



Maundy Thursday

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Maundy Thursday. *Maundy* is an English form of the Latin word for commandment – mandatum. The overarching theme of this day is Jesus' new commandment to "love one another even as I have loved you," a love which is sharply focused by the contrast of Judas' betrayal that followed. Jesus' love is demonstrated to us this day in both His example of servanthood and in the precious gift of Himself in His Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

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

C And also with you.

P 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.

Moment of Silence

P Have mercy on us, O God, in Your great goodness, according to the abundance of Your compassion blot out our offences. Lord, have mercy.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Against You only have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight. Christ, have mercy.

C Christ, have mercy.

P Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean; wash us and we shall be whiter than snow. Lord, have mercy.

C Lord, have mercy.

P 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.

C Amen.

The Collect

P 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.

C Amen.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 22:7-20; 39-46

7 Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. 8 So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." 9 They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" 10 "Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters 11 and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, 'Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" 12 He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." 13 So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

14 When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. 15 He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." 17 Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; 18 for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." 19 Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 20 And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood

39 He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. 40 When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." 41 Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, 42 "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." 43 Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. 44 In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. 45 When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, 46 and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

The Message

Prayer of Dedication

P My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, as St. Paul wrote: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried

therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Being joined to Christ in baptism, our Lord continues to call upon us to continue His ministry of service. On this day, as we again remember His Command to do as He did, let us again dedicate ourselves to His ministry of service.

C God our Father, in the name of Christ and in the power of Your Spirit, we commit ourselves to You and one another, to live, work, and pray as one body in Christ, to trust each other as fellow workers in Your Church, and to give ourselves with body, mind, and spirit to the ministries to which You have called us. Give us vision, give us courage, and give us joy, that the world may believe that Jesus Christ is Lord, to Your eternal glory. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P As we remember the work of our Lord, we offer our prayers for the Church and for all of God's people.

Today we pray for all the servants of Your church, pastors and teachers. Let Your Holy Spirit guides their steps each day, help them to do Your work in the church and in the world. Forgive those who by their actions and deeds, have mislead others and caused them to sin. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Today we pray for all of our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. Help us to put aside our differences and give us the strength and desire to unite together as we proclaim the good news of the cross and empty tomb. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Tonight we pray for Your children of the Jewish faith. Protect them from harm and prejudices and share with them the news of the Messiah. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Today we also pray for the children of Your servant Ishmael, son of Abraham. We pray that they too may come to know and experience Your love and the power of the cross in their lives. Give to all Your children the desire to live together in peace as brothers and sisters. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Today we pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. Lord, around the world. Help them to see and accept Your gracious invitation to come home to You. Bring an end to hatred between religions, and give us the grace and courage to be faithful witnesses of Your love for all people in Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Today we pray for all of God's wondrous creation. Lord God, help us to be caretakers of Your creation that future generations may come to experience Your presence in this beautiful world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Today we pray for all who serve in public office, whether they are appointed by officials or elected by the people. Give Your wisdom to all those with the power to use it, so that all people may live in a world of justice and peace, and share in Your creation with generosity and compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Today, we pray for those who are in any kind of need. Lord, You give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly imprisoned or oppressed, and deliver Your world from dishonesty, hunger, and disease. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Hear the prayers of all who call on You in any trouble, and help them in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Who has taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

C 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.

The Arrival of the Passion of Our Lord

The Holy Gospel

Luke 22:47-53

47 While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; 48 but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" 49 When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" 50 Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. 51 But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. 52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers

of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? 53 When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

Psalm 88 (*The New Living Translation*)

P O Lord, God of my salvation, I cry out to You by day. I come to You at night.

C Now hear my prayer; listen to my cry. For my life is full of troubles, and death draws near. I am as good as dead, like a strong man with no strength left.

P They have left me among the dead, and I lie like a corpse in a grave. I am forgotten, cut off from Your care.

C You have thrown me into the lowest pit, into the darkest depths. Your anger weighs me down; with wave after wave You have engulfed me.

P You have driven my friends away by making me repulsive to them. I am in a trap with no way of escape.

C My eyes are blinded by my tears. Each day I beg for your help, O Lord; I lift my hands to You for mercy. Are Your wonderful deeds of any use to the dead? Do the dead rise up and praise You?

P Can those in the grave declare Your unfailing love? Can they proclaim Your faithfulness in the place of destruction? Can the darkness speak of Your wonderful deeds? Can anyone in the land of forgetfulness talk about Your righteousness?

C O Lord, I cry out to You. I will keep on pleading day by day. O Lord, why do You reject me? Why do You turn Your face from me?

P I have been sick and close to death since my youth. I stand helpless and desperate before Your terrors.

C Your fierce anger has overwhelmed me. Your terrors have paralyzed me. They swirl around me like floodwaters all day long. They have engulfed me completely. You have taken away my companions and loved ones. Darkness is my closest friend.

P: Christ has humbled Himself and became obedient unto death,

C: even death on a cross.

P May God, who has moved us to make this commitment, give us grace to keep it to the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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