

Maundy Thursday



2nd April, 2026.

The Gathering

THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you
and also with you.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out our offences.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Against you only have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean; wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glorify 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

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

Silence is kept.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Psalm 116: 1, 10-end

¹ I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

¹⁰ I kept my faith, even when I said, 'I am greatly afflicted';

¹¹ I said in my consternation, 'Everyone is a liar.'

¹² What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

¹⁶ O Lord, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid. You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷ I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord!

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

I Corinthians 11: 23-26

²³ 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, ²⁴ 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.' ²⁵ 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.' ²⁶ 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.

THE GOSPEL READING

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.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 13: 1-17; 31b-35

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. ² The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ 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. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' ⁷ Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' ⁸ Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' ¹⁰ 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.' ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

¹² 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?' ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ 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."³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ 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

THE WASHING OF FEET

During the washing of feet, please join in singing the hymn Ubi caritas.

**Ubi caritas et amor.
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.**

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.
Lord, hear us **and humble us.**

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church.
Lord, hear us **and unite us.**

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your Church.
Lord, hear us **and renew our zeal.**

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself.
We pray for the rejected and unloved.
Lord, hear us **and fill us with your love.**

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.
Lord, hear us **and give us your peace.**

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.
Lord, hear us **and welcome all your children into paradise.**

THE PEACE

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
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your church,
where the Holy Eucharist is now celebrated,
I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.
I present to you my soul and body,
with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you.
Since now I cannot receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
I unite myself to you, Lord Jesus,
and embrace you with all the affection of my soul.
Let nothing separate me from you,
may I live and die in your life. Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,

you have nourished me in this moment with your presence.

Though I have not received you in bread and wine,

**you have fed me with the manna of your Spirit
and refreshed my soul with the living water of your Grace.**

Keep me steadfast in faith,

joyful in hope, and fervent in love

until I feast with you in your Kingdom. Amen.

THE STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

The holy table may be stripped bare. During the stripping, these verses from Lamentations may be used.

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people!

How like a widow she has become,

she that was great among the nations!

She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks;

among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals;

all her gates are desolate, her priests groan;

her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.

Her children have gone away, captives before the foe.

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?

Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

From on high he sent fire; it went deep into my bones;

he spread a net for my feet; he turned me back;

he has left me stunned, faint all day long.

For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears;

for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage;

my children are desolate, for the enemy has prevailed.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

All who pass along the way clap their hands at you;
they hiss and wag their heads at daughter Jerusalem;
'Is this the city that was called the perfection of beauty,
the joy of all the earth?'

The thought of my affliction and homelessness is wormwood and gall.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore I will hope in him.'

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,
to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it,
to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),
to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.
For the Lord will not reject for ever.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

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.