



This Do In  
**REMEMBRANCE**  
Of Me

# Maundy Thursday

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## THE GATHERING

Voluntary – *What Wondrous Love Is This*

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Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

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Call to Worship

Jesus said:

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

On this day,

Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

**On this day,**

**Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.**

On this day,

Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

**On this day,**

**Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.**

Prayer of Invocation

\* Hymn 500 – *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession of Sin

**Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.**

Kyrie:



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

\* Hymn 215 – *What Wondrous Love Is This*

### THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

**What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?**

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay 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 ones.**

O Lord, I am your servant. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!**

First Reading – Exodus 12:1-14

\* Hymn 218 – Ah, Holy Jesus

Gospel Reading – John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Reflection

### THE EUCHARIST

Invitation to the **Lord's** Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you,

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth, and create the fruit of the vine. You made us in your image, and freed us from the bonds of slavery. You claimed us as your people, and made covenant to be our God.

You fed us manna in the wilderness, and brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey. When we forgot you, and our faith was weak, you spoke through prophets, calling us to turn again to your ways.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**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.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to deliver us from the bondage of death and slavery to sin. In **humility he descends from your heights, to kneel in obedience to love's commands.** He who is boundless takes on the bondage of our sin. He who is free takes our **place in death's prison. In the deserts of our wanderings, he sustains us, giving us his body as manna for our weariness.**

The cup of suffering which he drank has become for us the cup of salvation. In his **death, he ransomed us from death's dominion;** in his resurrection, he opened the way to eternal life.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

According to his commandment:

**We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.**

Now as the children of God, we are bold to pray...

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

God of grace, your son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

Stripping of the Church

Departing Anthem – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, \*Charge, *All depart in silence*