

MAUNDY THURSDAY

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ABOUT MAUNDY THURSDAY



"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel according to John 13:34-35

Tonight we enter the most solemn days of the liturgical year: The Holy Triduum, or the Holy Three Days, a time of watching, waiting, and contemplating the mystery of redemption in the Sacred Passion of Christ.

On Maundy Thursday we commemorate Jesus's Last Supper with his disciples, his friends, and his new commandment found in the passage from John above that we are to love one another ("Maundy" comes from "mandatum," Latin for "commandment"). Maundy Thursday is thus the foundation of Christian fellowship and society. It is this meal we recall in the Eucharist.

On this night, we celebrate the Eucharist in limited fashion, and those present will receive on behalf of the dispersed community. All are invited to partake in an act of reception, as outlined in the service.

But just as Jesus was taken from his beloved disciples after binding them together in the commandment to love one another, so we also experience, symbolically, Jesus's absence as the altar is stripped and we wait and watch in anticipation of our redemption in the terrible events of Good Friday.

We keep watch in prayer this night at the Altar of Repose, attending to the Paschal Mystery that has been set in motion, in quiet or silent reflection and in adoration of Christ.

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T H E L I T U R G Y O F T H E W O R D O F G O D

{PENITENTIAL RITE}

Book of Common Prayer, p. 319

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All
**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Celebrant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

{COLLECT OF THE DAY}

Book of Common Prayer, p. 274

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

ALMMIGHTY FATHER, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, did institute the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of him who in these holy mysteries giveth us a pledge of life eternal, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

{THE LESSONS}

THE FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 12:1-14

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 neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. [Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.] 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 judgments: 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM: PSALM 63:1-8

Antiphon:

**So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.**

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
**my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.**

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips.

When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

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.

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 13:1-17, 31B-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John
Glory be to thee, 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

{THE SERMON}

{MANDATUM NOVUM: OUR SIGN OF SERVICE}

{THE NICENE CREED}

Book of Common Prayer, p. 326

WE BELIEVE in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

WE BELIEVE in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
And his kingdom will have no end.

WE BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
Who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

{THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE}

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Lord, have mercy.

GIVE GRACE, O HEAVENLY FATHER, to all bishops and other ministers, especially For +Bonnie, our Bishop; +Michael, our Presiding Bishop; +Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; +Moises, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; +Elizabeth, +Donald, and +Craig, our Lutheran Bishops in Common Mission; +Wendell and +Stewart, our retired Bishops; and Andy+, our priest; and all other servants of your Gospel, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Lord, have mercy.

AND TO ALL THY PEOPLE give thy heavenly grace, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord, have mercy.

WE BESEECH THEE also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Lord, have mercy.

OPEN, O LORD, the eyes of all faithful people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Lord, have mercy.

AND WE MOST HUMBLY BESEECH THEE, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor **Suzanne** LaBatt, **Linda & Al** Nielsen, **Sarah** DelCampo, **Christie** Rowden, **Carolyn** Birch, **Dan R.**, **Michael & Laura**, **Kim** Little, **Neil** King, **Jim**, **Irene** Howe, **Terry** Hart, **Michelle** Peasley, **Andrea** Barnett, **Jaime** Kinser, **Gloria** Hemingway, **Bill** Bissett, **Brian and the Kelly Family**, **Patti and the Lee Family**, **Janet** Spears, **Tyrell** Borgeson, **Jean and Todd** Rachel, **Mike** Sullivan, **Tony** Dulio, **Tim** Boldt, **Barb** Sheldrick, **Bobbi** Patton, **Joe** Shively, **Penny** Clay, **Beth** Shively, and **Victoria** Shively, and especially all those who are suffering under the COVID-19 pandemic. We pray for all the men and women of our Armed Forces, especially **Kevin** Tye, **Josh** Tindall, **Craig** Froehlich, **Justin** Briggs, **Josom**

Alomran, **Jason** Kelly, **James** Monaghan, **Scott, Blake** Abel, **Joshua, Jerry** Holley, **Corbin, Nick** McKenna, **Sean** Kellogg, **Brandon** Jamison, **Patrick** Kline, **Anna** Whetstone, **Kyle** Sholos, **and Marcus** Powell. And we pray for all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

(Silence will be observed; please add your own names at this time.)

Hear us, O Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

AND WE ALSO BLESS THY HOLY NAME for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially **Liz** Spear and those we now name _____ *(please add names silently or aloud)*. We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. **Lord, have mercy.**

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

{THE PEACE}

Book of Common Prayer, p. 332

THE HOLY COMMUNION

{THE OFFERTORY}

{EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I}

Book of Common Prayer, p. 333

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

IT IS VERY MEET, RIGHT, AND OUR BOUNDEN DUTY, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

ALL GLORY BE TO THEE, ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

FOR IN THE NIGHT in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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."

LIKEWISE, AFTER SUPPER, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

WHEREFORE, O LORD AND HEAVENLY FATHER, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

AND WE MOST HUMBLY BESEECH THEE, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

AND WE EARNESTLY DESIRE thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

AND HERE WE OFFER AND PRESENT UNTO THEE, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction and made one godly with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

AND ALTHOUGH WE ARE UNWORTHY, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighting our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BY WHOM, AND WITH WHOM, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say

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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

{THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD}

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

All

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**
**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**
**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

Celebrant, or all together

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

{SPIRITUAL COMMUNION}

An Act of Reception

O GOD, you are our God; eagerly we seek you;
our souls thirst for you, our flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
Therefore, we have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that we might behold your power and your glory.
We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,
And, since we cannot all at this time receive these gifts,
We pray you to come into our hearts, and to unite us with yourself
as we endeavor to embrace you with our whole heart,
and soul, and mind, and strength.
Let nothing separate us from you,
and let us serve you in this life until, by your grace,
we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

{PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION}

Officiant and People

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we most heartily thank thee
for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby
of thy favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,
so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as thou has prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end.



STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR & SETTING THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

There is no dismissal or blessing. All are invited to linger together, and are encouraged to create their own Garden of Repose, as we sink into the holiness of these Three Days and ever deeper into the Mystery of Christ's Passion. Maundy Thursday evening is a time to keep Vigil, to yearn and pray for the healing of the deep needs of the world.