

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

A new commandment I give to you that you love one another,  
as I have loved you. (John 13.34)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love  
of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all  
**All: And also with you**

**HYMN 657** (Tune: Dunfermline)

**Help us to help each other, Lord,  
each other's cross to bear;  
let each his friendly aid afford,  
and feel another's care.**

**Up into thee, our living head,  
let us in all things grow,  
and by thy sacrifice be led  
the fruits of love to show.**

**Touched by the lodestone of thy love  
let all our hearts agree;  
and ever towards each other move,  
and ever move towards thee.**

**This is the bond of perfectness,  
thy spotless charity.  
O let us still, we pray, possess  
the mind that was in thee.**

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.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen**

**Holy is God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

### ABSOLUTION

**Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*The officiant prays the Collect*

God our Father,  
your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end  
and drank the cup prepared for him:  
may we who share his table  
watch with him through the night of suffering  
and be faithful.  
**Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Exodus 12.1-14**

**PSALM 116.11 – end**

The cup of blessing which we bless,  
is it not a sharing of the blood of Christ?

How shall I re-/-pay the / Lord;  
for all his bene-/-fits to /me?

I will take up the cup / of sal-/-vation  
and call upon the name / of the / Lord.

**The cup of blessing which we bless,  
is it not a sharing of the blood of Christ?**

I will pay my vows / to the / Lord:  
in the presence of / all his / people.  
Grievous in the sight / of the / Lord:  
is the death / of his / faithful ones.

**The cup of blessing which we bless,  
is it not a sharing of the blood of Christ?**

O Lord I am your servant,  
your servant and the son / of your / handmaid:  
you have un-/-loosed my / bonds.  
I will offer you a sacri-/-fice of / thanksgiving:  
and call upon the name / of the / Lord.

**The cup of blessing which we bless,  
is it not a sharing of the blood of Christ?**

I will pay my vows / to the / Lord:  
In the presence of / all his / people.  
In the courts of the house / of the / Lord:  
even in your midst O Jerusalem /  
Praise the / Lord.

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is it not a sharing of the blood of Christ?**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**1 Corinthians 11.23–26**

**HYMN AND TUNE: A NEW COMMANDMENT**

*A new commandment I give unto you:  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
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**By this shall all know that you are my disciples:  
if you have love one for another.**

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**You are my friends if you do what I command you.  
Without my help you can do nothing.  
You are my friends if you do what I command you.  
Without my help you can do nothing.**

**I am the true vine, my Father is the gard'ner.  
Abide in me: I will be with you.  
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Abide in me: I will be with you.**

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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.  
**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

**THE GOSPEL**

**John 13.1–17, 31b–35**

**THE SERMON**

**TIME FOR CORPORATE REFLECTION**

**THE INTERCESSIONS**

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 the 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.**

## **THE PEACE**

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave you; my peace I give 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.**

## **THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **A READING FROM MATTHEW 26.26-30**

**HYMN 168** (Tune: Ubi Caritas)

*God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.*

Here in Christ we gather,  
love of Christ our calling.  
Christ, our love, is with us,  
gladness be his greeting.  
Let us all revere and love him,  
God eternal.  
Loving Him, let each love Christ  
in all their siblings.

*God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.*

When we Christians gather,  
members of one Body.  
Let there be in us no  
discord, by one spirit.  
Banished now be anger,  
strife and every quarrel.  
Christ, our God, be present  
always here among us.

*God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.*

**Grant us love's fulfilment,  
joy with all the blessed,  
when we see your face  
O Saviour, in its glory  
Shine on us, O purest  
Light of all creation,  
be our bliss while endless  
ages sing your praises.**

*God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.*

**We close the meeting in silence and read for ourselves**

**MATTHEW 26.31-58.**