



Maundy Thursday Service

¶ **The Gathering**

Hymn (35)

*A new commandment
I give unto you:
that you love one another
as I have loved you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you.*

By this shall all
know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another. *(Repeat)*

You are my friends
if you do what I command you.
Without my help you can do nothing. *(Repeat)*

I am the true vine,
my Father is the gardener.
Abide in me: I will be with you. *(Repeat)*

True love is patient,
nor arrogant nor boastful;
love bears all things, love is eternal. *(Repeat)*

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The Greeting

The president greets the people

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.

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.

The president uses this or another authorised absolution

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.**

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words

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.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

First Reading

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn (165)

An Upper Room did our Lord prepare
for those He loved until the end:
and His disciples still gather there
to celebrate their Risen Friend.

A lasting gift Jesus gave His own:
to share His bread, His loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
He by His Cross shall lift us up.

And after Supper He washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In Him our joy shall be made complete
sent out to serve, as He was sent.

No end there is! We depart in peace.
He loves beyond the uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house
He will be there, as Lord and Host.

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Second Reading

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

This acclamation may herald the 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.

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

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Washing of Feet

The president washes the feet of some members of the congregation, assisted by other ministers.

Anthems may be sung

Hymn (118)

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet,
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of
Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

The washing of feet ends with this prayer

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

This form or other suitable words may be used.

Silence may be kept before each versicle and response.

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 Liturgy of the Sacrament*

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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

Hymn (712)

Lord Jesus Christ,
You have come to us,
You are one with us,
Mary's Son;
cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring Your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for You we sing,
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
now and every day,
teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance Lord of You:
into our lives Your power breaks through,
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
You have come to us
born as one with us,
Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see,
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to You,
live my life for You,
Son of God.

All Your commands I know are true,
Your many gifts will make me new,
into my life Your power breaks through,
living Lord.

Patrick Appleford (b. 1925) © 1965 Joseph Weinberger Ltd

*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.
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.

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

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.

The president takes the bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 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 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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.**

You are the Saviour of the world.

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 [*N 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.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so 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

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

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

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.

The president and people receive communion. The following or other authorized words of distribution are used

The body of Christ, broken for you.

Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

The choir may sing an anthem.

Hymn (433)

*Broken for me, broken for you,
the body of Jesus, broken for you.*

He offered his body, He poured out His soul;
Jesus was broken, that we might be whole:

Come to My table and with Me dine;
eat of My bread and drink of My wine.

This is My body given for you;
eat it remembering I died for you.

This is My blood I shed for you;
for your forgiveness, making you new.

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Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

This Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said

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 Conclusion

The Stripping of the Sanctuary

Chant (942)

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

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The holy table and the sanctuary are stripped bare.

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.**

Verses from Lamentations 1

The lights are extinguished as we wait in silence for the Gospel of the Watch to be read.

We depart in silence.

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