

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday

2021



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The Gathering

Before the service begins music is played and covid notices will be given. Please remember that our worship is live streamed and ambient microphones will hear conversations in the 5 minutes before and after the service.

We stand when the clergy enter.

The Greeting

The President

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

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Hymn

Those of us in the church building sit to listen to the hymn.

Prayers of Penitence

The Deacon

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 wash us.

Silence is kept.

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

Silence is kept.

Cantor: Lord, have mercy. **Choir: Lord, have mercy.**

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

Silence is kept.

Cantor: Christ, have mercy. **Choir: Christ, have mercy.**

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

Silence is kept.

Cantor: Lord, have mercy. **Choir: Lord, have mercy.**

The President

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.**

We stand together to praise God.

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

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

Silence is kept.

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.**



We sit for our first reading.

First Reading

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

At the end:

Hear word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

Gospel Reading

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

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

Cantor: I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:
Love one another as I have loved you.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

In two minutes of silence we close our eyes and remember Jesus washing the disciples feet – washing our feet.

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, ‘Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

We sit when invited.

At the end of the sermon we kneel if able to offer our prayers for the world.

Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father through Christ the saviour of the world.

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. Though unable to offer this symbol of our service tonight, we commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service in all the ways we can.
Lord, hear us **and humble us.**

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church. For those present in church, for those worshipping at home, for those who have drifted from the church in this pandemic year. Lord, hear us **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. Help us to emerge from the trauma of the last year and embrace what lies ahead.
Lord, hear us **and renew our zeal.**

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved. We pray especially for all those who have come here seeking you in recent months and found locked doors.
Lord, hear us **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.
We pray especially for those who have come to our district as
refugees. Lord, hear us **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 **and welcome all your children into paradise.**

On this night, Lord, hear our prayers,
through your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Offertory Hymn

We sit to listen to our hymn as the table is prepared for the Eucharist. We are unable to pass a collection plate around the church, but we are deeply grateful for all the donations made on the plate and in the pedestal as you leave the church tonight.

The Preparation of the Table

The Deacon

At the Eucharist and in our Spiritual Communion 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.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe, you bring forth bread from the earth. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe, you create the fruit of the vine. **Blessed be God for ever.**

We stand for the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The President

The Lord is here **His spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts **We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you thanks,

Father most holy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For on this night he girded himself with a towel

and, taking the form of a servant, washed the feet of his

disciples. He gave us a new commandment

that we should love one another as he has loved us.

Knowing that his hour had come,

in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples

to be a memorial of his passion,

that we might proclaim his death until he comes again,

and feast with him in his kingdom.

Therefore earth unites with heaven to speak your praise;

and we too join with angels and archangels

proclaiming your glory without end:

**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.**

***The prayer recounts the Last Supper and we join in the memorial
acclamation:***

The Deacon

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim
your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

The prayer continues and we join at the end with the Amen.

Silence is kept and we kneel to pray.

The Lord's Prayer

**Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to
pray: 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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

**Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

Agnus Dei

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

Giving of Communion

The Deacon

Before we share in this bread, and wine is received on behalf of us all, we acknowledge our church family who share their spiritual communion with us from home today, as I pray with them: **Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all you have given me, and 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 and friend, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**

The President

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive either the bread or a blessing. If you are not accustomed to taking communion and would prefer to receive a blessing please cross your arms when you come to the front.

During this time we pray quietly as those around us also receive.

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
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 forever. **Amen.**

The Stripping of the Sanctuary

We stand as the holy table and the sanctuary are stripped.

We hear:

Stay with me, remain here with me,
watch and pray, watch and pray.

When the sanctuary has been stripped and lights have been dimmed, we hear the Dismissal Gospel.

The Dismissal

The Deacon

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.

We leave in silence.

PTO

This year you are encouraged to keep The Watch at home. Please take this sheet home with you. Find a dark and quiet space at home to watch and pray. The Gospel of the Watch may be read in one piece – or in sections though a time of silence as you prefer.

The Gospel of the Watch

1. Peter's Denial Foretold

Then Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered."

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.' Peter said to him, 'Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.' Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' Peter said to him, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And so said all the disciples.

2. Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Again he went away for the second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.' Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same

words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

3. The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.' At once he came up to Jesus and said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him. Jesus said to him, 'Friend, do what you are here to do.' Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, 'Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?' At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.' Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

4. Jesus before the High Priest

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none,

though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, 'This fellow said, "I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."' The high priest stood up and said, 'Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?' But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, 'I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.' Jesus said to him, 'You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.' Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?' They answered, 'He deserves death.' Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, 'Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?'

5. Peter's Denial of Jesus

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, 'You also were with Jesus the Galilean.' But he denied it before all of them, saying, 'I do not know what you are talking about.' When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, 'This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.' Again he denied it with an oath, 'I do not know the man.' After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, 'Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.' Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, 'I do not know the man!' At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: 'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

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