

Thursday 2nd April 2026
Maundy Thursday
Readings and Collect

Opening Hymn CAHON 38 An upper room did our Lord prepare

Collect for Maundy Thursday

God our Father,
as you invite us to share in the supper
that your Son gave to his Church
to proclaim his death until he comes:
inspire us by his service, and unite us in his love;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.
Amen.

First Lesson 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians, chapter 11,
verses 23 to 26.

²³For I [,Paul,] received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Thur 11.00am Here endeth the Epistle.

Thur 7.30pm This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

A reading from the Gospel according to John, chapter 13, verses 1-17 and 31b to 35.

Sun 11.00am Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Sun 7.30pm Glory to Christ our Saviour.

¹Now 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' ⁷Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' ⁸Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' ⁹Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' ¹⁰Jesus 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.' ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

¹²After 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?' ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

^{31b}Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews

so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

Thur 11.00am Thanks be to thee, O Lord, for this thy glorious Gospel.

Thur 7.30pm Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

Thur 11.00am **Proper Preface for Maundy Thursday** (Prayer Book p. 343)

Through Jesus Christ our Lord;
who having loved his own which were in the world,
loved them unto the end,
and on the night before he suffered,
sitting at meat with his disciples, did institute these holy mysteries;
that we, receiving the benefits of his passion,
and being quickened by his resurrection,
might be made partakers of the divine nature.

Therefore with Angels....

Offertory Hymn NEH 302 O Thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray

Anthem If Ye Love Me Tallis

Post Communion Prayer for Maundy Thursday (*In bold in Liturgy Book*)

**Almighty God, source of all love,
whose only-begotten son, on the night of his betrayal,
gave his disciples a new commandment,
to love one another as he loved them:
write this commandment in our hearts;
and give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave his life and died for us,
yet is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. Amen**

Closing Hymn NEH 92 There is a green hill far away

At the end of the evening service, Psalm 22 is read while the Altar is stripped, and all leave in silence.

Readings for the day

Exodus 12: 1-14; Psalm 116: 1, 10-17; *1 Corinthians 11: 23-26;

*John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

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