

## The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday.

### **Hymn.**

*President:*

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

**Everyone:**

**Amen.**

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.**

### **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.

*Silence is kept.*

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

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

Christ, have mercy.

**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.

**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.**

**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.**

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

*Silence is kept.*

God our Father,  
you have invited us to share in the supper  
which your Son gave to his Church  
to proclaim his death until he comes:  
may he nourish us by his presence,  
and unite us in his love;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**A Reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.**

*At the end:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn.**

### **Gospel Acclamation.**

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.

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

### **Gospel Reading.**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**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  
**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  
**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  
**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  
**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

**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.**

### **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

**and also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

### **The Preparation of the Altar.**

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.**

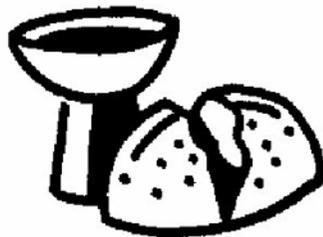
At the Eucharist we are with our crucified and risen Lord.

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.

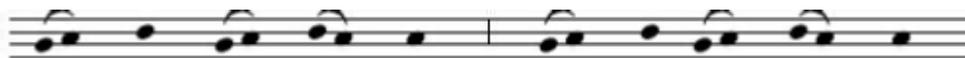
We know that as he was with them in the upper room  
so our Lord is here with us now.

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

**Hymn.**



## The Eucharistic Prayer.



The Lord be with you and al-so 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 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 sing a new song of praise;  
we too join with angels and archangels  
as they proclaim 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.**

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 this night when 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.

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.**

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 Virgin Mary,  
St. Peter, St. Chad [...] and 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. **Amen.**

*A time of silence is kept.*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom as we 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 for ever. Amen.**

**Breaking of the 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.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin 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.**

*During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.  
Otherwise, silence is kept.*

## **Prayer after Communion.**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

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 Sanctuary.**

*during which these verses from Lamentations are read.*

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people!  
How like a widow she has become,  
she that was great among the nations!  
She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks;  
among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her.  
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.  
The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals;  
all her gates are desolate, her priests groan;  
her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.  
Her children have gone away, captives before the foe.  
Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?  
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.  
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.  
From on high he sent fire; it went deep into my bones;  
he spread a net for my feet; he turned me back;  
he has left me stunned, faint all day long.  
For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears;  
for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage;  
my children are desolate, for the enemy has prevailed.  
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.  
All who pass along the way clap their hands at you;  
they hiss and wag their heads at daughter Jerusalem; 'Is this the  
city that was called the perfection of beauty,

the joy of all the earth?’

The thought of my affliction and homelessness  
is wormwood and gall.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul,  
‘therefore I will hope in him.’

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,  
to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it,  
to put one’s mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),  
to give one’s cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.  
For the Lord will not reject for ever.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

***The Gospel of the Watch*** is read without ceremony.

Year A Luke 22.31-62.

Year B Matthew 26.30-end.

Year C Mark 14.26-end

*The ministers and people depart in silence.*

**The Watch.**



*My father, if it is possible  
let this cup pass me by*

## **The Office of Compline.**

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.  
**Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who made heaven and earth.**

*A period of silence for reflection on the past day follows.*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess to you,  
before the whole company of heaven and one another,  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed  
and in what we have failed to do.**

**Forgive us our sins,  
heal us by your Spirit  
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**  
**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

### **Hymn.**

Before the ending of the day,  
**Creator of the world, we pray  
That you, with steadfast love, would keep  
Your watch around us while we sleep.  
From evil dreams defend our sight,  
From fears and terrors of the night;  
Tread underfoot our deadly foe  
That we no sinful thought may know.**  
**O Father, that we ask be done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;  
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath  
Our souls are raised to life from death.**

*Psalmody: please pause at the \* mark in each verse.*

**Psalm 4.**

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness; \*  
you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**How long will you nobles dishonour my glory; \*  
how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?**

But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

**Stand in awe, and sin not; \*  
commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.**

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.

**There are many that say, Who will show us any good? \*  
Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.**

You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.

**In peace I will lie down and sleep, \*  
for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.**

**Psalm 91.**

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High \*  
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,

**Shall say to the Lord, My refuge and my stronghold, \*  
my God, in whom I put my trust. ●**

For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler \*  
and from the deadly pestilence.

**He shall cover you with his wings  
and you shall be safe under his feathers; \*  
his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.**

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, \*  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

**Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, \*  
nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.**

Though a thousand fall at your side  
and ten thousand at your right hand, \*  
yet it shall not come near you.

