



# **Holy Communion**

**from**

## **Common Worship (Order One)**

### **Maundy Thursday**



# The Gathering

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

# The Greeting

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.**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

# Prayer 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 your compassion  
blot out our offences  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy**

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

**All 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.

**All 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

**All Amen.**

## Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words:*

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

God our Father,  
you have invited us to share in the supper  
which your Son gave to his Church  
to proclaim his death until he comes:  
may he nourish us by his presence,  
and unite us in his love;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**All Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Readings

*At the end of each the reader may say:*  
This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says:*  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end the reader says:*  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Sermon

## 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

**All 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

**All 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

**All 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

**All and fill us with your love.**

On this night, he reminded his disciples what if the world hated them then it hated him first.

We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, hear us

**All 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

**All and welcome all your children into paradise.**

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I have with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

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

*These words may be added*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*



# The Eucharistic Prayer

At the Eucharist we are with our crucified and risen Lord.  
We know that it was not only our ancestors,  
but we who are 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.  
Until the kingdom of God comes  
let us celebrate this feast.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,  
You bring forth bread from the earth.

**All Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,  
You create the fruit of the vine.

**All Blessed be God forever.**

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our  
Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks  
because having loved his own who were in the world,  
he loved them to the end;  
and on the night before he suffered,  
sitting at table with his disciples,  
he instituted these holy mysteries,  
that we, redeemed by his death and restored to life by his  
resurrection,  
might be partakers of his divine nature.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole  
world;

rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of [N and] all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All** **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,**  
**the power and the glory,**  
**for ever and ever.**  
**Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread and says,*

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

# Giving of Communion

**All** **We do not presume**  
**to come to this your table, merciful Lord,**  
**trusting in our own righteousness,**  
**but in your manifold and great mercies.**  
**We are not worthy**  
**so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.**  
**But you are the same Lord**  
**whose nature is always to have mercy.**  
**Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,**  
**so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and**  
**to drink his blood,**  
**that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body**  
**and our souls washed through his most precious**  
**blood,**  
**and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.**  
**Amen.**

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

*The president and people receive communion.*

*Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies*

**Amen.**

# Prayer after Communion

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 forever.

**All Amen**

**All Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

*The altar and sanctuary are stripped in silence, reminding us of  
how our Lord Jesus was stripped of His Life by offering Himself as  
the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world.*

# 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.

*Please leave quietly when you are ready to do so.*