



The Parish Churches of S Philip
and S Augustine and S Matthew
with S Mary the Virgin Newcastle

Liturgy of the
Word and
Spiritual
Communion
For Maundy
Thursday

Notes

This service is intended for use on Maundy Thursday. It is a version of the Liturgy of the Word, which turns on the Our Father into an act of spiritual communion, undertaken in the words of the *Anima Christi*.

Unusually, there are three readings, because they all have a particular relevance today.

The reflexion after the Act of Spiritual Communion focuses on Christ's washing of the Apostles' feet.

At the end of the service, there is a commemoration of the walk to the Garden of Gethsemane. In ordinary times, this would, of course, be followed by the Watch.

+ In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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:

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Wash us thoroughly from our wickedness and cleanse us from our sins. Kyrie eleison.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us: Christe eleison.

Cast us not away from Your Presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from us: Kyrie eleison.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins and lead us to life eternal; in and through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory be to God on high.
And in earth peace, goodwill towards men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee,
we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,
we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right
hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord;
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high,
+ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Let us pray:

O God, in the fullness of time You revealed Your love in Jesus the Lord. On the eve of His Death, as a sign of Your Covenant, He washed the feet of His Disciples and gave Himself as food and drink. Give us life at this sacred banquet and joy in humble service, that, bound to Christ in all things, we may pass over from this world to Your Kingdom, where He lives with You and the Holy Spirit; God, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of the Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month they shall take every man a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household; and if the household is too small for a lamb, then a man and his neighbour next to his house shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old; you shall take it from the sheep or from the goats; and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs in the evening. Then they shall take some of the blood, and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat them. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. In this manner you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you, upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall fall upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as an ordinance for ever.

How shall I repay the Lord ♦ for all the benefits he has given to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation ♦ and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord ♦ in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord ♦ is the death of his faithful servants.

O Lord, I am your servant, ♦ your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving ♦ and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord ♦ in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the house of the Lord, ♦ in the midst of you,
O Jerusalem.

A reading from the former Letter of Saint Paul to the Church in Corinth.

I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

A reading from the Gospel according to Saint John.

Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. And during supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper, laid aside his garments, and girded himself with a towel. Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded. He came to Simon Peter; and Peter said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not know now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part in me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but he is clean all over; and you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "You are not all clean." When he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

The Intercessions follow: either the following form and/or including petitions from the weekly cycle; and may include the Covid 19 prayer in the notes; at the end:

Father, on this, the night when He was betrayed, Your Son Jesus Christ washed the disciples' feet. Strengthen the priests and people of Your Church in this ministry of love and service:
Lord, in Your mercy ... hear our prayer.

On this night, Christ prayed for His disciples to be one. Unite Your Church in her service of His Gospel:
Lord, in Your mercy ... hear our prayer.

On this night, Christ prayed for those who were to believe through His message. Inspire Your Church in her mission to people throughout the world:
Lord, in Your mercy ... hear our prayer.

On this night, Christ commanded us to love, but suffered rejection Himself. We pray for all those who are rejected and unloved, for sad, the lonely, the anxious and the abused:
Lord, in Your mercy ... hear our prayer.

On this night, Christ prepared for His Death. Holy in Your love all who are dying and those who nurse and comfort them:
Lord, in Your mercy ... hear our prayer.

On this night, Christ began the walk that would take Him to the Cross. Receive into Your hands the souls of all who have died:
Lord, in Your mercy ... hear our prayer.

These and the prayers of my Christian community I lay before God in union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine and all the saints:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed by 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, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

In place of receiving Holy Communion, you should use this prayer:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;

Body of Christ, save me;

Blood of Christ, refresh me;

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesu, hear me.

Within Thy wounds, hide me.

Do not permit me to be separated from Thee;

From the malicious enemy defend me,

In the hour of my death call me

And bid me come to Thee,

That with Thy saints I may praise Thee;

