

Word & Prayer – Maundy Thursday

GOD WELCOMES US

We come to God

Jesus said: 'A new commandment I give to you:

Love one another, as I have loved you.' (John 13:34)

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Amen.

We confess our sin and God forgives us

Let us confess our sins to God our Father, and ask him to forgive us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Be merciful to me, O God, because of your constant love.

Because of your great mercy wipe away my sins!

Wash away all my evil

and make me clean from my sin!

I recognise my faults;

I am always conscious of my sins.

I have sinned against you - only against you

and done what you consider evil.

So you are right in judging me;

you are justified in condemning me.

I have been evil from the day I was born;

from the time I was conceived, I have been sinful.

Sincerity and truth are what you require;

fill my mind with your wisdom.

Remove my sin, and I will be clean;

wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness;

and though you have crushed me and broken me, I will be happy once again.

Close your eyes to my sins

and wipe out all my evil.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Let us pray.

We confess to you, almighty God,

before the whole company of heaven,

and to each other,

that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed,

by our own fault.

Have mercy on us, for Jesus' sake,

forgive us all our sins,

and bring us to eternal life. Amen.

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins.

Amen.

Restore us again, O God our Saviour.
Do not be angry with us any longer.

We sing LHB 48 Lamb of God most holy

We pray the prayer for this day

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ,
you have left us a memorial
of your suffering and death
in your holy sacrament.
Nourish us with your body and blood,
so that our lives may show the fruits
of your redemption.
For you live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

We listen to God's word

Old Testament Reading – Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

Hear the word of the Lord as it is written in Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14
(after the reading)
This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 116:1,2, 12-15, 17-19

I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.
Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

What shall I return to the Lord
for all his goodness to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.
I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful servants.
Truly I am your servant, Lord;
I serve you just as my mother did;
you have freed me from my chains.

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

I will sacrifice a thank offering to you
and call on the name of the Lord.
I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord—
in your midst, Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord.

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Hear the word of the Lord as it is written in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
(after the reading)

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading – John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Hear the gospel of the Lord as it is written in John 13:1-17, 31b-35
(after the gospel)

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you, O Christ, Lamb of God.

Lord Jesus, thank you for loving us
and giving your life in service for us.
Help us to love and serve one another.
Amen.

We sing LHB 291 Thy table I approach

We listen to the address

We confess our faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,**

**and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

** 'catholic' here meaning 'universal'*

| We pray the Lord's Prayer

**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 forever. Amen.**

| The altar is stripped and we finish in silence.

Psalm 88 or Psalm 22:1-11 (or 22:1-21) is read as the altar is stripped and the candles are progressively extinguished.

When the altar is stripped, you may like to sit in silence for a few minutes.