

Common

Services and Prayers for the Church of England

Worship

Mundy Thursday—The Eucharist of the Last Supper

The Gathering

At the entry of the ministers a hymn may be sung

The Greeting

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

All **and also with you.**

The Reception of Holy Oils

Brothers and sisters,
on this most holy night we enter into three
days of the celebration of our Lord's paschal
victory, his death and resurrection.
Those of our communities who are to be
baptized this Eastertide
will be made one with Christ,
dying to sin and rising to newness of life in him.
As we begin, therefore, we receive from our
bishop John the holy oils blessed
and set apart for the sacramental life of our parishes.

Minister The oil of the sick.

By the laying on of hands and anointing with this oil,
and with the prayerful support of our communities,
may those who are sick experience the healing presence
of Christ.

All **Amen.**

Minister The oil of baptism.

Anointed with this oil,
and assisted by the example of our communities,
may those who are to be baptized
know that Christ calls them by name
and makes them his own
and shares with them his victory over sin
and the power of evil.

All **Amen.**

Minister The oil of chrism

Anointed with this fragrant oil,
may all who are baptized and confirmed,
all who are ordained to the service of God's people,
and our communities whose houses of prayer
are dedicated to God's glory,
fill the world with the sweet fragrance of Christ's gospel
and be built up as living stones into a temple
filled with the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ says:

'If you love me, keep my commandments.'

'Unless I wash you, you have no part with 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.

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 you
by the death of his Son
and strengthen you
to live in the power of the Spirit
all your days.

All **Amen.**

The 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 for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

At the end the reader may say

For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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.

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

During the Gospel reading the president washes the feet of some members of the congregation.

The washing of feet ends with this prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you:

give us the will to be the servant of others

as you were the servant of all,

and gave up your life and died for us,

but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

All 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.

All 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.

All 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.

All 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.

All 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.

All 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.

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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.'

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

A hymn may be sung.

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

The president takes the bread and wine.

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.

All **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 for ever.**

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

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.**

It is indeed right to give you thanks,
Father most holy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For on this night he girded himself with a towel
and, taking the form of a servant,
washed the feet of his disciples.
He gave us a new commandment
that we should love one another as he has loved us.
Knowing that his hour had come,
in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples
to be a memorial of his passion,
that we might proclaim his death until he comes again,
and feast with him in his kingdom.
Therefore earth unites with heaven
to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end:

All **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.

All Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

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 in this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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

As our Saviour 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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

Agnus Dei

The Agnus Dei may be used

All **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The president and people receive communion.

During the distribution, hymns and anthems may be sung.

Prayer after Communion

The Post Communion Prayer is said

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 for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Stripping of the Altars

The altars are stripped as a hymn is sung.

Tenebrae

*We move to the Apse as 9 candles are lit.
Between the readings music will be played, please feel free
to join in with the chants.*

The shadow of betrayal
St Matthew 26.20-25

The shadow of desertion
St Matthew 26.31-35

Father the hour is come
St John 17.1-6

That they may be one
St John 17.15-22

Agony of soul
St Luke 22.39-44

Unshared vigil
St Mark 14.32-41

Betrayal and arrest
St Mark 14.43-46

The shadow of the cross
St Mark 15.16-20

Silent prayer in the darkness as the last candle is extinguished.

*After a period of silence candles will be lit and the watch
will be kept in silence until midnight.*

You are welcome to come and go at will.

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