



Enthroned Upon the Cross

Communion for Holy Week

Welcome

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Words of welcome and introduction to today's service may be shared.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden, 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.

Receiving God's Forgiveness

Come, Holy Spirit of God,
and search our hearts with the light of Christ.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

A time of silence and self-examination may be kept.

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call.

**Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.**

Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement;

bind up our wounds and revive us;

in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

cf Hosea 6

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

Amen.

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to
know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the
cross, which is the path of glory.

Amen.

Monday in Holy Week

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you O Lord

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus,
whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him.
Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary
took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and
wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the
perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to
betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred
denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared
about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and
used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought
it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor
with you, but you do not always have me.'

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

John 12:1-11

Tuesday in Holy Week

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Glory to you O Lord

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, 'We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?' Jesus said to them, 'The

light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.'

After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

John 12:20-36

Wednesday in Holy Week

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you O Lord

After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, 'Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.' The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, 'Lord, who is it?' Jesus answered, 'It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.' So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, 'Do quickly what you are going to do.' Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, 'Buy what we need for the festival'; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night. When he had gone out, 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

John 13:21-32

Silent Reflection

A time of quiet for meditation and for intercession.

The Peace

This sentence or other words of introduction are used.

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Celebrating the Eucharist

Jesus, true vine and bread of life, ever giving yourself that the world might live, let us share your death and passion: make us perfect in your love.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty. The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified. He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with angels and archangels, for ever praising you and saying:

**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.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord!

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

You are the Saviour of the World.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

**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.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Sharing Communion Together

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

You are warmly welcomed to receive communion or a blessing. Please put your hands in front of you to receive the bread, if you normally have bread and wine in your own church. Keep your hands at your sides if you would prefer a blessing today

Prayers after Communion

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

Silence is kept.

Almighty and everlasting God,
 who in your tender love towards the human race
 sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh
 and to suffer death upon the cross:
 grant that we may follow the example
 of his patience and humility,
 and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
 through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
 to you be glory and praise for ever.
 As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross,
 stir up in us the fire of your love,
 that we may be cleansed from all our sins,
 and walk with you in newness of life
 singing the praise of him who died
 for us and our salvation.
 Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

