



Maundy Thursday

Benefice Service

GATHERING

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

All **Amen.**

Words of welcome may be said.

GATHERING HYMN

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

We remain standing as the President introduces the prayers of penitence with these 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.

cf John 14.15; 13.8

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 authorised form of absolution:

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

We remain standing to sing the Gloria. During the singing the sanctuary bells will be rung.

Choir/All Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

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, have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive, receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

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.
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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,
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 congregation sit for our first Bible reading.

FIRST READING Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14

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 judgements: 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.

At the end the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may be kept.

PSALM 116

Choir To God the Lord raise hymns of praise,
 and with your lips proclaim his name.

All To God the Lord raise hymns of praise,
and with your lips proclaim his name.

Cantor I love the Lord, who heard my prayer,
who inclined his ear to my supplication:
For he delivered my soul from the grave,
and wiped away my tears.

Choir/All To God the Lord raise hymns of praise,
and with your lips proclaim his name.

Cantor The Lord preserves the meek of heart;
I was brought low but he saved me.
Return to your rest oh my soul,
for the Lord has blessed you with his grace.

Choir/All To God the Lord raise hymns of praise,
and with your lips proclaim his name.

Cantor What shall I render to the Lord,
for all his loving kindness?
I will take to my lips salvation's cup,
and call upon his name.

Choir/All To God the Lord raise hymns of praise,
and with your lips proclaim his name.

Cantor I will pay to the Lord our God my vows
in the presence of his people;
I will offer the sacrifice of praise,
and call upon his name.

Choir/All To God the Lord raise hymns of praise,
and with your lips proclaim his name.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 11.23-26

Beloved, 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.

At the end the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

GRADUAL HYMN

GOSPEL READING John 13.1-17, 31b-35

We remain standing for the Gospel reading.

Choir/All 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.

Choir/All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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. 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

After the Sermon silence may be kept.

THE WASHING OF FEET

Those whose feet are to be washed, come forward and sit on the front pews. While the foot washing takes place the choir will sing 'Ubi Caritas'.

After the foot washing is complete the following prayer is used:

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.

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,
and unite us.

All

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.

All

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.

All

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.

All

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.

All

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.'

cf John 14.27

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

All

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

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 forever.**

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

All **Blessed be God forever.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

All The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

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:

**Choir/All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

**Choir/All Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory, come in glory.
Lord Jesus, come in glory, 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 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

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

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.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

AGNUS DEI

Choir/All Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us [x2].

Jesus, bread of life, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us [x2].

Jesus, wine of joy, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace [x4].

GIVING OF 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.

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.

COMMUNION MOTET

COMMUNION HYMN

Silence is kept.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 Blessed Sacrament is censed before being processed to the Altar of Repose in the Lady Chapel

As the Sacrament is processed, the Sanctus bell will be rung and the choir will sing in plain song. Once the Sacrament is in place the bell will stop. The clergy will remove their vestments in silence and return to the nave.

CONCLUSION - THE STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

When the clergy are returned, as the Choir sing Psalm 69, the altars are stripped, and the lights dimmed.

When the stripping of the altar is complete the Gospel of the Watch will be read from the pulpit. At the end of the Gospel the clergy, choir and congregation leave in silence to join the Watch in the Lady Chapel, which will end with Compline.

If you are unable to stay, please leave in silence via the back of church.