

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday



*A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another as I have loved you (John 13:34)*

Hymn

The Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you

All: and also with you.

Words of welcome and introduction

Prayers of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: 'If you love me, keep my commandments.'
'Unless I wash you, you have no part in me.' Let us confess to almighty
God our sins against his love, and ask him to cleanse us.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion blot out our offences.

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Against you only have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean;
wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

May the Father forgive *us* by the death of his Son
and strengthen *us* to live in the power of the Spirit all *our* days. **Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray that we may love one another as Christ has loved us.

Silence is kept

**All: God our Father,
your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end
and drank the cup prepared for him:
may we who share his table watch with him
through the night of suffering and be faithful. Amen.**

Readings

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:
Love one another as I have loved you.

All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

And afterwards

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

God is love,

All: and where true love is, God himself is there

A Reflection on The Washing of Feet

Silence

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.

Lord, hear us **All: and humble us.**

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church.

Lord, hear us **All: and unite us.**

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your Church.

Lord, hear us **All: and renew our zeal.**

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved.

Lord, hear us **All: and fill us with your love.**

On this night, he reminded his disciples that if the world hated them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, hear us **All: and give us your peace.**

On this night, he accepted the cup of death and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom. We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ.

Lord, hear us **All: and welcome all your children into paradise.**

The Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: and also with you.

The Eucharist

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

At the Eucharist we are with our crucified and risen Lord. We know that it was not only our ancestors, but we who were redeemed and brought forth from bondage to freedom, from mourning to feasting. We know that as he was with them in the upper room so our Lord is here with us now.

All: Until the kingdom of God comes let us celebrate this feast.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

All: His Spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give thanks and praise

It is indeed right for ever praising you and saying:

**All: 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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed..... in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

And so, Father.....,

all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All: 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

All: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Jesus, lamb of God, have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace**

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Most merciful Lord

Your love compels us to come in.

**Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared,
We were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.**

**So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son
that he may live in us and we in him
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen**

Communion

Whilst we are unable to share physically in the bread and wine, you may wish to pray this prayer of Spiritual Communion quietly to yourself

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament
you have given us the memorial of your passion:
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood
that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives
the fruit of your redemption,
for you are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Stripping of the Altar

The holy table is stripped bare and lights extinguished

The Dismissal

When the disciples had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prayed to the Father, 'If it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me.'

He said to his disciples, 'How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me for one hour? The hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinners.'

Christ was obedient unto death.
Go in his peace.

Silence

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