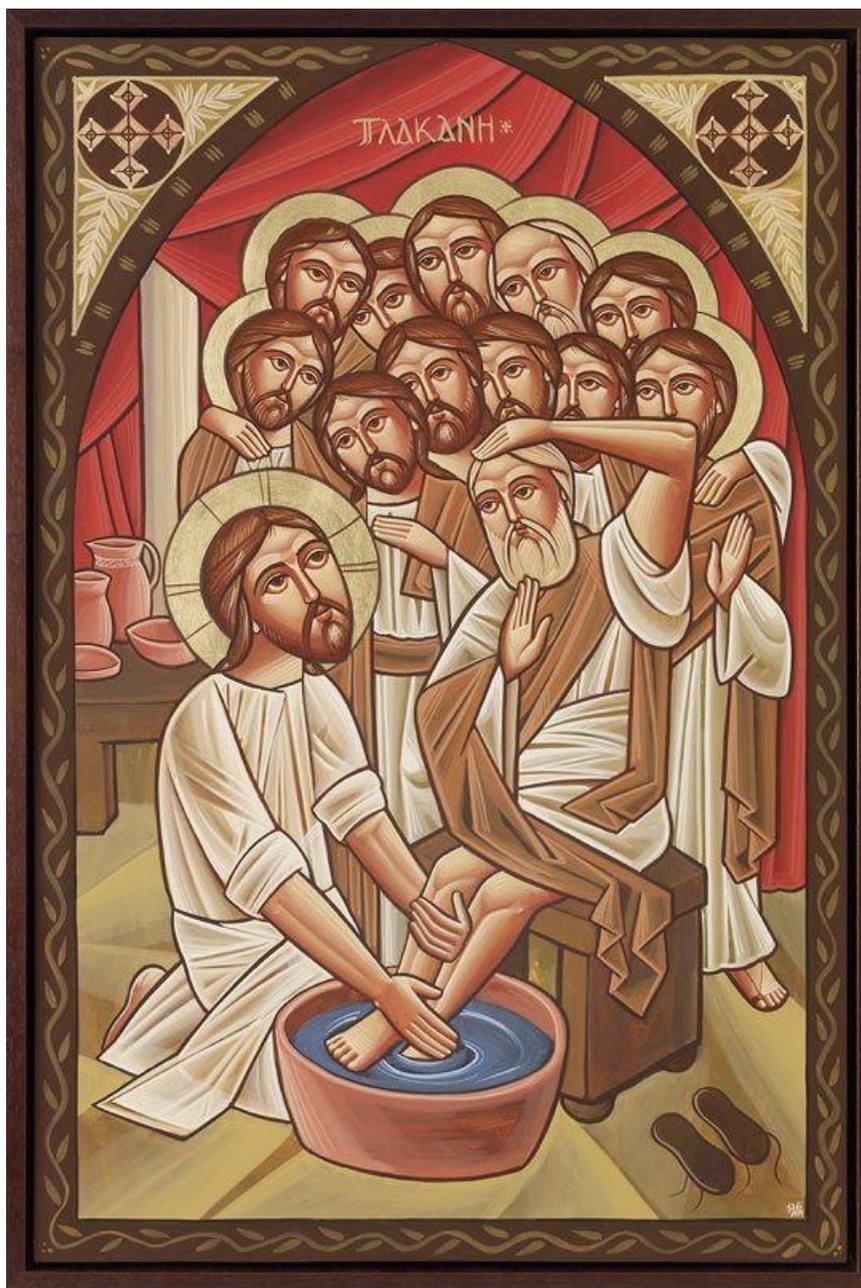
For ever and ever. Amen.

It is appropriate that a time of reflexion follows. If, like the Vicar, you have a mind that easily lured by the frivolous and ephemeral, you might use the following to help stay on task:

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice in Him and be glad.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one.
Where charity and love are, God is there.
At the same time, therefore, are gathered into one:
Lest we be divided in mind, let us beware.
Let evil impulses stop, let controversy cease.
And in the midst of us be Christ our God.
Where charity and love are, God is there.
At the same time we see that with the saints also,
Thy face in glory, O Christ our God:
The joy that is immense and good, Unto the
World without end. Amen.

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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: nourish us by His Presence and unite us in His love, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



To commemorate Jesus' walk to the Garden of Gethsemane:

Of the glorious Body telling,
O my tongue, its mysteries sing,
And the Blood, all price excelling,
Which the world's eternal King,
In a spotless womb once dwelling,
Shed for this world's ransoming.

Given for us, for us descending,
Of a virgin to proceed,
Man with man in converse blending,
Scattered He the Gospel seed,
Till His sojourn drew to ending,
Which He closed in wondrous deed.

At the last great Supper lying
Circled by His chosen band,
Duly with the law complying,
First He finished its command,
Then, immortal food supplying,
Gave Himself by His own hand.

Word-made-flesh, by Word He maketh
Bread His very Flesh to be;
Man in wine Christ's Blood partaketh:
And if senses fail to see,
Faith alone the true heart waketh
To behold the Mystery.

