



Maundy Thursday
Do this in memory of me...

Thursday, April 1, 2021

Greeting and Introduction

Gathering Prayer

Minister This is the day that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

This is the day that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the day that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

This is the day that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

This night, although we do not participate in these sacred acts physically, may we be united to you and one another spiritually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Minister 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.

Ministry of the Word

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

For 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' ²⁵In 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.' ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.

**I kept my faith, even when I said,
'I am greatly afflicted';**

I said in my consternation,
'Everyone is a liar.'

**What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?**

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,

**I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.**

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.

**O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.
You have loosed my bonds.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is
now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Holy Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31-35

Reader The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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.'

When he had gone out, Jesus said, '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.'

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Matthew Waterman

A period of silence for reflection follows.

The Prayers

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 at supper with his friends took bread and he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, this is my blood, given for you." Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice.

Lord, hear us

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.

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.

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.

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.

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, especially holding up the friends and family of Shirley Archer as they mourn her death.

Lord, hear us

and welcome all your children into paradise.

Minister 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. **Amen.**

Invitation to Confession

Minister You then, who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and
charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following
the commandments of God, and walking from this day forward in his holy
ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort;
and make your humble confession to almighty God.

Confession

All **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge
of all, we acknowledge and confess our many sins, which we have
committed by thought, word, and deed, against your divine majesty. We
earnestly repent, and are truly sorry for all our misdoings. Have mercy
on us, most merciful Father. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake
forgive us all that is past, and grant that from now on we may always
serve and please you in lives wholly renewed by your Spirit, to the
honour and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

Minister Almighty God our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised
forgiveness of sins to all who turn to him with heartfelt repentance and
true faith: have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your
sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to eternal
life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Comfortable Words

Minister Listen to our Lord Jesus Christ's words of assurance to all who truly turn to
him:

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. (*Matthew 11.28*)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (*John 3:16*)

The apostle Paul says: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (*1 Timothy 1.15*)

The apostle John also says: If anyone does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defence - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins. (*1 John 2.1-2*)

Prayer of Consecration

Minister The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Minister Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister It is indeed right, our duty and joy, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, mighty Creator, and eternal God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with the whole company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:

All Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord most high. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Minister Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in your tender mercy you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made

there, by his once and for all offering of himself, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. He instituted and in his holy gospel commands us to continue a perpetual memorial of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we who receive this bread and wine according to your Son Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood.

On the night that Jesus was betrayed he took bread and when he had given 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, Jesus took the cup and when he had given 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.

Accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ, our great high priest; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant that by the power of your life-giving Spirit we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, and that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayer of Humble Access

All We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not even worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord who delights in showing mercy. Grant us, therefore,

gracious Lord, so to eat this bread and to drink this wine, that our bodies and souls may be cleansed by Christ's body and blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

Spiritual Communion

All Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all in heart, mind, soul, and strength. In the absence of receiving you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. In this moment, increase our faith and trust as we remember your words, 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe'. As though you have already come, I embrace you and ask never to be separated from you. Amen.

Prayers after Communion

Minister Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us of your favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, the blessed company of all faithful people, and heirs of your everlasting kingdom.

All And here we offer and present ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a holy and living sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Betrayal, Denial, and Arrest of Jesus

Matthew 26.30-46 is read.

There is no blessing or dismissal.

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