**Your eyes have only to behold \*  
to see the reward of the wicked.**

Because you have made the Lord your refuge \*  
and the Most High your stronghold,

**There shall no evil happen to you, \*  
neither shall any plague come near your tent.**

For he shall give his angels charge over you, \*  
to keep you in all your ways.

**They shall bear you in their hands, \*  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

You shall tread upon the lion and adder; \*  
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

**Because they have set their love upon me,  
therefore will I deliver them; \*  
I will lift them up, because they know my name.**

They will call upon me and I will answer them; \*  
I am with them in trouble,  
I will deliver them and bring them to honour.

**With long life will I satisfy them \*  
and show them my salvation.**

### ***Psalm 134.***

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, \*  
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.

**Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary \*  
and bless the Lord.**

The Lord who made heaven and earth \*  
give you blessing out of Zion.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit; \*  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

### **Lesson.**

You, O Lord, are in the midst of us and we are called by your name;  
leave us not, O Lord our God.

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

**I commend my spirit.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

**Hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

**The Nunc Dimittis.**

Save us, O Lord, while waking,

**and guard us while sleeping,**

**that awake we may watch with Christ**

**and asleep may rest in peace.**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: \*

your word has been fulfilled.

**My own eyes have seen the salvation \***

**which you have prepared in the sight of every people;**

A light to reveal you to the nations \*

and the glory of your people Israel.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit; \***

**as it was in the beginning is now**

**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,**

**and guard us while sleeping,**

**that awake we may watch with Christ**

**and asleep may rest in peace.**

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray,

and drive far from it the snares of the enemy;

may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace,

and may your blessing be always upon us;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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In peace we will lie down and sleep;  
**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,  
**for the night is at hand and the day is now past.**

As the night watch looks for the morning,  
**so do we look for you, O Christ.**

The Lord bless us and watch over us;  
the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us;  
the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **A Selection of Devotional Material.**

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
**Because by your holy cross  
you have redeemed the world.**

#### ***Collects from Common Worship.***

*This prayer may end a rite of foot-washing.*

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.**

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 fruits of your redemption;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy  
but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
through....

***Morning glory, starlit sky.***

*(W.H. Vanstone, 1923-1999)*

Morning glory, starlit sky,  
leaves in springtime, swallow's flight,  
autumn gales, tremendous seas,  
sounds and scents of summer night;  
soaring music, towering words  
art's perfection, scholar's truth,  
joy supreme of human love,  
memory's treasure, grace of youth:  
open, Lord, are these Thy gifts,  
gifts of love to mind and sense;  
hidden is love's agony,  
love's endeavour, love's expense.  
Love that gives, gives ever more,  
gives with zeal, with eager hands,  
spares not, keeps not, all outpours,  
ventures all, its all expends.  
Drained is love in making full,  
bound in setting others free,  
poor in making many rich,  
weak in giving power to be.  
Therefore He Who Thee reveals  
hangs, O Father, on that Tree  
helpless; and the nails and thorns  
tell of what Thy love must be.  
Thou art God: no monarch Thou  
throned in easy state to reign;  
Thou art God, Whose arms of love  
aching, spent, the world sustain.

**'Adoro te devote' ('Thee we adore').**

(Thomas Aquinas, 1225–1274. Tr. Gerard Manley Hopkins)

Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore,  
Masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more,  
See, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart  
Lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art.

Seeing, touching, tasting are in thee deceived:  
How says trusty hearing? that shall be believed;  
What God's Son has told me, take for truth I do;  
Truth himself speaks truly or there's nothing true.

On the cross thy godhead made no sign to men,  
Here thy very manhood steals from human ken:

Both are my confession, both are my belief,  
And I pray the prayer of the dying thief.

O thou our reminder of Christ crucified,  
Living Bread, the life of us for whom he died,  
Lend this life to me then: feed and feast my mind,  
There be thou the sweetness man was meant to find.

Jesu, whom I look at shrouded here below,  
I beseech thee send me what I thirst for so,  
Some day to gaze on thee face to face in light  
And be blest for ever with thy glory's sight.

***The Memorial of the Crucifixion.***

I when I am lifted up, will draw everyone to myself.  
**Lord, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.**

This day you will be with me in paradise.

**You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.**

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies,  
it remains alone;

**But if it dies, it bears much fruit.**

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

**Truly, this was the Son of God.**

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who promised to refresh all who come to you in travail:  
as we offer you our prayer  
at the hour of your most bitter passion,  
mercifully grant that all we have begun in your strength  
may be finished for the glory of your Name. **Amen.**