



The Eucharist for Maundy Thursday



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ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Welcome to **St Margaret's Lee**.

Maundy Thursday is the day on which Christ celebrated the Last Supper with His disciples, four days after His triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Only hours after the Last Supper, Judas would betray Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, setting the stage for Christ's Crucifixion on Good Friday.

Holy Thursday is more than just the lead-in to Good Friday; it is, in fact, the oldest of the celebrations of Holy Week. During the Last Supper, Christ blessed the bread and wine with the very words the priest uses today to consecrate the Body and Blood of Christ during the Eucharist. In telling His disciples to "Do this in remembrance of Me," He instituted the Eucharist and made them the first priests.

Near the end of the Last Supper, after Judas had departed, Christ said to His disciples, "A new commandment I give unto you: That you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another." The Latin word for "commandment," *mandatum* became the source for another name for Holy Thursday: Maundy Thursday.

On Maundy Thursday, the priests of each diocese gather with their bishop to consecrate holy oils, which are used throughout the year for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and the Anointing of the Sick. This ancient practice, which goes back to the fifth century, is known as the Chrism Mass ("chrism" is a mixture of oil and balsam used for the holy oils) and stresses the role of the bishop as a successor to the apostles.

Except in very rare circumstances, there is only one Eucharist other than the Chrism Mass celebrated on Holy Thursday in each church: the Eucharist of the Lord's Supper, which is celebrated after sundown. It commemorates the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and it ends when the altar is stripped bare. The altar remains bare until the first Eucharist of Easter.

THE LITURGY OF MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Gathering

*At the entry of the ministers a **Hymn** may be sung.*

The Greeting

The president greets the people

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you

All: and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love You,
and worthily magnify Your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ says:

‘If you love me, keep my commandments.’

‘Unless I wash you, you have no part in me.’

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

Silence is kept.

Have mercy on us, O God,
in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion
blot out our offences.

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Against you only have we sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.

Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean;
wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

May the Father forgive *us*
by the death of his Son
and strengthen *us*
to live in the power of the Spirit
all *our* days.

All: Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray that we may love one another as Christ has loved us.

Silence is kept

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.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Sit

First Reading

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Stand

*The **Gradual Hymn** is sung.*

Gospel Reading (John 13.1-17, 31b-35)

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:
Love one another as I have loved you.

All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, 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. When he had gone out, Jesus said, "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."

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

The Washing of Feet

The president will wash the feet of some members of the congregation, during which, the Taizé Hymn 'O Lord hear my prayer' may be sung:

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer, When I call,
answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer, Come and listen to
me.**

The washing of feet may end with this prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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

All: 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

All: 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

All: 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

All: 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

All: 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

All: and welcome all your children into paradise.

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

All: and also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

**Preparation of the Table
Taking of the Bread and Wine**

*The **Offertory Hymn** is sung during which the altar is prepared and the gifts of the people are gathered and presented.*

At the Eucharist we are with our crucified and risen Lord.
We know that it was not only our ancestors,
but we who were redeemed
and brought forth from bondage to freedom,
from mourning to feasting.
We know that as he was with them in the upper room
so our Lord is here with us now.

**All: Until the kingdom of God comes
let us celebrate this feast.**

The president takes the bread and says

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

The president takes the wine and says

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable
to God the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice we offer
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The president says

The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you thanks,
Father most holy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For on this night he girded himself with a towel
and, taking the form of a servant,
washed the feet of his disciples.
He gave us a new commandment
that we should love one another as he has loved us.
Knowing that his hour had come,
in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples
to be a memorial of his passion,
that we might proclaim his death until he comes again,
and feast with him in his kingdom.

Therefore earth unites with heaven
To sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end:

**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.**

Please sit or kneel as the president continues

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you 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.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

The deacon says:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary
St Margaret and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you forever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei is sung.

**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 peace.**

Giving of Communion

The president says the following or another appropriate invitation to communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The president and people receive communion

At the distribution the minister says

The body of Christ.
The blood of Christ.

*The communicant replies each time **Amen**, and then receives.
An Anthem and a **Hymn** may be sung during communion.*

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

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.

All: Amen.

Almighty God,
**All: we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

The Stripping of the Sanctuary

*The holy table and the sanctuary are stripped bare.
During the stripping, Psalm 22, verses 1-22 may be sung.*

- 1 My God, my God, look upon me, why hast thou forsaken me
and art thou so far from my health, and from the words of my
complaint?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the day time, but thou hearest not; and in
the night season also I take no rest.
- 3 And thou continuest holy, O thou worship of Israel.
- 4 Our fathers hoped in thee, they trusted in thee, and thou didst
deliver them.
- 5 They called upon thee and were holpen, they put their trust in
thee and were not confounded.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man; a very scorn of men,
and the outcast of the people.
- 7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn, they shoot out their lips
and shake their heads saying,
- 8 He trusted in God that he would deliver him, let him deliver
him if he will have him.
- 9 But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb, thou
wast my hope when I hang-ed upon my mother's breasts.

- 10 I have been left unto thee ever since I was born, thou art my God even from my mother's womb.
- 11 O go not far from me, for trouble is hard at hand and there is none to help me.
- 12 Many oxen are come about me, fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.
- 13 They gape upon me with their mouths, as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.
- 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my gums; and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.
- 16 For many dogs are come about me, and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.
- 17 They pierced my hands and my feet. I may tell all my bones, they stand staring and looking upon me.
- 18 They part my garments among them and cast lots upon my vesture.
- 19 But be not thou far from me, O Lord, thou art my succour haste thee to help me.
- 20 Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog.
- 21 Save me from the lion's mouth; thou hast heard me from the among the horns of the unicorns.
- 22 I will declare thy Name unto my brethren; in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

The Blessed Sacrament is taken in procession to the Altar of Repose for the Watch.

The Gospel of the Watch (Mark 14:26-End)

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword

and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." All of them deserted him and fled.

The Watch continues in the Lady Chapel until 12am.

Please leave in silence.

Please do not take this order of service away

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