

Maundy Thursday

The Greeting

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.

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 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

John 13.1-17, 31b-35

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. ² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside His outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it round His waist. ⁵ Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped round Him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to Him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterwards you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹ For He knew who was to betray Him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹² When He had washed their feet and put on His outer garments and resumed His place, He said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once.³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people 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

Prayers of Intercession

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

Personal prayers may be offered

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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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.

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