

# The Eucharist of the Last Supper - Maundy Thursday

*Today marks the gift of the institution of Holy Communion, and is the beginning of the end of our yearly journey following Jesus to the cross and on to Resurrection. From this point on, our Christian worship is a continuum through to Easter Morning and the vigil of Prayer underlines this continuity. The first emphasis this evening is of love and service followed by our call to travel with Jesus on the path he undertakes for us.*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.**

*Saying Sorry and Forgiveness* - We use the ancient responses to the sentences:

Lord have mercy: **Lord have mercy**, Christ have mercy: **Christ have mercy**, Lord have mercy: **Lord have mercy**

*The Hymn - Praise to the holiest in the height*

*The service follows the normal pattern:*

*The Collect* (Prayer for the Day)

*The Readings, and Gospel:*

Reading Responses: The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The Sermon* (Jonathan Berry)

*Music for Reflection: A New Commandment* (Peter Nardone)

*Prayers of Intercession*

*The following response is normally used*

Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

At the end

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The Peace* is introduced, then:

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

*The table is prepared and then*

*The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*we remember our unity as people who gather around the Table of the Lord. This is OUR prayer*

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**

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

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

*Praise is given, then, 'for ever praising you and saying,'*

*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.**

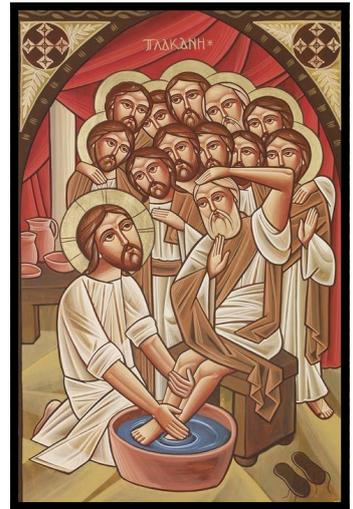
**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Last Supper is recalled, then*

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

*The Prayer ends with the Doxology:*

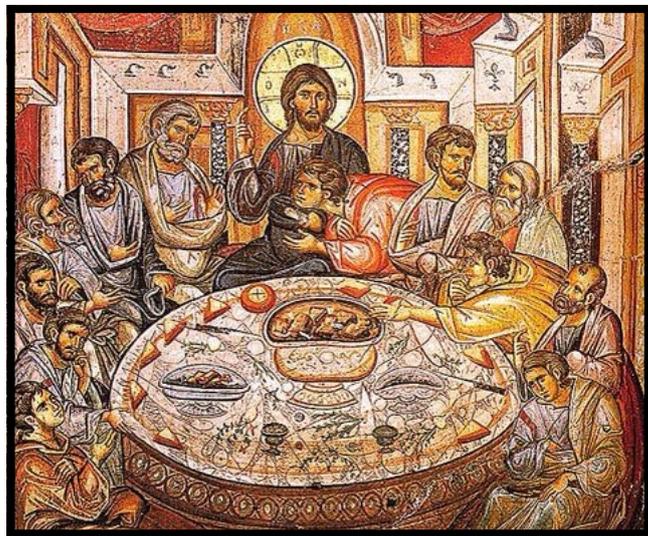
.....for ever and ever. **Amen.**



## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that 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.**



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

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

*An Invitation to receive Spiritual Communion after which the following prayer is said:*

**Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, which we receive spiritually  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom.  
Amen.**

## Spiritual Communion

*Hymn: An Upper Room did our Lord prepare*

*The Post Communion Prayer is said.*

*There is no Blessing. Michael will read part of the passage from Mark and then this first part of our journey ends in silence as we remember the Garden of Gethsemane and the journey Jesus made for us.*

**Mark 14:** <sup>26</sup> When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>27</sup> And Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered."<sup>28</sup> But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.' <sup>29</sup> Peter said to him, 'Even though all become deserters, I will not.' <sup>30</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' <sup>31</sup> But he said vehemently, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And all of them said the same. <sup>32</sup> They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' <sup>33</sup> He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. <sup>34</sup> And he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.' <sup>35</sup> And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup> He said, 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.' <sup>37</sup> He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? <sup>38</sup> Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; <sup>[1]</sup> the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' <sup>39</sup> And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup> And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. <sup>41</sup> He came a third time and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup> Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.' <sup>43</sup> Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. <sup>44</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.' <sup>45</sup> So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him. <sup>46</sup> Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. <sup>47</sup> But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to them, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? <sup>49</sup> Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.' <sup>50</sup> All of them deserted him and fled.