

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father...

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread,

Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The altar is stripped (Matthew 26.30-46 and Psalm 22 may be read)
The Congregation leaves in silence.*

Maundy Thursday

The Gathering of the Community

Hymn:

This is the day that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

This is the day that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the day that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

This is the day that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

Collect

O God, your Son Jesus Christ has left to us this meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and his blood. May we who celebrate this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: EXODUS 12:1-4 (5-10), 11-14

PSALM 116:1, 10-17

REFRAIN ***I will lift up the cup of salvation.***

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him. **R**

How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. **R**

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants. **R**

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds. I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord. **R**

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah! **R**

Gospel: John 13.1-17, 31b-35

Sermon

The Prayers of the People

We gather as the household of God, apostles, prophets, martyrs, servants, to pray for the church and all humankind, saying:
Come, Lord Jesus.

For refugees, for the homeless, and for all who have nowhere to lay their head, we pray: ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

For those unable to eat at the Lord's Table or at any other table, we pray: ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

For the body of Christ fractured in a world of violence and war, we pray: ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

For those who betray, and for those whom they betray, we pray:

For all in any need, we pray: ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

For ourselves, who gather to celebrate the Lord's passover in the bread we eat and the cup we drink, we pray: ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

Almighty God, we recall the wonders for our ancestors, and we marvel at the love shown us by your Son. Hear us as we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Offering Hymn:

Prayer over the Gifts

Father, we spread this table to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ, your Son. Accept all we offer you this day. Bind us together in his love and in the love he has commanded us to bring one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving.....*Eucharistic Prayer 3*

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 our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our salvation became obedient unto death. The tree of defeat became the tree of victory: where life was lost, life has been restored. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the heavenly chorus, we cry out to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On this very night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted; our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."