

# Maundy Thursday

## *Missal Edition for Clergy, MCs, EMs*

### **Roles to Assign**

- *2 Master of Ceremonies*
- *Acolytes & Acolyte Masters*
- *2 Lectors*
- *1 or 2 Eucharistic Ministers (depending on the number of clergy)*
- *Ushers and Greeters*
- *Minister of Music, Organist & Choir*
- *Altar Guild Members*
- *Sound Technician*

### **MCs**

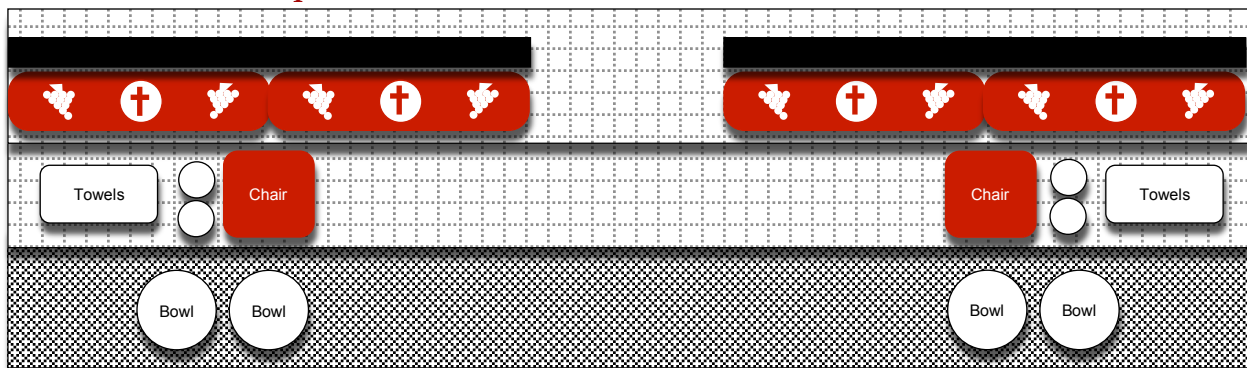
- *This service can be managed with one MC, but two are preferred so one can manage lighting at the stripping of the Alter while the other tends to the liturgy.*
- *Books:*
  - *This service booklet is used in a binder instead of the Missal.*
  - *Use the plain Gospel book without the gold cover.*
  - *Readings for Maundy Thursday are in the standard Lectionary book.*
- *Lighting:*
  - *Fluorescent lights remain off for the entirety of this service.*
- *Vestments:*
  - *The Celebrant will remove the cope at the Peace and put it back on before the procession of the Blessed Sacrament.*

### **Acolyte Masters**

- *Acolytes must understand the solemnity of this night and commit to holding a reverent demeanor before, during, and after the liturgy.*
- *Older acolytes will be needed to carry empty bowls, pitchers, and soiled towels to the sacristies.*
- *Incense is used at:*
  - *Procession in*
  - *Gospel procession*
  - *Offertory*
  - *Procession of the Blessed Sacrament*
- *Place all unused torch stands and other accoutrements in Little St. Anne's prior to the service so acolytes can place torches in them after the procession of the Blessed Sacrament.*
- *At the offertory when handing items to be set on the Altar, be sure that the extra cruet of wine is included. It is required for the Communion on Good Friday.*

## Altar Guild

- Ensure that there is nothing under the Altar (e.g. the wedding kneeler, etc.).
- Only two simple altar candles are used. No candles on the ledge.
- Vestments:
  - In the clergy vesting room: Red cope, red stoles, and biretta.
  - Over the Communion rail: Red chasuble
  - In Little St. Anne's: Clergy's black cassocks
- Communion Necessities:
  - Same setup as on Sunday mornings, with one additional cruet of wine to be consecrated for Good Friday's communion from the Reserve Sacrament. **(Do not overfill the cruet. A modest amount—i.e. 1½ inches—is sufficient.)**
  - Additional bread is typically not needed for consecration as long as there is a sufficient amount already in the Reserve Sacrament.
  - Ensure that the sanctuary light in the side chapel is a new one so it will not be too hot to carry in the procession of the Blessed Sacrament.
  - Place the key in the tabernacle.
- Foot Washing Setup:
  - See diagram below. These items should be laid out before the service.
  - Water should be warm but not scalding. Mix in one tablespoon of bath beads.
  - One or two Altar Guild members should be in the sacristy during the service to assist with emptying bowls, refilling pitchers.
  - **Bowls do NOT need to be washed between emptyings.** Empty them quickly and return them to the stations so foot washing is not interrupted.



