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## MAUNDY THURSDAY

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7:30 p.m.

### ***WELCOME***

*A warm and sincere welcome to all those worshipping with us today. If you are a visitor please sign our Guest Book. For further assistance, please speak to one of our Ushers.*

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

\ **ORDER OF SERVICE** ∴

**THE MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER:  
THE LITURGY OF MAUNDY THURSDAY P 229**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you

**All:** And also with you

*The Choir, Servants of the Sanctuary and Clergy process into the church in silence.*

**Opening Hymn:** CH 506.....*Man of sorrow what a name*

1. "Man of Sorrows," what a name  
For the Son of God, who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim!  
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!,
2. Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood;  
Sealed my pardon with His blood;  
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!
3. Guilty, vile, and helpless, we,  
Spotless Lamb of God was He;  
Full atonement—can it be?  
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!
4. Lifted up was He to die,  
"It is finished!" was His cry;

Now in heaven exalted high;  
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

5. When He comes, our glorious King,  
all his ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we'll sing  
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

**Opening Sentence:**

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

**Acclamation**

**PRESIDENT:**

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**ALL:**

**And blessed be his Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Prayer of Intent:**

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your name and in fellowship with one another; Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in the Holy Sacrament. *Amen*

**Collect for Purity:**

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**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our**

**hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Kyries & Gloria:**

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Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

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: Maundy Thursday Page 230**

Almighty Father, whose dear Son on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ

our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Exodus 12: 1-14**

*Eucharistic Minister*

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.' <sup>9</sup>When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup>So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, <sup>11</sup>since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus. <sup>12</sup>The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was

coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!' <sup>14</sup>Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it.

**PSALM: 116: 1, 10-17** *Page 623 (BCP)*

1. 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.
10. How shall I repay the LORD \* for all the good things he has done for me?
11. I will lift up the cup of salvation \* and call upon the Name of the LORD.
12. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \* in the presence of all his people.
13. Precious in the sight of the LORD \* is the death of his servants.
14. O LORD, I am your servant; \* I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
15. I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \* and call upon the Name of the LORD.
16. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \* in the presence of all his people,
17. In the courts of the LORD'S house, \* in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,*

*world without end. Amen*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26**

*Eucharistic Minister*

<sup>23</sup> 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, <sup>24</sup>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.' <sup>25</sup>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.' <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*The word of the Lord*

**Gradual Hymn:**

**CH 140**

*My Lord, my Master*

1. My Lord, my Master, at thy feet adoring,  
I see thee bowed beneath thy load of woe;  
for me, a sinner, is thy life-blood pouring;  
for thee, my Saviour, scarce my tears will flow.
2. Thine own disciple to the Jews has sold thee,  
with friendship's kiss and loyal word he came;  
how oft of faithful love my lips have told thee,  
while thou hast seen my falsehood and my shame.
3. With taunts and scoffs they mock what seems thy  
weakness,  
with blows and outrage adding pain to pain;  
thou art unmoved and steadfast in thy meekness;  
when I am wronged how quickly I complain!
4. My Lord, my Saviour, when I see thee wearing  
upon thy bleeding brow the crown of thorn,  
shall I for pleasure live, or shrink from bearing  
whate'er my lot may be of pain or scorn?
5. Victim of thy love, O pangs most healing!  
O saving death! O wounds that I adore!

O shame most glorious! Christ, before thee kneeling,  
I pray thee keep me thine for evermore.

### **The Gospel: John 13: 1-17, 31-35**

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. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' <sup>10</sup>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.' <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.' <sup>12</sup> 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?' <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater

than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. <sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>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." <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

## **SERMON:**

### **CH 499** *Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.
2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word,  
rise up and follow thee.
3. Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!

4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.
5. Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm.

