

# MAUNDY THURSDAY



*Entrance Hymn*

*AHB 453 An Upper room did our Lord prepare*

*The priest says*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

**whose mercy endures for ever.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The priest then addresses the people in these words.*

Tonight we begin the Great Three Days of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection, the journey from the supper table to the cross, from the cross to Easter dawn. We are followers in his way, exploring his truth, encountering his life.

This is the night when Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would betray him. This is the night when Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the night when Christ our Lord gave us this holy feast, that as we break the bread and drink the cup we may here proclaim his holy sacrifice, and come at the last to his table in heaven.

This is the night when Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, showing us how to honour and serve one another in love.

This is the night for watching and prayer. We give ourselves freely to the demands of these great days, confident that those who die in Christ will surely live with him.

*Invitation to Confession.*

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Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought,  
word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbours  
as ourselves'  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love  
and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*The priest says*  
Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness  
to all who turn to him in faith,  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The priest then says the Collect.*

Loving God  
your Son Jesus Christ has left us this meal  
of bread and wine  
in which we share his body and blood.  
May we who celebrate this sign of his great love  
show in our lives the fruits of his redemption;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*A reading from the book of Exodus. (12:1-8, 11-14)*

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,  
“This month shall stand at the head of your calendar;  
you shall reckon it the first month of the year.  
Tell the whole community of Israel:  
On the tenth of this month every one of your families  
must procure for itself a lamb, one apiece for each household.  
If a family is too small for a whole lamb,

it shall join the nearest household in procuring one  
and shall share in the lamb  
in proportion to the number of persons who partake of it.  
The lamb must be a year-old male and without blemish.  
You may take it from either the sheep or the goats.  
You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month,  
and then, with the whole assembly of Israel present,  
it shall be slaughtered during the evening twilight.  
They shall take some of its blood  
and apply it to the two doorposts and the lintel  
of every house in which they partake of the lamb.  
That same night they shall eat its roasted flesh  
with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

“This is how you are to eat it:  
with your loins girt, sandals on your feet and your staff in hand,  
you shall eat like those who are in flight.  
It is the Passover of the LORD.  
For on this same night I will go through Egypt,  
striking down every firstborn of the land, both man and beast,  
and executing judgment on all the gods of Egypt—I, the LORD!  
But the blood will mark the houses where you are.  
Seeing the blood, I will pass over you;  
thus, when I strike the land of Egypt,  
no destructive blow will come upon you.  
“This day shall be a memorial feast for you,  
which all your generations shall celebrate  
with pilgrimage to the LORD, as a perpetual institution.”

Hear the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*Psalm 116: 1-2, 11-18 (Sung by the choir)*

*A reading from first Corinthians. (11:23-26)*

Brothers and sisters:  
I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you,  
that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over,

took bread, and, after he had given thanks,  
broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”  
In the same way also the cup, 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 death of the Lord until he comes.

Hear the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*The hymn: 433. Let us break bread together with the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ King of endless glory**  
I give you a new commandment, says the Lord;  
Love one another as I have loved you.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ King of endless glory**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
( 13:1-15)  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from  
this world to the Father.  
He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end.  
The devil had already induced Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot,  
to hand him over. So, during supper, fully aware that the Father had put  
everything into his power  
and that he had come from God and was returning to God,  
he rose from supper and took off his outer garments.  
He took a towel and tied it around his waist.  
Then he poured water into a basin  
and began to wash the disciples’ feet  
and dry them with the towel around his waist.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him,  
“Master, are you going to wash my feet?”  
Jesus answered and said to him,  
“What I am doing, you do not understand now,  
but you will understand later.”  
Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.”  
Jesus answered him,  
“Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me.”  
Simon Peter said to him,  
“Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well.”  
Jesus said to him,  
“Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed,  
for he is clean all over;  
so you are clean, but not all.”  
For he knew who would betray him;  
for this reason, he said, “Not all of you are clean.”  
So when he had washed their feet  
and put his garments back on and reclined at table again,  
he said to them, “Do you realize what I have done for you?  
You call me ‘teacher’ and ‘master,’ and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I,  
therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash  
one another’s feet.  
I have given you a model to follow,  
so that as I have done for you, you should also do.”

For the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

*Homily*

*The washing of the feet*

*As we have heard, on the night before his death, Jesus set the example for his disciples by washing their feet as an act of humble service. I now invite you have your feet washed as an act of humble service. Please come forward.*

*Following the washing of the feet we sing the following Hymn 571 A new Commandment.*

*The prayers for the church and the world*

Merciful God, on this, the night he was betrayed,  
your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet.  
As we commit ourselves to following his example of love and service,  
teach us humility.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one.  
As we grieve for the divisions in the church,  
unite us.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus prayed for those who would come to believe  
through the disciples' message.  
As we take up the mission of the church,  
renew our zeal.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus commanded his friends to love,  
but he suffered rejection himself.  
As we open our hearts to the rejected and the unloved,  
fill us with your love.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus reminded his people that,  
if the world hated them,  
it had hated him first.  
As we face our own fears,  
we pray for those who are persecuted for their faith;  
give us your peace.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus loved his friends to the very end,  
As we open our hearts to all who face darkness tonight,  
we pray for the sick, those who mourn, those trapped by violence, addiction,  
or pain:

give healing and hope.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, these are the prayers of your Church.

**We offer them trusting and hoping in you.**

**Hear and help us, challenge and change us,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The greeting of peace*

We are the body of Christ

**His spirit is with us**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All may exchange a greeting of peace.*

*While the Table is prepared this hymn is sung.*

*AHB 310, Come Down o Love Divine*

*Prayer over the gifts*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

Through your goodness

we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.

*All respond:*

**Blessed be God for ever**



*The Great Thanksgiving*

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.**

All glory and honour  
be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever living God.  
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
Who became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.  
When his hour had come, in his great love  
He gave this supper to his disciples,  
That we might proclaim his death,  
And feast with him in his kingdom.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
And with all the company of heaven,  
We proclaim your great and glorious name,  
Forever praising you and saying:

**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.**

Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed  
Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
saying, 'Take, eat.  
This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate with this bread and this cup,

his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
Unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father  
in songs of never ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are confident 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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*The priest breaks the bread, and says,*

We who are many are one body

**For we all share in the one bread**

*The following is sung.*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

*The priest says:*

The gifts of God for the people of God

*Communion is administered*

*After communion the priest says:*

Holy God, source of all love,  
on the night of betrayal  
Jesus commanded his disciples  
to love one another as he loved them.  
We thank you for feeding us in this supper.  
Give us the will to serve others  
as he was servant of all.

*The hymn Pange Lingua AHB 422*

*The Blessed Sacrament is taken to the place of repose.*

***Psalm 22 is sung by the choir as the linen, ornaments, and hangings are removed.***

***The lights of the church extinguished.***

***The people depart in silence without a blessing or dismissal.***

*A watch may be kept at the Altar of Repose.*