

CHRIST CHURCH



MAUNDY THURSDAY

WE VALUE YOUR CHILDREN

Liturgical worship is child friendly: repetition, movement, and engagement of all your senses. We also provide nursery care (0-4 yrs) during the service. Check-in begins 15 minutes before each service. You will receive a sticker with a code that matches the code on your child's name tag. If you have a child in diapers, please leave all the necessary supplies with our nursery care providers.

CONCERNING THE SERVICE

The Paschal mystery is the heart of the Christian Gospel. Maundy Thursday begins the Triduum (the sacred three days). The services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and The Great Vigil of the Resurrection form a single liturgy in three parts; 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.



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who come with faith in Christ and genuine repentance for sin are welcomed at the Lord's Table. Any person who has doubts about his or her preparedness to receive the Sacrament is urged to seek godly advice and direction as soon as is possible. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please feel free to receive the bread only. Simply cross your hands over your chest when you pass the chalice bearer by to indicate you do not wish to receive the wine. The ancient Christian teaching is that the full grace of the Sacrament is received whether one receives only the consecrated bread or both bread and wine.

If you are not receiving Holy Communion today you are still invited to come forward to receive a blessing. When you come forward, if you are not receiving the sacrament, please indicate this by crossing your arms in front of your chest. If you prefer you may remain in your pew and offer a prayer such as those provided in the back of this booklet for those who are not receiving the Sacrament.

During the distribution of Holy Communion we also encourage those who desire special prayer for healing or other needs to pray with our prayer team.

**IN REVERENCE TO GOD, PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONES.
THANK YOU!**



MAUNDY THURSDAY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Following the opening acclamation, 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

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 78:14-25

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

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

One or more Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from _____.

After each Lesson, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 78:14-25

14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

17 But they went on sinning against him, *
rebellng in the desert against the Most High.

18 They tested God in their hearts, *
demanding food for their craving.

19 They railed against God and said, *
“Can God set a table in the wilderness?”

20 True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the gullies overflowed; *
**but is he able to give bread
or to provide meat for his people?”**

21 When the LORD heard this, he was full of wrath; *
**a fire was kindled against Jacob,
and his anger mounted against Israel;**

22 For they had no faith in God, *
nor did they put their trust in his saving power.

23 So he commanded the clouds above *
and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He rained down manna upon them to eat *
and gave them grain from heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; *
he provided for them food enough.

**Glory be 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.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

THE GOSPEL

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

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

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE SERMON

THE FOOT-WASHING

The Celebrant then says

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 representatives of the congregation and] 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 suitable hymns or anthems may be said, including the following.

Celebrant The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

People **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

Celebrant I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

People **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

Celebrant By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

SONGS DURING THE FOOT-WASHING

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to be reconciled with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

All **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all people,
we acknowledge and bewail
our many sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time
most grievously have committed
by thought, word and deed
against your divine Majesty,
provoking most justly
your wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.
The remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us,
most merciful Father.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with your spirit.**

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

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

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; who having loved his own who were in the world, loved them to the end, and on the night before he suffered, 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:

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.

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 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness 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 forever. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant then says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed once for all upon the cross;

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

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**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 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 Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty and everliving God,
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.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

THE SHROUDING OF THE CROSS

The service concludes with the Shrouding of the Cross. All depart in silence.



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