

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Opening Song: Go to Dark Gethsemane (see back of leaflet)

Celebrant Blessed be our God.
People **Now and for ever. Amen.**

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

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.** 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, CREED, and SERMON

EXODUS 12:1-14, 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-34, JOHN 13, Nicene Creed (pg. 2).

THE FOOT-WASHING

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 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."

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You who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see;
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall;
View the Lord of life arraigned;
O the worm-wood and the gall!
O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn of Him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb
There' adoring at His feet,
Mark the miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete:
"It is finished!" Hear the cry;
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

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I am the Bread of Life

I am the bread of life;
he who comes to Me shall not
hunger;
he who believes in Me shall not
thirst.
No-one can come to Me unless the
Father draw him.

*And I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up
on the last day.*

The bread that I will give
is My flesh for the life of the world;
and he who eats of this bread,
he shall live for ever,
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Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of His blood,
and drink of His blood,
you shall not have life within you.

I am the Resurrection,
I am the Life;
he who believes in Me,
even if he die, he shall live for ever.

Yes, Lord, we believe
that You are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who has come into the world.

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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 men
Know you are my disciples
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