

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

### Evening Prayer

O God come to our aid.

**O Lord make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Sc

**As it was in the beginning is now**

**Amen.**

### Hymn

God, of thy pity, unto us thy children  
Bend down thine ear in thine own loving kindness,  
And all thy people's prayers and vows ascending  
Hear, we beseech thee.

Look down in mercy from thy seat of glory,  
Pour on our souls the radiance of thy presence,  
Drive from our weary hearts the shades of darkness,  
Lightening our footsteps.

Free us from sin by might of thy great loving,  
Cleanse thou the sordid, loose the fettered spirit,  
Spare every sinner, raise with thine own right hand  
All who are fallen.

Glory to God the Father everlasting,  
Glory for ever to the Sole-begotten,  
With whom thy Holy Spirit through the ages  
Reigneth co-equal.

**Antiphon:** Christ is the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He has made us a kingdom for his God and Father.

**Psalm 71 (72):1-11**

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement.

May the mountains bring forth peace for the people  
and the hills, justice.

May he defend the poor of the people  
and save the children of the needy  
and crush the oppressor.

He shall endure like the sun and the moon  
from age to age.

He shall descend like rain on the meadow,  
like raindrops on the earth.

In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

Before him his enemies shall fall,  
his foes lick the dust.  
The kings of Tharsis and the sea coasts  
shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba  
shall bring him gifts.  
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,  
all nations shall serve him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen.

**Antiphon:** Christ is the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He has made us a kingdom for his God and Father.

**Antiphon 2:** The Lord shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.

**Psalm 71 (72):12-19**

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor.

From oppression he will rescue their lives,  
to him their blood is dear.  
Long may he live,  
may the gold of Sheba be given him.  
They shall pray for him without ceasing  
and bless him all the day.

May corn be abundant in the land  
to the peaks of the mountains.  
May its fruit rustle like Lebanon;  
may men flourish in the cities  
like grass on the earth.

May his name be blessed for ever  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name.

Blessed be the Lord, God of Israel,  
who alone works wonders,  
ever blessed his glorious name.  
Let his glory fill the earth.  
Amen! Amen!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen.

**Antiphon: The Lord shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.**

**Antiphon 3:** The saints have triumphed by the sacrifice of the Lamb, and by the testimony which they uttered.

### **Canticle**

We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,  
who are and who were,  
that you have taken your great power  
and begun to reign.

The nations raged,  
but your wrath came,  
and the time for the dead to be judged,  
for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints,  
and those who fear your name,  
both small and great.

Now the salvation and the power  
and the kingdom of our God  
and the authority of his Christ have come,  
for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down,  
who accuses them day and night before our God.

And they have conquered him  
by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony,  
for they loved not their lives even unto death.  
Rejoice, then, O heaven,  
and you that dwell therein.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen.

**Antiphon:** The saints have triumphed by the sacrifice of the Lamb, and by the testimony which they uttered.

## Scripture Reading

Hebrews 13:12-15

Jesus suffered outside the gate to sanctify the people with his own blood. Let us go to him, then, 'outside the camp', and share his degradation. For there is no eternal city for us in this life but we look for one in the life to come. Through him, let us offer God an unending sacrifice of praise, a verbal sacrifice that is offered every time we acknowledge his name.

## Short Responsory

**Christ humbled himself for us and, in obedience, accepted death.**

## Magnificat

**Antiphon:** As they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to his disciples..

My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength  
and scatters the proud-hearted.  
He casts the mighty from their thrones  
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy,  
the mercy promised to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen.

**Antiphon: they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to his disciples..**

### **Intercessions:**

Let us adore our Saviour, who at the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, entrusted to the Church the memorial of his death and resurrection to be celebrated throughout the ages. Confident that he will hear us, we pray:

**Sanctify the people whom you redeemed by your blood.**

Christ, our Redeemer, let us share in your passion by works of penance;

**let us attain the glory of your resurrection.**

Grant us the protection of your Mother, the comforter of the afflicted;

**may we bring to others the consolation you have given us.**

Unite the faithful to your passion in times of trouble and distress;

**let the power of your salvation shine forth in their lives.**

You humbled yourself even to accepting death, death on a cross;

**grant to your servants obedience and patience.**

Share with the dead your bodily glory;

**let us rejoice one day with them in the fellowship of the saints.**

### **Our Father**

## **Concluding Prayer**

Lord God,  
since for your glory and our salvation  
you willed Christ your Son to be the eternal High Priest,  
grant that the people he gained for you by his blood  
may be strengthened by his cross and resurrection  
when they take part in his memorial sacrifice.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
(one) God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## **Dismissal**

May the Lord bless us and keep us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**