**LITURGY OF MAUNDY THURSDAY**

***The Gathering***

**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**

**Invitation to confession**

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.

Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.

The president says

May the Father forgive usby the death of his Son  
and strengthen usto 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.

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 Liturgy of the Word***

**Readings**

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

**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 N.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sermon**

**The Washing of Feet**

Current restrictions prevent us from carrying out the foot-washing ceremonies. We reflect now on Jesus’ love for all humanity as he took a towel and knelt before his disciples in an act of lowly service and washed their feet.

A new commandment I give unto you:

that you love one another as I have loved you,

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By this shall all folk know that you are my disciples

if you have love one for another.

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The washing of feet may conclude 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.**

**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**

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.

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**

**Hymn**

God of the Passover, Author and Lord of salvation,

gladly we gather to bring you our hearts’ adoration;

ransomed and free,

called and commissioned to be

signs of your love for creation.

Here we remember that evening of wonder enthralling,

myst’ry of passion divine, and betrayal appalling.

Breaking the bread,

‘This is my body,’ he said,

‘do this, my passion recalling.’

God of the Eucharist, humbly we gather before you

and, at your table, for pardon and grace we implore you.

Under the cross,

counting as profit our loss,

safe in its shade, we adore you.

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.

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

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.  
Blessed be God for ever.

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

The president takes the bread and wine.

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you

All 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:

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 this, the 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.

Jesus Christ is Lord

All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 Michael, Paul 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.

All 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.

**Agnus Dei**

All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.

**Giving of Communion**

The president says the 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.

The president and people receive communion.

The body of Christ, broken for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**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.

**The Conclusion**

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.

You are invited to leave church in silence.