

## CONCERNING MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Paschal mystery—the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ—is at the heart of the Christian Gospel. The evening of Maundy Thursday begins the Triduum (the sacred three days). This service, together with Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and The Great Vigil of Easter, form a single liturgy; thus, the final blessing and dismissal is reserved for the conclusion of the Great Vigil.

Maundy Thursday receives its name from the *mandatum* (commandment) given by our Lord: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another” (JOHN 13:34). At the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples’ feet and commanded them to love and serve one another as he had done. This day commemorates the Lord’s example of servant ministry, the institution of the Eucharist, the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the betrayal leading to the crucifixion.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

*Celebrant* Blessed be our God.

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

*The Celebrant may say*

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

*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 Lessons

A lesson from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

“Then 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 flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and 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 are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

(Exodus 12:1-14)

The Word of the Lord

## Thanks be to God

Our Psalm this evening is number 78, and we will read verses 15-26 responsively by whole verse.

He split rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.

*He made streams come out of the rock and caused waters to flow down like rivers.*

Yet they sinned still more against him, rebelling against the Most High in the desert.

*They tested God in their heart by demanding the food they craved.*

They spoke against God, saying, “Can God spread a table in the wilderness?”

*He struck the rock so that water gushed out and streams overflowed. Can he also give bread or provide meat for his people?”*

Therefore, when the Lord heard, he was full of wrath; a fire was kindled against Jacob; his anger rose against Israel,

*because they did not believe in God and did not trust his saving power.*

Yet he commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven,

*and he rained down on them manna to eat and gave them the grain of heaven.*

Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance.

*He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power he led out the south wind;*

*Glory 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.*

A lesson from the Apostle Paul's first lesson to the Corinthians

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, 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.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another— if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.

*(1 Corinthians 11:23-34)*

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not 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, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

*(John 13:1-15)*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

## **The Foot–Washing**

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 have been appointed as a representative of the Congregation 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."

*During the ceremony, the following may be sung or said.*

The Lord Jesus, rising from supper, laid aside his outer garments, took a towel, and washed his disciples' feet. Then he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet

*(John 13:12,14)*

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

*(John 13:34)*

## **The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever-living God, in your holy Word you have taught us to offer prayers and requests, and to give thanks for all whom you have made. We appeal to your mercy, Gracious Lord, that you might hear our prayer.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy,

*People* hear our prayer.

Inspire your universal Church by your Spirit, granting that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word and live in unity and godly love.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy,

*People* hear our prayer.

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to your servants Foley, our Archbishop, Eric our Bishop, and Ryan our Priest, that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly administer your holy Sacraments.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy,

*People* hear our prayer.

Help us to fulfill your great commission; making disciples of all nations; teaching them to obey all that you have commanded.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy,

*People* hear our prayer.

We ask you to rule the hearts of all who govern us, especially Donald, our President, Gavin our Governor, and Mike our Mayor. May they administer justice, govern wisely, and strive for the welfare and peace of the whole world.



*Reader* Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* hear our prayer.

Grant your heavenly grace to all people, especially these gathered here, that with meek and reverent hearts, we may hear and trust your holy Word, devoting our lives to your righteous service.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* hear our prayer.

We humbly ask you, gracious Lord, to comfort and strengthen all those who, in this earthly life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* hear our prayer.

*Reader* I invite you to add your own requests at this time.

We bless your holy Name for all your servants who departed this life in your faith and fear, praying you would grant us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we might partake in your heavenly kingdom.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* hear our prayer.

*The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer*

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

## **The Confession and Absolution of Sin**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Together:*

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 Bishop or Priest stands and says*

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**

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And with your spirit.

## **The Offertory**

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the provided sentences of Scripture.*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a  
fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*(Ephesians 5:2)*

*The Celebrant may pray the following prayer*

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and  
the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth

is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord, and of your own have we given you.

*(1 Chronicles 29:11, 14)*

## **The Sursum Corda**

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

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, 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 our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## **The Sanctus**

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

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 offered himself and made, once for all time, a perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. He instituted this remembrance of his passion and death, which he commanded us to continue until he comes again. So now, Father, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine that we may partake of his most blessed Body and Blood.

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."

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:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord and heavenly Father, with these holy gifts we celebrate the memorial instituted by your beloved Son, remembering his passion and death, his resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come

again. Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion, making us one body with him that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And here we offer to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a living sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 forever. *Amen.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*The Celebrant then says*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

*Celebrant and People together pray*

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **The Fraction**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

### **The Prayer of Humble Access**

*Celebrant and People together*

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 worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

But you are the same Lord, who always delights in showing 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.

### **The Agnus Dei**

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 your peace.*

### **The Ministration of Communion**

*Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation*

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

*(John 1:29, Revelation 19:9)*

*The Bread and Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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 into the world 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 forever. Amen.

### **Collect for Spiritual Communion**

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy  
Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you  
within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to  
you, together with all your faithful people, and I embrace you with  
all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated  
from you. **Amen.**

*The final blessing and dismissal are omitted. The Congregation departs in silence.*