

WESLEY UNITING CHURCH, FORREST, ACT.

2 April 2026

Holy Thursday

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Greeting

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The liturgist welcomes the community to worship.

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God,

whose covenant with us is never broken,

we confess this night

that we fail to fulfil your will.

Though you have bound yourself to us,

we will not bind ourselves to you.

In Jesus Christ you love us freely,

but we refuse your love

and withhold ourselves from others.

We do not love you fully

or love one another as you command.

In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us.

Lead us once again to your table

and unite us to Christ,

who is the bread of life

and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,

that Christ Jesus came to save sinners.

Hear then Christ's word of grace to us:

'Your sins are forgiven'.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Bible Readings

- Matthew 26.17-35

Preaching of the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Setting of the Table

The Minister uncovers the elements and says:

Christ our Lord invites to his table
all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.

**Lord, we come to your table,
trusting in your mercy
and not in any goodness of our own.**

**We are not worthy
even to gather up the crumbs under your table,
but it is your nature always to have mercy,
and on that we depend.**

**So feed us with the body and blood
of Jesus Christ, your Son,
that we may for ever live in him
and he in us. Amen.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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And so we praise you
with the faithful of every time and place,
joining with choirs of angels

and the whole creation
in the eternal hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...

With this bread and this cup
we do as our Saviour commands:
we celebrate the redemption he has won for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...

Through your Son, Jesus Christ, in your holy Church,
all honour and glory are yours, Father almighty,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

Communion

You are invited to come forward to receive Communion. Those with mobility issues will be served in the pews at the end.

Prayer After Communion

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Dismissal

Christ was obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Stripping of the Church

*The Minister and the Elder strip the Church.
After the Stripping of the Church, the people leave in Silence.*

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