

**But as for me, I am a worm and less than human,
scorned by all and despised by the people.**

All who see me laugh me to scorn;

They curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

**'He trusted in the Lord; let the Lord deliver him;
let God rescue him, if God delights in him.'**

Yet you are the One who took me out of the womb,
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

**I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born,
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**

Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.

many young bulls encircle me;

strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

They open wide their jaws at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

**I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.**

My mouth is dried out like a potsherd;

my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;

and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

Packs of dogs close me in,

and gangs of evildoers circle around me;

they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

They stare and gloat over me;

they divide my garments among them;

they cast lots for my clothing.

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 in silence.

*A
Service
for
Maundy Thursday*



Welcome and Opening Sentence

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you. *John 13:34*

A Hymn may be sung

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.

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.

**Glory 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.**

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

Jesus is the lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

All who receive Communion in their own churches are welcome to share in this Eucharist. If you do not wish to receive Communion but would like a blessing please come to the altar rail and bow your head.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray

**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. Amen.**

Stripping of the Sanctuary in preparation for Good Friday

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
**Oh my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer me;
by night as well, but I find no rest.**
Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
**Our forebears put their trust in you;
they trusted, and you delivered them.**
They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

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 for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

Collect

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. **Amen**

Readings

One or two readings may be heard. At the end the reader will say:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A Hymn may be sung

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 *N*.

Glory to you, O Lord

At the end the reader will say:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon/Reflection

The Washing of Feet

Members of the congregation are invited to have a foot washed by one of the ministers.

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 Jesus 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 their message. We pray for the mission of your Church. Lord, hear us **and renew our zeal.**

On this night, he commanded them 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 them 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 said, '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.**

A Hymn may be sung (offertory)

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son. **You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us. **He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and 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. **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

