**Maundy Thursday Service**

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you. *(John 13:34)*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

**and also with you.**

Hymn:

**Meekness and majesty,  
Manhood and Deity,  
In perfect harmony,  
The Man who is God.  
Lord of eternity  
Dwells in humanity,  
Kneels in humility  
And washes our feet.**

***O what a mystery,*  
 *Meekness and majesty.*  
 *Bow down and worship*  
 *For this is your God,*  
 *This is your God.***

**Father's pure radiance,  
Perfect in innocence,  
Yet learns obedience  
To death on a cross.  
Suffering to give us life,  
Conquering through sacrifice,  
And as they crucify  
Prays: 'Father forgive.'**

***O what a mystery,*  
 *Meekness and majesty.*  
 *Bow down and worship*  
 *For this is your God,*  
 *This is your God.***

**Wisdom unsearchable,  
God the invisible,  
Love indestructible  
In frailty appears.  
Lord of infinity,  
Stooping so tenderly,  
Lifts our humanity  
To the heights of His throne.**

***O what a mystery,*  
 *Meekness and majesty.*  
 *Bow down and worship*  
 *For this is your God,*  
 *This is your God,***

***This is your God.***

Confession:

Our Lord Jesus Christ says ‘If you love me, keep my commandments.’ *(John 14:15)*

‘Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.’ *(John 13:8)*

  Let us confess to almighty God our sins against his love, and ask him to cleanse us.

**Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.**

**We are not worthy to be called your children. We turn to you again.**

**Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead**

**but now have life through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

May God our Father forgive us our sins,

and bring us to the fellowship of his table with his saints for ever.

**Amen.**

The special prayer for the day:

**God our Father,  
you have invited us to share in the supper which your Son gave to his Church  
to proclaim his death until he comes:  
may he nourish us by his presence, and unite us in his love;  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.** **Amen.**

First Reading:*Hosea 11:1-4,8-9a*

1. “When Israel was a child, I loved him, nd out of Egypt I called my son.
2. But the more they were called, the more they went away from me. They sacrificed to the Baals and they burned incense to images.
3. It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realize  
       it was I who healed them.
4. I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love. To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them.
5. “How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I treat you like Admah? How can I make you like Zeboyim? My heart is changed within me; all my compassion is aroused.
6. I will not carry out my fierce anger, nor will I devastate Ephraim again. For I am God, and not a man— the Holy One among you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading:*Mark 14:12-26*

1. On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus’ disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”
2. So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him.
3. Say to the owner of the house he enters, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’
4. He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”
5. The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.
6. When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve.
7. While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me.”
8. They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, “Surely you don’t mean me?”
9. “It is one of the Twelve,” he replied, “one who dips bread into the bowl with me.
10. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”
11. While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.”
12. Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.
13. “This is my blood of the[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+14%3A12-26&version=NIV#fen-NIV-24779a)] covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them.
14. “Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”
15. When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

Meditation

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 washed His disciples’ feet.

We commit ourselves to follow His example of love and service.

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.

Lord, hear us

**and welcome all your children into paradise. Amen.**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.

Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick,

And lift up all who are brought low;

That we may find comfort

Knowing that nothing can separate us from your love

In Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Amen.**

The Peace:

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

**and also with you.**

The Communion Prayer

*The president says*

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator,

loving and faithful, holy and strong.

You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary’s child.

He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins;

he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world,

and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels to celebrate and say:

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.**

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you.

He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.

He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God’s unfailing love.

Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All   **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,

and remember his death and resurrection,

send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts

may be fed by Christ’s body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another,

work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus,

as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,

with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:

one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins  
 as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Lead us not into temptation  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power,   
 and the glory are yours  
 now and for ever.   
 Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.**

 The Giving of Communion

  Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**

**but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

 Prayer after Communion

  Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament  
you have given us the memorial of your passion:  
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood  
that we may know within ourselves  
and show forth in our lives the fruit of your redemption,  
for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Hymn:

**Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that makes this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.  
 *So here I am to worship,  
 Here I am to bow down,  
 Here I am to say that you’re my God:  
 You’re altogether lovely,  
 Altogether worthy,  
 Altogether wonderful to me.*  
King of all days, Oh so highly exalted,  
Glorious in Heaven above,  
Humbly You came to the earth you created,  
All for love’s sake became poor.  
 *So here I am to worship,  
 Here I am to bow down,  
 Here I am to say that you’re my God:  
 You’re altogether lovely,  
 Altogether worthy,  
 Altogether wonderful to me.***

***So here I am to worship,  
 Here I am to bow down,  
 Here I am to say that you’re my God:  
 You’re altogether lovely,  
 Altogether worthy,  
 Altogether wonderful to me.*  
I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.  
I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.**

***So here I am to worship,  
 Here I am to bow down,  
 Here I am to say that you’re my God:  
 You’re altogether lovely,  
 Altogether worthy,  
 Altogether wonderful to me.***

The Dismissal

  When the disciples had sung a hymn

they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus prayed to the Father,

‘If it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me.’

He said to his disciples,

‘How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me for one hour?

The hour has come for the Son of Man

to be handed over to the power of sinners.’

Christ was obedient unto death. Go in his peace.

**Amen.**