

MAUNDY  
*Thursday*

Stripping of the  
Sanctuary  
& Vigil

## Song - As we are gathered (solo)

As we are gathered Jesus is here  
One with each other, Jesus is here  
Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood  
Part of the body, the church of God  
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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.*

**All** Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.



## Prayers of Penitence

*A minister uses this Invitation to Confession or other suitable words*

**M** 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 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.**

**All Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

**P** Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon *you*,  
pardon and deliver you from all *your* sins,  
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,  
and keep *you* in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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holy and strong,  
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## The Collect

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

*Silence is kept.*

**P** 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

## Readings

Exodus 12.1-4 [5-10] 11-14

Corinthians 11.23-26

John 13.1-17,31b-35

## The Magnificat

Refrain:

***All* Christ humbled himself for us,  
and in obedience accepted death.**

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦  
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦  
the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦  
from generation to generation.
- 4 He has shown strength with his arm ♦  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦  
and lifting up the lowly.

- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things ♦  
and sent the rich away empty.
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦  
to remember his promise of mercy,
- 8 The promise made to our ancestors, ♦  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

*Luke 1.46-55*

***All*** **Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

***All*** **Christ humbled himself for us,  
and in obedience accepted death.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*This form or other suitable words may be used.*

*Silence may be kept before each versicle and response.*

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father  
through Christ the saviour of the world.

***M*** 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.**

*M* 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.**

*M* 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  
that if the world hated them 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.**

*M* Standing at the foot of the cross,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

***All*** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
in 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.

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## Stripping of the Sanctuary

*The holy table and the sanctuary may be stripped bare.*

*During the stripping, Psalm 88 may be used,  
or another psalm, or these or other verses from Lamentations  
may be used.*

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people!  
How like a widow she has become,  
she that was great among the nations!  
She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks;  
among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her.

*All* **Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals;  
all her gates are desolate, her priests groan;  
her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.  
Her children have gone away, captives before the foe.  
Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?  
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.

*All* **Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

From on high he sent fire; it went deep into my bones;  
he spread a net for my feet; he turned me back;  
he has left me stunned, faint all day long.  
For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears;  
for a comforter is far from me,  
one to revive my courage;  
my children are desolate, for the enemy has prevailed.

*All* **Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

All who pass along the way clap their hands at you;  
they hiss and wag their heads at daughter Jerusalem;  
'Is this the city that was called the perfection of beauty,  
the joy of all the earth?'

The thought of my affliction and homelessness  
is wormwood and gall.

*All* **Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.  
'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,  
'therefore I will hope in him.'

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

*All* **Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.

It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,  
to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it,  
to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to  
give one's cheek to the smiter,  
and be filled with insults.

For the Lord will not reject for ever.

*All* **Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

*All* **Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

# The Watch

*During the watch John's gospel is read interspersed with Psalms and extended periods of silence. Please feel free to leave at any point during the watch or after the dismissal.*

*Whenever you chose to leave, please leave in silence.*

## Litany

John 13.16-30

Psalm 113

John 13.31-end

Psalm 114

John 14.1-14

Psalm 115

John 14.15-end

Psalm 116.1-9

John 15.1-17

Psalm 116.10-end

John 15.18-16.4a

Psalm 117

John 16.4b-15

Psalm 118.1-9

John 16.16-end

Psalm 118.10-18



John 17.1-19

Psalm 118.19-end

John 17.20-end

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## **The Dismissal**

***M*** 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.'

***M*** Christ was obedient unto death. Go in his peace.

*The ministers and people depart in silence.*