

# Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday



We meet in the name of God, creator of the universe, source of all humanity, **Amen**

We meet in the name of Jesus, Word made flesh, Saviour of fallen humanity, lover of all. **Amen**

We meet in the name of the Holy Spirit,  
Lord and giver of life, midwife of a new humanity, inspirer of all.  
**Amen**

Come then, eternal God,  
**be present here, befriend us here, renew us here.**

## ***Hymn or song Confession***

Almighty God, maker of all,  
**God, have mercy on us.**  
Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
**Christ, have mercy on us.**  
Holy Spirit breath of life  
**God, have mercy on us.**

Let us in silence remember our own faults and failings

*Silence -The leader makes confession, saying;*

I confess to God Almighty,  
and in the presence of God's people,  
that I have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
and I pray God almighty to have mercy on me.

*The congregation asks forgiveness for the leader:*

**May almighty God have mercy on you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
and give you time to amend your life. Amen**

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your life.

**Amen**

### ***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.**

### ***Readings and Song(s)***

### ***Sermon***

### ***The Washing of feet***

*The washing of feet may end with this prayer*

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.

**Amen.**

### ***We believe***

We say together in faith:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is,  
and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:  
**for by his will they were created and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:  
**for with his blood, he purchased us for God, from every  
tribe and language,  
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit  
**the Spirit and the bride say,  
'Come!' Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen**

### ***Intercessions***

Lord hear us.  
**Lord graciously hear us.**

Lord hear our prayers, and if today we might be the means by which you answer the prayers of others, then may you find us neither deaf nor defiant, but keen to fulfil your purpose. For Jesus' sake.  
**Amen.**

### ***The Peace***

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

### ***Hymn or Song***

### ***Communion***

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.  
You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the

powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, 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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he 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.

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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising to life restored our life:  
Lord Jesus come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory. Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.

Reveal her unity, guard her faith,  
and preserve her in peace

Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our

Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As Christ our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**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**

### ***The breaking of the bread***

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**Though we are many we are one body because we all share  
the living bread.**

### ***The invitation***

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is to be made ready for those who love him and want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because it is I who invite you: but because it is our Lord. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

### ***Sharing of the bread and wine***

*Please follow the direction of the Service Leader*

### ***Concluding prayer***

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people,

we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people, because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.  
**Amen.**

### ***Stripping of the Altar***

*Psalm 88 is read during the stripping of the altar*

### ***The Dismissal***

When the disciples had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prayed to the Father,  
'If it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me.'

He said to his disciples, 'How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me for one hour? The hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinners.'

Christ was obedient unto death.

Go in his peace.

*The ministers and people depart or may stay to watch and pray.*

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