### **The Washing of Feet:**    *Page 231*

*When observed, the ceremony of the washing of feet follows the Gospel and sermon. The President may introduce the ceremony using these or similar words.*

**Priest:** Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service.

Therefore, I invite you (who have been appointed as representatives of the congregation and) who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that I may recall whose servant I am by following the example of my Master. But come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for "a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him." If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

*(During the washing of the feet as many of the following Hymns (Not announced)(CH 146, CH 850, CH 484, 538) as necessary will be sung.*

**HYMN:**        **CH 146**        *Thy life was given for me,*

1. Thy life was given for me;  
thy blood, O Lord, was shed,  
that I might ransomed be,  
and quickened from the dead.  
Thy life was given for me;  
what have I given for thee?
2. Long years were spent for me,  
in weariness and woe,  
that through eternity  
thy glory I might know.  
Long years were spent for me;  
have I spent one for thee?
3. Thy Father's home of light,  
thy rainbow-circled throne,  
were left for earthly night,  
for wanderings sad and lone.  
Yea, all was left for me;  
have I left aught for thee?
4. Thou, Lord, hast borne for me  
more than my tongue can tell  
of bitterest agony,  
to rescue me from hell.  
Thou sufferedst all for me;  
what have I borne for thee?
5. And thou hast brought to me,  
down from thy home above,  
salvation full and free,  
thy pardon and thy love.  
Great gifts thou broughtest me;  
what have I brought to thee?
6. let my life be given,  
my years for thee be spent,  
world fetters all be riven,

and joy with suffering blent!  
Thou gavest thyself for me;  
I give myself to thee. s.

**HYMN:CH 850**

*Search me O God,*

1. Search me, O God, and know my heart today;  
try me, O Lord, and know my thoughts, I pray:  
see if there be some wicked way in me,  
cleanse me from every sin and set me free.
2. I praise thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;  
fulfil thy word, and make me pure within;  
fill me with fire, where once I burned with shame,  
grant my desire to magnify thy name.
3. Lord, take my life, and make it wholly thine;  
fill my poor heart with thy great love divine;  
take all my will, my passion, self and pride;  
I now surrender - Lord, in me abide.
4. Holy Ghost, revival comes from thee;  
send a revival - start the work in me:  
thy word declares thou wilt supply our need;  
for blessing now, O Lord, I humbly plead.

**HYMN:CH 484**

*Jesus, grant me this, I pray*

1. Jesus, grant me this, I pray,  
ever in thy heart to stay;  
let me evermore abide  
in thy heart and wounded side.
2. If the evil one prepare,  
or the world, a tempting snare,  
I am safe when I abide  
in thy heart and wounded side.

3. If the flesh, more dangerous still,  
tempt my soul to deeds of ill,  
naught I fear when I abide  
in thy heart and wounded side.
4. Death will come one day to me;  
Jesu, cast me not from thee:  
dying let me still abide  
in thy heart and wounded side.

**HYMN: CH 538**     *O THOU Who camest from above*

1. O THOU Who camest from above  
The fire celestial to impart,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
On the mean altar of my heart.
2. There let it for Thy glory burn  
With inextinguishable blaze,  
And trembling to its source return  
In humble prayer, and fervent praise.
3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
To work, and speak, and think for Thee;  
Still let me guard the holy fire  
And still stir up the gift in me.
4. Still let me prove Thy perfect will,  
My acts of faith and love repeat;  
Till death Thy endless mercies seal,  
And make the sacrifice complete.

**Litany of Penitence:**

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**Most holy and merciful Father:**

**We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what**

**we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

Leader

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives.

