



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MAUNDY THURSDAY Liturgy for Dispersed People with Blessings for an Agape Meal

April 1, 2021

This liturgy is intended for use in the home by an individual or small group. The members of a group should assign the spoken parts before beginning. The music may be: (a) omitted; (b) said; or (c) played, by clicking the name of each piece (embedded links will take you to video recordings of those pieces—please forgive any ads that may pop up).

The liturgy begins with blessings for an agape meal; when the meal is ready, the liturgy may begin. You may also choose not to observe the agape meal, in which case you would begin with The Word.

THE BLESSINGS

ANTHEM

Ave verum corpus

[*\(Leonard Bernstein conducting the Bavarian Radio Symphony and Chorus\)*](#)

Ave verum corpus
natum de Maria virgine
vere passum immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cujus latus perforatum
unda fluxit et sanguine
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
the same that suffered and was sacrificed
on the cross for humankind,
whose pierced side
flowed with water and blood:
let us taste of Thee
in the trial of death.

Words: 13th-century Eucharistic hymn Music: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791), KV 618, 1791

OVER WINE

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and you refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May the time come quickly when we can share that cup again, even as you are with us now in our very thirst for you. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

OVER BREAD

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and you have fed us on our way with the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. Let us be fed again soon with that bread of life. And as grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. **Amen.**

OVER THE OTHER FOODS

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen us in the fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MEAL

The meal is now eaten. If there are multiple people in your household, consider serving one another.

THE WORD

ANTHEM

A new commandment give I unto you,
saith the Lord, that ye love together
as I have loved you,

A new commandment ([*The Tallis Scholars*](#))

that even so ye love one another.
By this shall every man know that ye are my
disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Words: John 13:34-35 Music: Thomas Tallis (c1505–1585)

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 remember this gift of love by 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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 17

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

PSALM 63:1-8 *(may be said in unison or alternating by whole or half verse)*

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place;
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips.

6 When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.
7 For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
8 My soul clings to you,
your right hand holds me fast.

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,**

**as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

O God of the crucified and risen One, from whom no trial or trouble can separate us: you feed us with your Word and soothe us with your Spirit, closer to us than breath itself. Make us glad this night for the life of your servant Jesus; make us servants of all for the sake of Jesus; who for our sake gave his life for the salvation of all. In the Name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est
congregavit nos in unum Christi amor
exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur
timeamus et amemus Deum vivum
et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

Ubi caritas ([*The Choir of King's College, Cambridge*](#))

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear and love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

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