- Little St. Anne's Setup (in preparation for the prayer watch):
  - Altar should have the red frontal, fair linen, a corporal, and multiple candles.
  - There should be no sanctuary light in Little St. Anne's. The lit light from the side chapel will be processed and placed in the empty holder in Little St. Anne's during the procession of the Blessed Sacrament.
  - Leafy green plants (e.g. peace lilies) may be placed around the Altar to evoke the Garden of Gethsemane.
- Stripping of the Altar:
  - One or two Altar Guild members should be in the sacristy to receive items from the MC as they are stripped from the Altar.

- *Two fresh cloths and a respectable vessel containing a mild solution of water and Murphy's Oil Soap should be available to the Celebrant for the scrubbing of the Altar.*

### **Musicians**

- *The choir **does process** in at the beginning.*
- *They **do not process out** at the end.*
- *Plenty of music is selected for the foot washing. If it is not enough, musicians should be prepared with supplemental music until foot washing is complete.*
- *Choir members should be given every reasonable opportunity to participate in foot washing, even as they lead the music. This may be done in stages or in any other manner the Minister of Music feels is most appropriate.*
- *Lighting will become low at the procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Choir members may wish to have large print versions of the final four hymns.*

### **Staff or Wardens**

- *For the safety of those keeping the prayer watch tonight, ensure that all external lights—especially on the Sanctuary, Little St. Anne's, and the Ministry Center—will remain on until after midnight.*

**Processional Hymn ..... Red Hymnal 366**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* His mercy endures for ever.

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

**Kyrie Eleison ..... Red Hymnal s-88**

**The Collect**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.*

**A Reading from the Book of Exodus**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: “This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for

each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.”

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 116:1, 10-17** *Prayed in unison*

- 1 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.
- 10 How shall I repay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
is the death of his servants.

- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
 I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
 you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
 and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
 in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, \*  
 in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

**A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

For I 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, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In 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." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn ..... Red Hymnal 439**

**The Holy Gospel**

*All standing, the Gospeller reads the Gospel, first saying:*

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now 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 Jews 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Ellen Richardson

## **The Ceremony of the Washing of Feet**

*After the sermon, the Celebrant stands and addresses the people, saying*

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service. We all need to remember his example, but none stand more in need of this reminder than those whom the Lord has called to the ordained ministry.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ as his disciples, to come forward, that I may recall whose servant I am by following the example of my Master.

But come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for “a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”



- *The **Clergy** wash the feet of those who wish to participate.*
- ***MCs & EM** are stationed in the chancel to oversee replenishment of water, emptying of bowls, etc.*
- ***Acolyte Masters** should be ready to empty bowls in the sacristies and to obtain fresh warm water if pitchers run low.*
- ***Altar Guild** members should be in the sacristy to assist.*
- ***Bowls do NOT need to be washed between emptyings.** They should be emptied quickly and returned to the stations so foot washing is not interrupted.*
- *The sacristy floor is likely to get wet; do NOT slip.*
- ***When foot washing is complete,** Clergy & MC return to the seats in front of the front pew, where they would normally be seated during the sermon. Chairs & bowls should be returned to their correct places.*

## Hymns During Foot Washing

Blue Hymnal 391	Will you let me be your servant?
486	Have thine own way
587	Prayer of St. Francis
131	Surely the Presence

## The Prayers of the People

*The Eucharistic Minister says*

Kneeling, let us pray.

Brothers and sisters, that which the apostles received has been handed on to us. Let us pray to the Lord, saying, By this everyone will know that we are your disciples:

*That we have love for one another.*

Lord, you came not to be served, but to serve. Give to our bishops, priests, deacons, and all the people of your Church the humility to kneel in service to the needs of others. By this everyone will know that we are your disciples:

*That we have love for one another.*

Lord, you promised deliverance to the people of Israel in the land of their oppression. Grant freedom and peace to all who suffer at the hands of their oppressors. By this everyone will know that we are your disciples:

*That we have love for one another.*

Lord, you made this world to be your dwelling place. With common bread and wine you give us your Body and Blood. Grant us the will to cherish your creation as you do. By this everyone will know that we are your disciples:

*That we have love for one another.*

Lord, we have loved you, and we have betrayed you. Hold us close to your breast, and make us ever mindful that you are always more ready to forgive than we are to ask. By this everyone will know that we are your disciples:

*That we have love for one another.*

Lord, you love your own who are in the world, and you love them to the end. Heal those for whom we pray, and grant us wisdom and compassion to love and to serve them in their time of trial. By this everyone will know that we are your disciples:

*That we have love for one another.*

Lord, precious in your sight is the death of your servants, for you have known our agony, and you have died our death. Grant to all your children the promise of your resurrection. By this everyone will know that we are your disciples:

*That we have love for one another.*

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of

souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The Confession**

*The Deacon or priest says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Deacon and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
*Amen.*

## **The Peace**

*People*           The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
                          And also with you.