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

*All* **We confess to you, Lord.**

LEADER:

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**ALL: We confess to you, Lord.**

LEADER:

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work;

**ALL: We confess to you, Lord.**

LEADER:

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend  
the faith that is in us,

**ALL: We confess to you, Lord.**

LEADER:

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our  
blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to  
injustice and cruelty,

**ALL: Accept our repentance, Lord.**

LEADER:

For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our  
neighbours, and for our prejudice and contempt towards those who  
differ from us,

**ALL: Accept our repentance, Lord.**

LEADER:

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of  
concern for those who come after us,

**ALL: Accept our repentance, Lord.**

LEADER:

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

**ALL: Favourably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

LEADER:

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

**ALL: That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

LEADER:

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

**ALL: Bring us with all your saints to the joy of His resurrection**

**The Absolution:**

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Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A deacon or lay person leading the service remains kneeling and says the following instead:*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all our goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

**The Greeting of Peace:**

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*One of the following forms shall be said:*

**FORM A**

**PRESIDENT**

We are the body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

**ALL**

**Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.**

**Form B**

PRESIDENT

If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

**ALL**

**Leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.**

**Form C**

PRESIDENT

The Kingdom of God is justice, peace, and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

**ALL**

**They who thus serve Christ are acceptable to God and approved by others.**

*The President shall then greet the congregation.*

PRESIDENT

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**ALL And also with you.**

*The President and people shall greet one another in the name of the Lord*

**Offertory Hymn:**

**CH 145** *The Royal banner forward go*

1. The royal banners forward go,  
the cross shines forth in mystic glow;  
where he in flesh, our flesh who made,  
our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

2. There whilst he hung, his sacred side  
by soldier's spear was opened wide,  
to cleanse us in the precious flood,  
of water mingled with his blood.
3. Fulfilled is now what David told  
in true prophetic song of old,  
how God the heathen's King should be;  
for God is reigning and from the tree.
4. tree of glory, tree most fair,  
Ordained those holy limbs to bear,  
how bright in purple robe it stood,  
the purple of a Saviour's blood!
5. Upon its arms, like balance true,  
he weighed the price for sinners due,  
the price which none but he could pay,  
and spoiled the spoiler of his prey.
6. To thee, eternal Three in One,  
let homage meet by all be done:  
as by the cross thou dost restore,  
so rule and guide us evermore.

**Offertory Prayer:**

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**PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE,**

**Father, we offer to you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE EUCHARIST**

**Sursam Corda: (The Lord be with you) page 126/127**

**PRESIDENT  
ALL**

**The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.**

PRESIDENT  
ALL

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

PRESIDENT  
ALL

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**The Proper Preface: (Holy Week)**

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Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus: (Holy, Holy, Holy)**

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**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 Eucharistic Prayer C:**

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PRESIDENT

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.

For on the night he was betrayed  
He took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples,  
and said, "Take this, and eat it:  
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 body 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."

**PRESIDENT**

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**ALL**

**We remember his death**

**We proclaim his resurrection  
we await his coming in glory.**

**PRESIDENT**

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 ever.

**The Lord's Prayer:**

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**PRESIDENT**

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**ALL  
Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread:**

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*One of the following may be used*

**PRESIDENT**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**ALL**

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in  
one bread.**

or

**PRESIDENT**

God of promise, You have prepared a Banquet for us.

**ALL**

**Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

**PRESIDENT**

This is the true bread which comes from heaven.

**ALL**

**Whoever eats this bread will live forever.**

**The Agnus Dei: (Lamb of God)**

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

### **The Administration of Communion**

*During the singing of the Communion Hymns, we invite to the Lord's Table all those persons who receive the Lord's Supper*

#### **COMMUNION HYMN:CH 139** *Sweet the moments, rich in blessing*

1. Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,  
which before the cross I spend,  
life and health and peace possessing  
from the sinner's dying Friend.
2. Here I rest, forever viewing  
mercy poured in streams of blood;  
precious drops, my soul bedewing,  
plead and claim my peace with God.
3. Truly blessed is the station,  
low before his cross to lie,  
while I see divine compassion  
floating in his languid eye.
4. Lord, in ceaseless contemplation  
fix my thankful heart on thee,  
till I taste thy full salvation,  
and thine unveiled glory see.

#### **COMMUNION HYMN:CH 522**

*I am thine O Lord*

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,  
and it told thy love to me;

but I long to rise in the arms of faith,  
and be closer drawn to thee.

