

SERVANTS OF CHRIST
ANGLICAN CHURCH



Service Guide for Maundy Thursday

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Welcome & Announcements

Silent Processional

Please stand as you are able.

The cross, a symbol of Christ in our worship, leads us to the altar, reminding us that our way to God is through Jesus.

The Acclamation

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant Blessed be our God.

People **Now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant This is the night that Christ the Son of Man gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the night that Christ our Lord and Master took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, calling us to love one another as he has loved us.

This is the night that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his perfect sacrifice.

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

With these words we affirm to one another and God why we've come together to worship.

The Collect of the Day

Please remain seated.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose most dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the

A "collect" collects our prayers together in unity. This prayer changes each week and focuses our prayers for the week ahead.

The Bible is one coherent story so we read from different parts, desiring to hear God speak to us through His Word.

Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it in thankful remembrance of Jesus Christ our Savior, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Please remain seated for the first reading.

The Lector gives a citation giving chapter and verse then reads the Scripture.

Exodus 12:1-14

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able for the Psalm.

The Psalm is typically read responsively by half-verse, led by the Celebrant with the People responding.

Psalm 78:15-26

Celebrant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

People **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Please be seated for the second reading.

The Lector gives a citation giving chapter and verse then reads the Scripture.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26(27-34)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to St. _____.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Deacon or Priest appointed reads the Gospel.

John 13:1-15 or Luke 22:14-30

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Please be seated.

The Foot-Washing

Celebrant Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the kingdom of God come not by worldly power and authority, but by such lowly service.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ to come forward, that we may recall whose servants we are by following the example of our Master. Come now remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others. Engrave on your hearts and mirror in your actions Jesus' words: "A servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

We sing a chorus before and after the Gospel reading as we prepare our hearts for the sermon.

All are invited to join in the foot washing service, but no one is obligated. Whether you opt to participate or wish to simply observe, we invite you to a time of silence and reflection.

You are welcome to pray silently or aloud according to each of the prompts. If you pray aloud, please pray boldly and briefly so that others may hear and pray with you.

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel as you are able.

Reader Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.” For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Lord, in your mercy:

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Reader For Foley, our Archbishop, and Alex, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Lord, in your mercy:

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Reader For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad, and for all who teach and disciple others.

Lord, in your mercy:

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Reader For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, especially in ____; and for those who persecute your people.

Lord, in your mercy:

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Reader For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service.

Lord, in your mercy:

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Reader For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, in your mercy:

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Reader For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession

Please remain kneeling as you are able.

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence.

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

Now that we are reminded of what is broken and painful in this life, we confess our sin (our rebellion against God), because it is the underlying cause of all that pains this world.

Having confessed our sin and our need for a Savior, the priest reminds us of God's incredible mercy and forgiveness, pronouncing God's absolution (forgiveness) of our sins.

Having confessed our sins, received God's forgiveness, and heard his word preached, we express that we have been reconciled to God and one another by sharing the peace we have through Jesus. We do this before the offering because Jesus says, "First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:24).

In response to all that God has done for us, we worship God by giving of our finances and raising our voices together in song.

Literally meaning "Lift up your hearts" the Sursum Corda begins a prayer of great thanksgiving to God for the redemption of the world through Jesus Christ.

The Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the Name of the Lord. Parents may now pick up their children ages 4 and under from the nursery if they desire. Nursery is available through the end of the service.

The Offering and Doxology

During the Offertory hymns or songs may be sung. The Deacon or Priest prepares the Holy Table for the celebration.

Please stand as you are able while the offerings are presented.

The Sursum Corda

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; and on the night before he suffered, he instituted these holy mysteries; that we, receiving the benefits of his passion and resurrection, might be made partakers of his divine nature.

Therefore we praise you, joining with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Please remain standing as you are able.

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.**

Latin for "holy," this ancient hymn weaves together Scripture which describes the worship happening on heaven and earth (Isaiah 6:3, Psalm 118:26, Matthew 21:9, Revelation 4:8). We join with all the saints in heaven on earth in worshiping God.

The Prayer of Consecration

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his

This prayer retells the story of redemption, recalling the wonderful mystery of God becoming human in the person of Jesus Christ to give His life for us and renew all things.

suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:
By him, and with him, and in him, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is
yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to 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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Jesus taught his disciples this prayer as a model for how to pray (Luke 11:1–4). The Lord's Prayer roughly breaks down into three types of prayers: Praise (Thank you), Petition (Please), and Penitence (Sorry). We pray this each week to remind us how Jesus taught us to pray.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

As we hear the sound of the bread being broken, we remember the cost of Christ's sacrifice for us.

*Though we have already
confessed our sin and asked for
and received God's absolution,
together we summarize all that
has been said.*

The Prayer of Humble Access

All We do not presume to come to this your
table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table;
but you are the same Lord
whose character is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus
Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean
by his body,
and our souls washed through his most
precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.

*In the Sacrament we partake of
God's past, present, and future
grace. The physical bread and
wine nourish us with the
spiritual presence of Jesus.*

The Ministration of Communion

Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

Celebrant 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.

The Ministers receive the Sacrament and then give it to the People.
You may be seated.

*In response to all we have
heard, learned, and
experienced during the service,
we turn our hearts to sing
praises to our God.*

During Communion, songs or hymns may be sung.

*All baptized Christians are invited to come forward and receive the
bread and wine. It has long been the conviction of the Church that, if
you receive only the bread or only the wine, you have received the
sacrament in full. Therefore, if you have a personal need to refrain
from either the bread or the wine this week, know that you are still
fully communing with Christ and his Church.*

Ushers will direct you to the altar rail. If you are not baptized and would like to receive a blessing, come forward and kneel, crossing your arms over your chest. The priest will quietly pray God's blessing upon you.

If you would like to receive prayer for anything in your life, members of the prayer team are available in the wings of the sanctuary under the exit signs.

The Post Communion Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

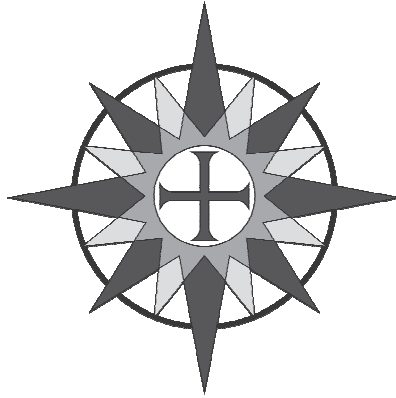
All **Heavenly Father,**
We thank you for feeding us with the
spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of
your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work
you have
given us to do ,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses
of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

We give thanks for the feast we have partaken in and prepare to go back into the world to labor for his kingdom.

A Reading of Psalm 22

Depart in Silence

The altar is a symbol of Christ in our worship. It is where we partake of his Body and Blood, recalling his sacrifice for us. On this night we strip away all the linens and adornments from the altar, just as Christ was stripped before being beaten. In the end, we lay a crown of thorns on the altar, just as Christ was given a crown of thorns.



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