

## THE LITURGY OF MAUNDY THURSDAY



In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

### 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.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **Gloria**

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**

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

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.

**All Amen.**

## **Readings**

*Exodus 14 : 1-14*

*1 Corinthians 1:18-31*

*At the end of each the reader says:*

For the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

***Please Stand***

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory  
**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.**

*John 13: 1-17 & 31b-35*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### 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. 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 inspire us.**

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**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

## Prayers of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread  
to set before you, which earth has given  
and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**All**        **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine  
to set before you, fruit of the vine and  
work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**All**        **Blessed be God for ever.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

**All**        The Lord be with you  
              **and also with you.**

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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;

as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks  
because, having loved his own who were in the world,  
he loved them to the end;  
and on the night before he suffered,  
sitting at table with his disciples,  
he instituted these holy mysteries,

that we, redeemed by his death  
and restored to life by his resurrection,  
might be partakers of his divine nature.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
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, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,

we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All*    **Amen.**

*All kneel*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Believing the promises of God,  
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.**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All    Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## **Agnes Dei**

**All 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.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

## **Post Communion Prayers**

*Let us pray*

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.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

*After receiving the sacrament, the Sanctuary is stripped while*

*Psalm 88 is said.*

*1 O Lord, God of my salvation, ♦  
I have cried day and night before you.*

*2 Let my prayer come into your presence; ♦  
incline your ear to my cry.*

*3 For my soul is full of troubles; ♦  
my life draws near to the land of death.*

*4 I am counted as one gone down to the Pit; ♦  
I am like one that has no strength,*

*5 Lost among the dead, ♦  
like the slain who lie in the grave,*

*6 Whom you remember no more, ♦  
for they are cut off from your hand.*

*7 You have laid me in the lowest pit, ♦  
in a place of darkness in the abyss.*

*8 Your anger lies heavy upon me, ♦  
and you have afflicted me with all your waves.*

*9 You have put my friends far from me ♦  
and made me to be abhorred by them.*

*10 I am so fast in prison that I cannot get free; ♦  
my eyes fail from all my trouble.*

*11 Lord, I have called daily upon you; ♦  
I have stretched out my hands to you.*

*12 Do you work wonders for the dead? ♦  
Will the shades stand up and praise you?*

*13 Shall your loving-kindness be declared in the grave, ♦  
your faithfulness in the land of destruction?*

*14 Shall your wonders be known in the dark ♦  
or your righteous deeds in the land where all is forgotten?*

*15 But as for me, O Lord, I will cry to you; ♦  
early in the morning my prayer shall come before you.*

*16 Lord, why have you rejected my soul? ♦  
Why have you hidden your face from me?*

*17 I have been wretched and at the point of death from my youth; ♦  
I suffer your terrors and am no more seen.*

*18 Your wrath sweeps over me; ♦  
your horrors are come to destroy me;*

*19 All day long they come about me like water; ♦  
they close me in on every side.*

*20 Lover and friend have you put far from me ♦  
and hid my companions out of my sight.*

### **Silence is kept**

### **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.

*The people depart in silence*

*Please do keep The Watch at home, reading through John's Gospel, chapters 13 to 17.*