

## **Maundy Thursday**

*(You may like to bring bread, drink, towel)*

### **WELCOME**

### **HYMN**

On this night, our Lord Jesus Christ said: 'A new commandment I give to you, that you love each other, as I have loved you. If you love me keep my commandments'.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.  
**and also with you.**

### **THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Our Lord Jesus Christ says '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.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us  
all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

This is the night that Christ the Son of Man gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the night that Christ our Lord and Master took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, calling us to love one another as he has loved us.

This is the night that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his perfect sacrifice.

This is the night that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him. Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. His mercy endures forever .

**Amen**

## **THE COLLECT**

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 remains with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**READINGS:**OT - Isaiah 50:4-7; Gospel - John 13:1-8

This the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

### **THE FOOTWASHING**

The Lord Jesus, rising from supper, laid aside his outer garments, took a towel, and washed his disciples' feet. Then he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet."

*(Hold towel)*

**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.**

## **HYMN**

### **THE PEACE**

On this night, our Lord Jesus Christ said to his disciples:  
'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.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC 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 our 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**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
 'Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
 do this in remembrance of me'.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
 Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
 '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'.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with  
 confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim  
 his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life.

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
 we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
 until you come in glory.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day  
 when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the  
 earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring  
 us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving  
 Father for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father,  
 which art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name;  
 thy kingdom come;  
 thy will be done ;  
 in 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.**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, once for all upon the cross.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

***(Consume)***

**We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this physical and  
spiritual sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste  
of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

**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 fruits of your redemption;  
for you are alive and reign, now and forever.  
Amen.**

*(Stripping of the altar)*

## **THE CLOSING PRAYER**

May Jesus Christ,  
who for our sake became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross,  
keep you and strengthen you  
this night and for ever.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace.

*We leave in silence.*