

LITURGY OF MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Greeting

Liz 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.**

Prayers of Penitence

Rosie 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.

Rosie 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.**

Rosie Against you only have we sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

Rosie 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.**

Absolution

Liz 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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated
at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

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

Silence is kept.

Liz 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.

All **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading *read by Miriam*

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter

herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading *read by Ally*

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn *From heaven you came (The Servant King)*

Gospel Reading *read by Jim*

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Sermon *by Bennett*

After the sermon, there is a period of silence.

The Washing of Feet

An image of Jesus washing his disciples' feet is shown as Ubi Caritas plays

The washing of feet ends with this prayer.

Liz 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 *read by Joe*

Joe 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.

All Lord, in your mercy
 Hear our prayer

Silence

Joe On this night,
 he prayed for his disciples to be one.
 We pray for the unity of your Church.

All Lord, in your mercy
 Hear our prayer

Silence

Joe On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message.
We pray for the mission of your Church.

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Silence

Joe On this night, he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself.
We pray for the rejected and unloved.

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Silence

Joe 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.

All Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Silence

Joe 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.

All Lord, in your mercy
**Hear our prayer
and welcome all your children
into paradise.**

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Liz 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.**

Offertory Hymn *O thou who at thy Eucharist didst pray*

Preparation of the Table

Liz 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.**

Liz Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,
you bring forth bread from the earth.
All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Liz Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,
you create the fruit of the vine.
All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Liz The Lord is here.
All **His Spirit is with us.**

Liz Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord**

Liz Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Liz It is right to praise you, Father,
Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

All **You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

Liz In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

All **He opened his arms of love
upon the cross and made for all
the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Liz On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
 Take, eat;
 this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.

All **Father, we do this in remembrance
of him: his body is the bread of life.**

Liz At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
 Drink this, all of you;
 this is my blood of the new covenant,
 which is shed for you for the forgiveness
 of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

All **Father, we do this in remembrance
of him: his blood is shed for all.**

Liz As we proclaim his death and celebrate
his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit
that this bread and this wine may be to us
the body and blood of your dear Son.

All **As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Liz With your whole Church throughout the
world we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice
to join the eternal song of heaven:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel.

Liz As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.
All **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.

Liz Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
All **we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken.

All **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

Liz 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.**

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Liz 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.**

The Conclusion

The Stripping of the Sanctuary

The holy table and the sanctuary are stripped bare..

The Watch

The altar of repose is set up while the Pange Lingua is sung.

The Gospel of the Watch

 read by Miriam

Jesus said, 'Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.' And he said to him, 'Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!' Jesus said, 'I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.'

He said to them, 'When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?' They said, 'No, not a thing.' He said to them, 'But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, "And he was counted among the lawless"; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.' They said, 'Lord, look, here are two swords.' He replied, 'It is enough.'

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, 'Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.' Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, 'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.' [[Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.]] When he got up from

prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, 'Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.'

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, 'Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?' When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, 'Lord, should we strike with the sword?' Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, 'No more of this!' And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!'

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, 'This man also was with him.' But he denied it, saying, 'Woman, I do not know him.' A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, 'You also are one of them.' But Peter said, 'Man, I am not!' Then about an hour later yet another kept insisting, 'Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.' But Peter said, 'Man, I do not know what you are talking about!' At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.