



# MAUNDY THURSDAY

"I give you a new commandment:  
Love one another as I have loved you."

- John 13:34

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Maundy Thursday receives its name from the Latin "mandatum" or the "new commandment" given by our Lord. At the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples' feet and commanded them to love and serve one another as he had done. This service begins with a festal character as we remember the joy of the love and service which Jesus lived and taught and the institution of the Holy Eucharist. The service closes with solemnity as we turn our attention toward the agony in the garden of Gethsemane, and the betrayal leading Jesus to the journey to the cross and crucifixion. The altar, symbolic of Christ, is stripped of its vesture and left bare for the solemnity of Good Friday

## THE PREPARATION AND GATHERING

### INTROIT

A new commandment I give unto you,  
that to love one another as I have loved you,  
by this shall all know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love one for another

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Presbyter: Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People: **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins**

HYMN: Alleluia sing to Jesus

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia, his the triumph,  
his the victory alone:  
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood.  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
hath redeemed us by his blood

Alleluia, King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia, born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil, hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
In the Eucharistic feast!

Words: C. CHATTERTONDIX (1837 -98)

Composer: R. H. PRICHARD (1811 -87)

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly  
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### GLORIA

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will 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 Jesu Christ; O Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin 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 Spirit, art  
most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### THE COLLECT FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of  
his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus  
Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### THE LESSON: Exodus 12. 1

And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt saying, this month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, in the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the Lord's Passover.

### Psalm 116 v.v. 1, 10 -17

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,

**Because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**

How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.**

**I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.**

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

**O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;**

**You have freed me from my bonds.**

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord.

**I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,**

**In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

### THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 11. 17

In this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse. For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it. For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you. When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper. For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken. What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? what shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not. For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh

damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge our-selves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another. And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

#### **THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the people so now I say to you, „Where I am going, you cannot come.“ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

This is The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

#### **THE NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible, and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all Worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our Salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,**

And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the holy Ghost, The Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

**THE SERMON**  
Rev Avinash Rangayya

### **SHARING OF PEACE**

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

May the Peace of the Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

### **HYMN: Glory be to God**

Glory be to Jesus,  
Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the life-blood  
From His sacred veins.

Grace and life eternal  
In that Blood I find;  
Blest be His compassion,  
Infinitely kind.

Blest through endless ages  
Be the precious stream,  
Which from endless torments  
Did the world redeem.

Abel's blood for vengeance  
Pleaded to the skies;

But the blood of Jesus  
For our pardon cries.

It the conscience sprinkles,  
Frees our guilty hearts;  
Satan in confusion  
Terror-struck departs.

Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel-hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.

Lift ye then your voices;  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood

Lyrics: Edward Caswall (1814-1878)  
Music: Friedrich Filitz (1804-1876)

## **PRAYER & BLESSING**

O Lord, when we came into your house, we promised to offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving. Now as we leave your house, we promise to obey all your commandments. Help us be diligent in keeping our vow of obedience as we were in keeping our vow of thanksgiving. Now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Love of the Father and the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all now and forever more. **Amen.**

## **THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN:

Matthew 26:30-46

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered." But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

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