**Refrain**

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to the cross where thou hast died,  
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to thy precious, bleeding side.*

2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,  
by the power of grace divine;  
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,  
and my will be lost in thine.

**Refrain**

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to the cross where thou hast died,  
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to thy precious, bleeding side*

3. Oh, the pure delight of a single hour  
that before thy throne I spend,  
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,  
I commune as friend with friend!

**Refrain**

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to the cross where thou hast died,  
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to thy precious, bleeding side*

4. There are depths of love that I cannot know  
till I cross the narrow sea;  
there are heights of joy that I may not reach  
till I rest in peace with thee.

**Refrain**

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to the cross where thou hast died,  
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to thy precious, bleeding side*

**COMMUNION HYMN:CH 531**     *My Jesus, I love thee*

1. My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine,  
For Thee all the pleasures of sin I resign;  
My gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art Thou  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now!
2. I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow,  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
3. I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath,  
And say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow,  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
4. In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore Thee in Heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,  
If ever I love Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

**Post Communion Prayer:**

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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*

**LEADER:** *The congregation is asked to sit in quiet meditation while the stripping of the Altar is done. During the stripping of the Altar Psalm 22 will be read. The closing hymn 137.*

**CLOSING HYMN:**

**CH 137**

1. Lord, through this Holy Week of our salvation,  
which thou hast won for us who went astray,  
in all the conflict of thy sore temptation  
we would continue with thee day by day.
2. We would not leave thee, though our weak endurance  
makes us unworthy here to take our part;  
yet give us strength to trust the sweet assurance  
that thou, O Lord, art greater than our heart.
3. Thou didst forgive thine own who slept for sorrow,  
thou didst have pity: O have pity now,  
and let us watch through each sad eve and morrow  
with thee, in holy prayer and solemn vow.
4. Along that sacred way where thou art leading,  
which thou didst take to save our souls from loss,  
let us go also, till we see thee pleading  
in all-prevailing prayer upon thy cross.
5. Until thou see thy bitter travail's ending,  
the world redeemed, the will of God complete,  
and, to thy Father's hands thy soul commending,  
thou lay the work he gave thee at his feet.

**STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR: Psalm 22**

1. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?\* and are so  
far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
2. O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer,\* by  
night as well, but I find no rest.
3. Yet you are the Holy One,\* enthroned upon the praises of  
Israel.
4. Our forefathers put their trust in you;\* they rusted, and you

delivered them.

5. They cried out to you and were delivered;\* they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
6. But as for me, I am a worm and no man,\* scorned by all and despised by the people.
7. All who see me laugh me to scorn;\* they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
8. “He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;\* let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”
9. Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,\* and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.
10. I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;\* you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.
11. Be not far from me, for trouble is near,\* and there is none to help.
12. Many young bulls encircle me;\* strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
13. They open wide their jaws at me,\* like a ravening and a roaring lion.
14. I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;\* my heart within my breast is melting wax.
15. My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;\* and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
16. 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.
17. They stare and gloat over me;\* they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.
18. Be not far away, O Lord;\* you are my strength; hasten to help me.

19. Save me from the sword,\* my life from the power of the dog.
20. Save me from the lion's mouth,\* my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
21. I will declare your name to my brethren;\* in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
22. Praise the Lord, you that fear him;\* stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
23. For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them;\* but when they cry to him he hears them.
24. My praise is of him in the great assembly;\* I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
25. The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:\* "May your heart live for ever!"
26. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,\* and all the families of the nation shall bow before him.
27. For kingship belongs to the Lord;\* he rules over the nations.
28. To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;\* all who go down to the dust fall before him.
29. My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;\* they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
30. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn\* the saving deeds that he has done.

*After the stripping of the Altar, the Priest says:*

**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 sinful men. Come, let us go.”**

*The Choir, Servants of the Sanctuary & Clergy process out in silence.*

Final Dismissal:

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**Priest : Christ was obedient unto death. Go in peace.**

*(The congregation sits for a few minutes in quiet meditation after the final dismissal).*