

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday

¶ *The Gathering*

At the entry of the ministers a hymn may be sung.

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.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayers of Penitence

A minister uses this Invitation to Confession or other suitable words

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.

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 clean;

wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The president uses this or another authorized 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.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

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

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.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

A reading from Scripture precedes the Gospel reading.

At the end of each the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All 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.

All 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 John.

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

One of the most significant and meaningful rites during Holy Week is the washing of feet on Maundy Thursday. Maundy, derived from the Latin word, "mandatum," means "commandment." Although the Gospel of John is one of the most prominent sources on foot washing, this ritual has deep roots in Jewish hospitality practices as travellers removed their sandals and were treated to foot washing by their hosts. Not only is the ritual act of foot washing a symbolic way to remember the example of Christ who took the form of a servant and washed the feet of his disciples, foot washing on Maundy Thursday may also be experienced as a sacrament. As an outward and visible symbol of the Incarnation, the water that cleanses our feet is also a reminder of the promises we make at Baptism and our calling to enter into the mystery and grace of God whose love continues to dwell among us as we serve our friends and guests prior to our meal together. In this very different and unprecedented year, the washing of feet is not allowed to take place. While the choir sing the anthem, 'Ubi Caritas' may we reflect on these words

"Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end."

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

***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

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.

These words may be added

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 table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

These words may be used at the preparation of the table

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 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.

The president recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is used

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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 St Michael, St Paul, the Archangels 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

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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,

All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken.

Giving of Communion

The president says one of these invitations to communion

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

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

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

The body of Christ, broken for you.

Amen.

During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.

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.

All Amen.

The Conclusion

The Stripping of the Sanctuary

The holy table and the sanctuary may be stripped bare. During the stripping, these verses from Lamentations are used.

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.

All 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.

All 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.
All 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.
All 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.
All 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.
All Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

The Watch

A Watch is kept in the Lady Chapel until midnight. There are of course limited spaces in the Lady Chapel Please only remain for the Watch in the Lady Chapel if you have put your name down to do so. You are of course welcome to remain in the Nave for as long as you want during the Watch.

The Dismissal announces the end of the Watch, and is read without ceremony, followed by silence.

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.