

Maundy Thursday

SERVANTS
of **CHRIST**
ANGLICAN CHURCH

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Processional

Please stand as you are able.

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.

The Collect of the Day

Please remain standing.

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

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

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

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

The Gospel

Please remain standing.

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

Please remain seated.

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 reflection.

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."

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel as you are able.

Reader In this holy season let us turn to God in prayer.
For all the holy people of God, that we may heed
the God who calls us to repentance in the events
of our lives.

Let us pray to the Lord.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader For this nation and all the nations of the world,
that we may live in harmony and peace. We
especially pray for the Dong people in China, that
the gospel would be preached to them.

Let us pray to the Lord.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader For the enslaved in body or in spirit, that God
may come to grant them freedom.

Let us pray to the Lord.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader For this community, that during this holy season
God's grace may produce in us the fruit God
seeks.

Let us pray to the Lord.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader For our own needs and those of others, that God
will not allow us to be tested beyond our strength.

Let us pray to the Lord.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader For those who have died in Christ, that they may
have an eternal home in the loving arms of God.

Let us pray to the Lord.

***People* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*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.*

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.

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.

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:

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.

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 worshipping God.

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.

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.

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 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.

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

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

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

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.

You may be seated.

During Communion songs or hymns are sung.

All baptized and believing Christians are invited to participate in communion. Detailed instructions for receiving Communion will be displayed on the screen. If for any reason, you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing from a priest. Trained members of the prayer team are available in the alcoves under the exit signs for any prayer needs that you may have.

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.

Stripping of the Altar

Please be seated.

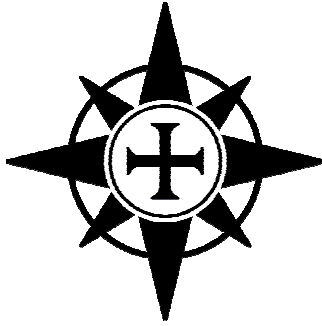
Psalm 22 will be read as the altar is stripped.

Depart in Silence

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

*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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