

MAUNDY THURSDAY

UNBOUND

Longing for Intimacy

There is a seat
FOR YOU
at the table.



APRIL 2, 2026

Maundy Thursday
Longing for Intimacy
Thursday, April 2, 2026
(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude	<i>"Légende"</i>	A. Guilmant
*Confession and Forgiveness		p. 258
Laying on of Hands		
Hymn 659	<i>"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"</i>	
Hymn 801	<i>"Change My Heart, O God"</i>	
*Greeting		
*Prayer of the Day		
Solo	<i>"Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love"</i>	G. Fauré /arr. A. Petker

Word

First Reading	Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10]	11-14
Lenten Theme Song (see page 4)	<i>"We Belong to Each Other"</i>	
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	
*Gospel Acclamation		p. 260
*Gospel Reading	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	
Reflection		
*Hymn 358	<i>"Great God, Your Love Has Called Us"</i>	
Footwashing		
Footwashing Hymns		
Hymn 708	<i>"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"</i>	
Hymn 744	<i>"Lord, Be Glorified"</i>	
*Prayers of Intercession		
*Peace		

Meal

*Offering Hymn 186	<i>“Create in Me a Clean Heart”</i>
*Great Thanksgiving	
*Holy, Holy, Holy	p. 190
*Thanksgiving at the Table	
*Lord’s Prayer	p. 191
Lamb of God	p. 191
Communion Hymn 642	<i>“Ubi Caritas”</i>
*Table Blessing	
*Prayer after Communion	
Stripping of the Altar	p. 261
Psalm 22	

All Depart in Silence

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On this night, Jesus kneels with a basin and towel, embodying a love that unbinds his disciples from pride, hierarchy, and self-protection.

We Belong to Each Other

Refrain



We be - long, we be - long, we be - long to each - oth - er.



I am strong, you are strong; we are strong - er to - geth - er.

Verses



Each of us has gifts to share, there is plen - ty to
If we hold our gifts too tight, some - one else will be
Near or far, I'm on your side; we are part of God's



go a - round. When we're lone - ly, lost, and scared,
left be - hind. Give, for - give, and shine your light;
fam - il - y. I am yours and you are mine,



God makes sure we are found. *to Refrain*
take the time to be kind.
tied to - geth - er yet free.

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Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Carey Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister & Communion Server: Scott Kuschnerreit

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Footwashing: Deacon Sherry Coman

Lector: John McLellan

Choral Scholar: Drew Aarsen

Building Monitor: Dennis Diebolt (519-571-4525)

Worship Notes

In our prayers, Marjorie, Kevin, Betty, Anneke, Judy, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Maureen, and John.

All are welcome at the meal where Jesus is present loving and forgiving us. For the wine, there is a common cup station and a pouring chalice station (please take an empty small glass). There is also a small tray of pre-poured grape juice glasses. Gluten-free wafers are also available; please indicate this request to the Pastor. If you would (also) like to receive a blessing, please approach the Pastor with your arms crossed over your chest. If you'd like to receive Communion in your pew, the pastor will come to you. Please let an usher or the pastor know before worship if possible.

Information for tonight's worship

- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering.
- **Downstairs Washrooms** can be accessed via any of the staircases. There is one wheelchair accessible washroom, and the rest are all-gender washrooms. A further all-gender washroom is also available via the west stair tower door (front left of the Sanctuary) on the same level. Turn right at the hallway.

Upcoming Events at St. Matthews

Friday, April 3: Good Friday, 9:30 am

Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday with Craft for Children

Wednesday, April 8: St. Matthews Presents: Organ Recital (noon), and Soup (12:30)



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presents

Organ Recitals and Soup

Wednesdays at 12 noon

April 8

Sherry Coman, spoken word
Scott Knarr, organ

April 22

Sebastian Meadows-Helmer, Lana Moses, violins
Scott Knarr, organ

The St. Matthews Centre, our community hub, has a website which links all upcoming events, especially concerts of the KW Symphony and the Grand Philharmonic Choir.

Scroll down to “Upcoming Events” at
www.stmatthewscentre.ca.

The St. Matthews Centre also has a Facebook page, which you can “follow” to get updates.



Church Fire Plan - For everyone’s awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety. The AED and a first aid kit are in the hallway by the office.



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