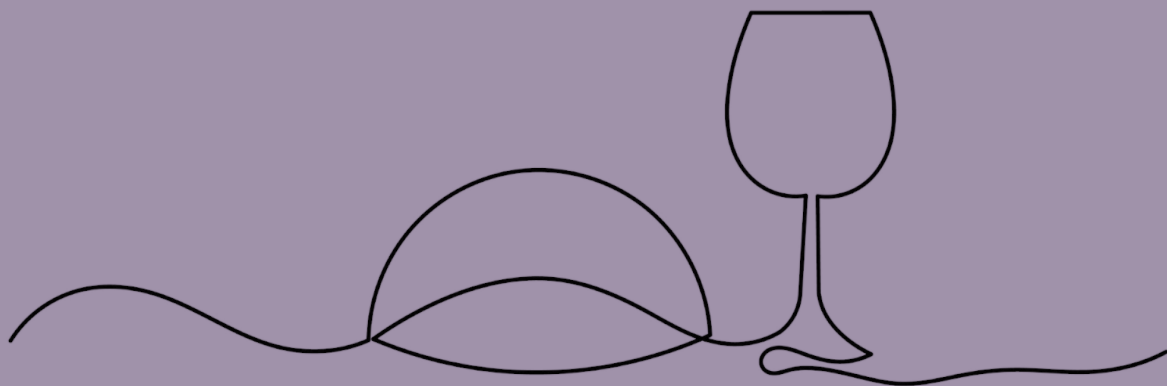


MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE



THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND, 2026
7:00 P.M. AT FBC BEVERLY

Order of Worship
MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 2, 2026

Gathering Music

A Time of Silence

(We invite you to sit in silence to become aware of God's presence with us in this time of worship. If you have not yet had an opportunity to silence your phone, please do so now.)

We Gather for Worship: A Responsive Litany

Rev. Daniel Johnson

Leader: The devotion of the first disciples who stayed with Jesus brought them to a place much like this one. With darkness gathering outside, they shut themselves in a quiet room with their teacher and friend and waited together for whatever would come.

People: *We, too, have stayed with Jesus through the long journey to this place. We, too, seek a quiet space to wait, to watch, to pray, and even to ask, "Will we endure the night?"*

Leader: The night is long, and so we have come together to hear again the story of Jesus in those last hours that he spent with his disciples before facing the torment of the cross.

People: *We have come to remember the Last Supper that he shared with those first disciples, and to join them in that Communion meal.*

Leader: We have come to remember the example of service that he set by washing his disciples' feet, and to join them in tending to each others' needs.

People: *We have come to witness again the agony of Jesus, in the tears poured out in the garden of Gethsemane. In a kiss he received from one who betrayed him. In a courtyard where he locked eyes with one who denied him.*

Leader: In halls of injustice where he was mocked, scorned, tried, and beaten. In the festival grounds where crowds who once praised him now rejected him. On a cross, where the breath of God would depart from him.

People: *Yet through it all we will cling to the hope that a new day will come, bringing with it the joy of new life.*

Leader: We can surely hope for that day. But for now, let us stay a while and wait in the darkness. Come, let us worship.

***Gathering Hymn 428**

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An Upper Room with Evening Lamps Ashine (vs. 1-2)

***Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer (debts)**

Rev. Julie Flowers

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

A Maundy Thursday Reflection

Rebecca (Bec) Manley

"Stay Awake"

A Musical Interlude

The Light that Shines in the Darkness

The Story of the Passion, in Many Voices

Passover with the Disciples	Matthew 26:17-19
Shadow of Betrayal	Matthew 26:20-25
A Mandate to Serve	John 13:12-15

Preparing to Come to the Table

A Service of Handwashing

Were You There?

Luke Oliveira, soloist

The Lord's Supper

Matthew 26:26–29

Observance of the Lord's Supper

Please come to the table in small groups, at the invitation of our Deacons, to share the meal together.

Shadow of Desertion

Matthew 26:31-35

Agony of the Soul

Luke 22:39-44

Unshared Vigil

Mark 14:32-43

The Betrayal of Judas

Matthew 26:47-52

Peter's Denial

Luke 22:54-60

Before Pilate

John 18:33-38a

Releasing Barabbas

Matthew 27:20-26

Shadow of the Cross

Mark 15:16-20

And the Darkness Will Not Overcome It

The Christ candle extinguished tonight will be relit on Easter morning

*Departing Hymn 431

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Go, My Children, With My Blessing

*Benediction

Rev. Julie Flowers and Rev. Daniel Johnson

*The People Depart

(please depart in silence from this time of worship)

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