## Offertory

*ACOLYTE MASTER: Be sure the extra cruet of wine is included on the Altar. It is required for Communion on Good Friday.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says*

We continue with Eucharistic Prayer A, beginning on page 361.

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them up to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Then facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus..... Red Hymnal s-127**

*The people kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and

die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

**Fraction Anthem**.....Lamb of God

*The Celebrant may say the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

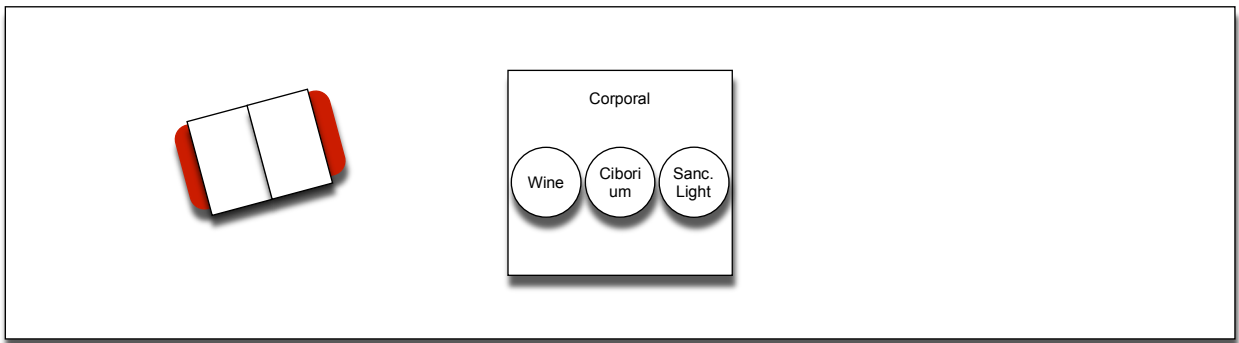
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Hymns During Communion**

Red Hymnal 321	My God, thy table now is spread
304	I come with joy to meet my Lord
Blue Hymnal 689	One Bread, One Body
654	Holy Ground

*As Communion is concluding:*

- **EMs:** Take any Wine remaining in the chalices to the Sacristy and consume or dispense it as usual.
- **MCs:**
  - Retrieve the sanctuary light and Reserve Sacrament from the side chapel—leaving the door to the Tabernacle open—and bring them to the Altar. The extra cruet of consecrated Wine should already be on the Altar from the Eucharistic Prayer.
- **Celebrant:** Stand at the Altar and combine Reserve Sacrament and all remaining consecrated Bread into the ciborium.
- **By the end of Communion, the Altar should look like so:**



- **Clergy and MCC:** Gather behind the Altar—facing the congregation—for the post Communion prayer.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Using the prayer found on page 366, let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## Procession of the Blessed Sacrament

Red Hymnal 662 Abide with me  
Red Hymnal 42 Now the day is over

*The Blessed Sacrament is now carried in solemn procession to Little St. Anne's:*

- **Acolytes:** Typical procession. Carry jingly sanctus bells just before the EM.
- **EM:** Carry the sanctuary light.
- **Assisting Clergy:** Carry Wine.
- **Celebrant:** Carry Bread in ciborium.
- **MC: Lighting is gradually reduced as the procession leaves the sanctuary.** (Note, the light that shines on the baptismal font does not dim; just turn it off.)

*Once in Little St. Anne's*

- **Clergy** change to black cassocks and return to the sanctuary.
- **EMs** may assist clergy with changing robes, etc.
- **Acolytes** are dismissed quietly by the Acolyte Masters.

## The Stripping of the Altar

Red Hymnal 172 Were you there?  
Red Hymnal 168 O sacred head, sore wounded

*Stripping of the Altar*

- **MC:**
  - Flip the decorative kneelers upside down.
  - Extinguish and remove the sanctuary light before the Icon.
  - If the icon of the Last Supper has been placed before the Altar for this service, remove it.
- **Clergy (assisted by MCs and Altar Guild):**
  - Extinguish and remove the Altar candles
  - Remove the fair linen
  - Remove the red parament
  - Celebrant scrubs and dries the Altar



- *After the stripping of the Altar, the Clergy may kneel or stand for a time before the Altar, depending on how much music remains.*
- *The Choir does not process out.*
- *At the Celebrant's indication, the MCs, EM, and Clergy process out in silence.*