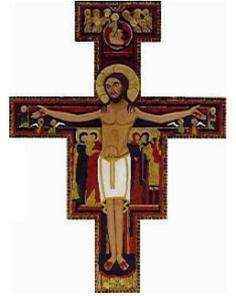


The Order for Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday



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

THE GATHERING

The Greeting:

All The Lord 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.

All **Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

All 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.
Amen.

The Gloria:

All **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 for Maundy Thursday:

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.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READINGS

The First Reading: Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14 - The First Passover Instituted

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 – The Institution of the Lord's Supper

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

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

All 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."

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.

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.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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 their
message.

We pray for the mission of your Church.

Lord, hear us

All and renew our zeal.

On this night, he commanded them 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 them 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.

**All Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse us and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.**

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.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

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

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

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.

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:

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.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life;
Lord Jesus, 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 [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.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All 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

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.**

All **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.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Post Communion Prayer:

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.

All **You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known in the
breaking of the bread.**
**Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you
all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever.**
Amen.

The holy table is stripped.

Psalm 22

1. My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me :
and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?
2. O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not :
and in the night-season also I take no rest.
3. And thou continuest holy :
O thou worship of Israel.
4. Our fathers hoped in thee :
they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.
5. They called upon thee, and were holpen :
they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.
6. But as for me, I am a worm, and no man :
a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.
7. All they that see me laugh me to scorn :
they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,
8. He trusted in God, that he would deliver him :
let him deliver him, if he will have him.

9. But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb :
thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.
10. I have been left unto thee ever since I was born :
thou art my God, even from my mother's womb.
11. O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand :
and there is none to help me.

12. Many oxen are come about me :
fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.
13. They gape upon me with their mouths :
as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.
14. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint :
my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.
15. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue
cleaveth to my gums :
and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.
16. For many dogs are come about me :
and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.
17. They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones :
they stand staring and looking upon me.

18. They part my garments among them :
and casts lots upon my vesture.
19. But be not thou far from me, O Lord :
thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.
20. Deliver my soul from the sword :
my darling from the power of the dog.
21. Save me from the lion's mouth :
thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.

22. I will declare thy Name unto my brethren :
in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
23. O praise the Lord, ye that fear him :
magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him,

- all ye seed of Israel.
24. For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate
of the poor :
he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto
him he heard him.
25. My praise is of thee in the great congregation :
my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.
26. The poor shall eat and be satisfied :
they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart
shall live for ever.
27. All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be
turned unto the Lord:
and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.
28. For the kingdom is the Lord's :
and he is the Governor among the people.
29. All such as be fat upon earth :
have eaten and worshipped.
30. All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him :
and no man hath quickened his own soul.
31. My seed shall serve him :
they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.
32. They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness :
unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

We encourage you to spend time in prayer as part of the watch.