi Marshall

And they came to a place named Gethsemane.

And Jesus said to his disciples,

“Sit ye here, while I shall pray.”

*Chorus: “The Agony”*

Could ye not watch with me, one brief hour?

Could ye not pity my sorest need?

Ah! If ye sleep while the tempests lower,

Surely, My friends, I am ‘lone indeed.

Jesu, Lord Jesu,

bowed in bitter anguish,

and bearing all the evil we have done!

Oh, teach us, teach us how to love Thee for Thy love.

Help us to pray, and watch, and mourn with Thee.

Could ye not watch with Me one brief hour?

Did ye not say upon Kedron's slope  
ye would not fall into the Tempter's power?

Did ye not murmur great words of hope?

Could ye not watch with Me...? Even so,  
willing in heart, but the flesh is vain.

Back to Mine agony I must go.

Lonely to pray in bitterest pain.

## SECOND READING

**Matthew 26:47-56** – *Arrest*

Francie Murphy

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

## + HYMN 220

**Go to Dark Gethsemane**

REDHEAD 76

## THIRD READING

**Matthew 26:57-75** – *Trial and Denial*

Susan Appleby

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you

are the Messiah, the Son of God.” Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?” They answered, “He deserves death.” Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” But he denied it before all of them, saying, “I do not know what you are talking about.” When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” Again he denied it with an oath, “I do not know the man.” After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.” Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know the man!” At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

## **ANTHEM**

### *Forsaken and Alone*

Larry Shackley

Forsaken and alone Christ went to Calvary after He had prayed in Gethsemane.

He knew it was his Father’s will, Christ knew it must be done, forsaken and alone, the Father’s only Son.

Forsaken and alone, all life was gone from Him. Bitter Calvary, there He bore my sin.

Friends took His lifeless body down and placed it in a tomb, forsaken and alone, the Father’s only son.

Forsaken and alone, His tomb a borrowed grave, a place of solitude, a stone had sealed the cave.

He knew it was His Father’s will, and freely He obeyed. Forsaken and alone, the Father’s only Son.

Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me?

He died for me.

## **FOURTH READING**

### **Matthew 27:1-10** – *Judas hangs himself*

Sandi Klingelhofer

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests

and the elders. He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

+ HYMN 218

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

**FIFTH READING**

**Matthew 27:11-23** – *Jesus before Pilate*

Gena Wilson

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

**ANTHEM**

*And they laid their hands on him (from "The Crucifixion")*

John Stainer

And they laid their hands on him, and took him, and led Him away to the high priest.

And the high priest asked him and said unto Him:

“Art Thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?”

Jesus said, “I am and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power,  
and coming in the clouds of heaven!”

Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith:

“What need we any further witnesses?

Ye have heard the blasphemy!”

And they all condemned him, to be guilty of death.

And they bound Jesus and carried Him away and delivered Him to Pilate.

And Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus,  
when he had scourged Him, to be crucified.

And the soldiers led Him away.

**SIXTH READING**

**Matthew 27:24-31** – Jesus stripped, beaten, and “crowned”

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!”

So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

**ANTHEM***The Majesty of Divine Humiliation (from The Crucifixion)*

John Stainer

Cole Tornberg, tenor

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow, where the Blood of Christ was shed,  
Perfect man on thee was tortured, perfect God on thee has bled

Here the King of all the ages, throned in light ere worlds could be  
Robed in mortal flesh is dying, crucified by sin for me.

O mysterious condescending! O abandonment sublime!  
Very God Himself is bearing all the sufferings of time!

Evermore for human failure by his passion we can plead;  
God has borne all mortal anguish, surely he will know our need.

This all human thought surpassing, this is earth's most awful hour,  
God has taken mortal weakness! God has laid aside his power.

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow, where the Blood of Christ was shed,  
Perfect man on thee was tortured, perfect God on thee has bled.

**SEVENTH READING****Matthew 27:32-54** – *Crucifixion and Death*

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

**SOLO**

*Were You There?*

Afro-American Spiritual

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

*The bell will ring 33 times, symbolizing the 33 years of Jesus' life.*

**BENEDICTION**

Please depart from the Sanctuary in silence.

Return Easter morning to celebrate the joy of Jesus Christ's resurrection!

**Celebrate Easter at The Village Church!**

**April 5, 2026**

7:00 am - Sunrise Service with Contemporary Worship Team on the patio

9:00 am - Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir, Brass and Organ

11:00 am - Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir, Brass and Organ

*This service is being livestreamed.*

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