

Morning Prayer for Maundy Thursday

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving power among the nations.
Blessed are you Lord God of our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross,
stir up in us the fire of your love,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins,
and walk with you in newness of life
singing the praise of him who died
for us and for our salvation.

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.

Psalm:

We read Psalm 39

Old Testament Reading:

We read Exodus 11

*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.*

Maundy Gospel:

We read John 13: 1-17

You are invited to wash your own hands, or the hands or feet of others in your household. As we do this we remember our baptisms and Christ's words: 'Unless I wash you, you have no part with me... Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

You could use these words:

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. Amen.

Benedictus:

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,

who has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68–79

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as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Kyrie:

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

Against you only have we sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
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

Silent Prayer:

Use this time to pray for:

Our Church Family

Our loved ones

Our Queen and Her Government

Those who are lonely, isolated and anxious

Those suffering in any way from the Corona Virus

For those who you know who are sick

For those who have died

Finally pray for yourself, for your health and wellbeing and for anything that is weighing particularly heavy on your heart at this morning.

The Lord's Prayer:

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.
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.

The Collect:

God most holy, we give you thanks for bringing us
out of the shadow of night into the light of morning;
and we ask you for the joy of spending this day in your service,
so that when evening comes,
we may once more give you thanks,
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.