



Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion

Common Worship Order One

and

the Watch



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The Gathering

At the entry of the ministers a hymn is sung. Please stand. You will see the hymn number on the boards towards the front of church.

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

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 with me.'
Let us confess to almighty God
our sins against his love,
and ask him to cleanse us.

Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your loving-kindness:
and in your great 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 pure:
wash us and we shall be clean indeed.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May the Father forgive you
by the death of his Son
and strengthen you
to live in the power of the Spirit
all your days.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Let us stand to say

**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

Let us pray that the Lord may unite us in his love.

Silence

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.



The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

One or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.

At the end of each the reader may say.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A hymn or psalm may follow the reading(s).

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Washing of Feet

The President may wash the feet of some members of the congregation. The anthem 'Ubi Caritas' in this or another translation, a hymn, an anthem or a psalm may be sung during the washing of feet.

All God is love, and where true love is,
God himself is there.

Here in Christ we gather,
love of Christ our calling;
Christ, our love, is with us,
gladness be his greeting;
Let us all revere and love him, God eternal:
Loving him, let each love Christ in all his brothers.

All God is love, and where true love is,
God himself is there.

When we Christians gather,
members of one Body,
Let there be in us no discord, but one spirit;
Banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel:
Christ our God be present always here among us.

All God is love, and where true love is,
God himself is there.

Grant us love's fulfilment, joy with all the blessed
When we see your face, O Saviour, in its glory;
Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,
Be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises.

All God is love, and where true love is,
God himself is there.

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.

All Amen.

The 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 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

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 Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president introduces 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.'

**All 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

A hymn may be sung. The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented. The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. The president takes the bread and wine.

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.

All **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.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,
you create the fruit of the vine.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The president says

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,
that is, this very night,
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 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 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

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

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**

Giving of Communion

The president says this invitation to 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.

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.**

The president and people receive communion.

Prayer after Communion

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.

All Amen.

*A hymn is sung and the ministers leave, before
returning unrobed.*



The Conclusion

*The focus of the Liturgy moves from the upper room
to the Garden of Gethsemane.*

The Stripping of the Sanctuary

*The holy table and the sanctuary are stripped bare
representing the desertion of Christ by the disciples
and the desolation of the night.*

The Gospel of the Watch

*The Gospel of the Watch is read without ceremony,
followed by silence.*

The ministers and people leave in silence.



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