



The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
April 2, 2026
Maundy Thursday

Gathering As a People of God

Welcome

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Prelude

Ah, Holy Jesus

Johannes Brahms

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

*** Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 116)

Ewen Todd, Liturgist

One: I love the Lord because the Lord has heard my voice and my cries.

All: The Lord inclined his ear to me; therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

One: When the thorns and snares of the wilderness encompassed me and I suffered distress and anguish,

All: I called on the name of the Lord, “O Lord, I pray, rescue me!”

One: Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is merciful.

All: Let us worship the one who protects and saves us.

*** Hymn # 521**

In Remembrance of Me (Repeat two times)

[Red]

Prayer of Confession

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One: God, in your goodness and mercy, you forgive us and instruct us how to live with your will rather than our own in the center of our lives. So it is in this space and at this time, that we are able to come and bear the wilderness of our sin before you. We pray:

All: Gracious and merciful God, again and again we come to confess to you the ways we have failed to work toward repair and restoration in our world. Too often we are tempted to put worldly values before the wholeness and shalom you desire for our world. We turn inward rather than outward. Like your disciples, we sometimes forget that we are to be fed at your table so that we can feed others; that we are served so that we can serve others. Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you. Remind us that when we come to the table, we come with hearts to be filled with your love and grace. Strengthen us with your Spirit so that we put our whole trust in you as confidently as Jesus did. *Silent prayer.*
Amen.

Promise of the Gospel

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One: Our God has come to us, humble, riding into Jerusalem on a donkey to free us from the weight of sin and death. Our sins are forgiven, in the name of the one who is exalted beyond what we can comprehend: Christ, our Savior and Lord

All: Thanks be to God for the new creation we are in Christ.

* Response #447

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
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The Word

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12: 1-4, 14-17

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One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Scripture

Luke 22:14-23

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All: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

The Path to Repair and Restoration:
Again and Again, We Come To the Table
Pastor Lisa Schrott

Responding to the Word

Holy Communion

Invitation

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The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

You are invited to join in singing *What Wondrous Love is This* (#215) during the prayer. Prompts are included to signal when to sing.

Eternal God, it is right to give our thanks and praise, for your love marks the expanse of creation ...
And so we join our voices with the multitude of the ages, singing joyfully of your wondrous love:

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul.**

**What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the heavy cross for my soul.**

Your love in Jesus Christ is wondrous, almighty God. In him you stepped into our world ...
And so we sing our praise to you for the wonder of this gift:

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!**

And so gather us with those millions, loving Lord...
and we are free to sing with all creation forever and ever:

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours,
almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

in unison

**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 debts, as we forgive
our debtors; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Communion will be served by intinction. Please take a piece of bread and dip into the cup of juice and
partake as you return to your seat. The bread is gluten, soy, nut and dairy free so all may partake
together.

Communion Prayer

Sent Out As a People of God

* Hymn #206

This is the Night (vs. 1, 2, 3, 5)
[My Neighbor]

Stripping of the Chancel

Peter's Denial Foretold: Mark 14:26-31
Jesus Prays in Gethsemane: Mark 14:32-42

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Depart in Silence

Usher: Jayne Zuhlke

Community Good Friday Service – 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3 at Okemos Community Church
Featuring the Rutter Requiem sung by a joint choir from Okemos Community Church and PCO
Service online at <https://www.okemoschurch.org/sermons>

Easter Sunday Service – We welcome you to join us on Easter Sunday for the worship service at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary or online. The service will include communion and special music from a Brass Quintet, Handbell Choir and Chancel Choir and singing of the Hallelujah Chorus. You are invited to stay for Easter brunch following the service hosted by our Parish Life Committee.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving was written by the Rev. Andy James and can be found online at <https://www.liturgylink.net/2013/03/25/maundy-thursday-communion-prayer-wondrous-love/>

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