

## **Maundy Thursday** ***Sometimes called Holy Thursday***

Words to be said are in this style: **All:** say these words.

*Instructions are in italics.*

*Intent: The Last Supper with the disciples, serving and obedience.*

*Vestments: White; violet veils covering the altar and processional crosses. Black veils or altar cloth for the stripped altar. This service is intended to be where the clergy of the whole diocese (or region, Order, etc.) gather and renew their vows of canonical obedience before the Bishop. A shortened version of this service may be said in situations when clergy are gathered but the bishop cannot be present. Where it is desired to administer Holy Communion from the reserved Sacrament on Good Friday, the Sacrament for that purpose is consecrated at this service. Portions of this service are for the Bishop, some for Priests. The remainder of the service may be taken by Deacons or those in Minor Orders. The shortened version may be said by those in Minor Orders.*

### **The Gathering of the Community**

*Glory to God in the highest is not used. Suitable music may be played while the congregation gather.*

### **The Proclamation**

**Leader:** On the night on which he was betrayed, our Lord gathered his disciples and shared with them bread and wine in an upper room. We remember that occasion today as we gather in his name.

*Or one or more of the following are read:*

Exodus 12:1-4,(5-10),11-14

Psalm 116:1-2,11-18

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17,31b-35

*The service of Consecrating Holy Oils will be held by the Bishop at this point unless it has already been held.*

*The following Scripture is read:*

James 5:14 – Is anyone among you sick? He should call for the elders of the church and they will pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

Hebrews 1:9 – You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness, therefore God, your God has anointed you with the oil of gladness...

### ***Prayer for the Holy Oils.***

**Leader:** For as God anointed King David with oil, and we have been anointed and set apart by oil and the Holy Spirit, we pray that the oils prepared by [bishops name] or [the bishops of the church] may be infused with the love and grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. That the sick may be healed, and the church may be blessed and those anointed with chrism may be lifted into the immensity of His Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

*The Holy Oils (Oil of Catechumens and Oil of Healing) are distributed to the clergy for use in their ministry.*

### ***The Collect***

#### ***Prayer for Maundy Thursday***

*(The first sentence is omitted if Eucharist is not celebrated at this service)*

**Priest:** On this holy occasion we dine together as the body of Christ, and at the table commit ourselves to love and serve one another.

**Leader:** On this Holy Thursday, then, let us pray for the church and all people.

**Leader:** God our provider, you feed us with the bread of life and lift for us the cup of salvation, on this day Jesus gave us this holy feast. May all who gather at your table receive a foretaste of the eternal banquet.

**All:** Grant our prayer.

**Priest or Leader2:** Servant God, on this night Jesus washed his disciples' feet: may we follow this example of love and service.

**All:** Grant our prayer.

**Priest or Leader2:** God of compassion, on this day Jesus prayed for those who would believe through the message of the disciples: may those who gathered on this day to renew their ordination vows so live what they proclaim that all may come to know your saving love.

**All:** Grant our prayer.

**Priest or Leader2:** God of renewal, on this day oil was consecrated for use in baptism and healing: we pray for all who will be anointed with these holy oils, for the sick, and for those preparing for baptism.

**All:** Grant our prayer.

**Priest or Leader2:** God our companion, we pray for those unable to eat at the Lord's Table or at any other table, for those who betray and for those betrayed, and for all innocent victims.

**All:** Grant our prayer.

**Priest or Leader2:** God of hope, we remember all those in need, especially those we silently hold before you now...

**Leader:** God of love

**All:** Grant our prayer.

*(The first sentence is omitted if Eucharist is not celebrated at this service)*

**Priest:** Holy God, you give us this meal of bread and wine in which we celebrate your great compassion;

**Leader:** Grant that we may work with you to fulfil our prayers, and to love and serve others as Christ has loved us; this we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All:** Amen.

## **Mass**

Eucharist is followed until the Communio or the Short Mass may be used in its entirety.

*If this service is led by those in minor orders, reserved sacrament may be shared.*

## **Prayer of Dedication and Renewal**

*Prayers of dedication and renewal may be said here. If the bishop is present they stand and face the congregation and clergy. If the bishop is not present the promise is still made.*

**All:** We renew our promise to The Old Catholic Apostolic Church, our bishop [name] and his/her successors to give at all times due reverence and obedience in all matters canonical. We renew our promises made at baptism and denounce and turn from evil. We dedicate our lives to Christ.

**Bishop:** I accept you in the love of God. Peace be with you.

Or [**Leader:** We know that our bishop in love and respect accepts us.]

## **The Sermon**

A sermon or homily is given, which can be short but should not be omitted.

## **Washing of Feet**

**Leader:** Fellow servants of Christ,  
On this night Jesus set an example for the disciples  
By washing their feet, an act of humble service.  
Therefore, I invite you to come forward.  
As your feet are washed  
Remember that strength and growth in God's reign  
Come by lowly service such as this.

*During the washing of feet suitable anthems, songs or music, or a psalm (for example Psalm 40) may be sung.*

### **Presentation of Alms Money**

*The leader presents a small purse or envelope of coins to several of the congregation to represent the church's obligation to help the poor and needy. The recipients are encouraged to help others with alms as they are able. The value of the coins is not important, but the lesson of sharing and supporting is.*

**Leader:** Receive this purse, and the love of the church. Christ has given so freely to us; give freely also.

**Recipient:** Amen.

### **Prayers for the Church**

*Here, prayers for the Old Catholic Apostolic Church are offered, and prayers for the wider church and all clergy.*

### **Stripping the Altar**

*The stripping of the altar and other items on the chancel also occurs, as a preparation for the somber Good Friday service. In silence the priest and servers extinguish the altar candles. The monstrance is emptied and the door left open. The sanctified items (and hosts if appropriate) are removed to a pix or another monstrance in the vestry or sacristy. During their removal, Matthew 26:30-46 and Psalm 22 may be read, but those clearing the altar do so in silence. The altar cloths are removed and the cross veiled in black. Black cloths may also be used. Then turning to the people the Leader says:*

**Leader:** When the disciples had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prayed to the Father, 'If it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me'. He said to his disciples, 'How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me for one hour? The hour has come for the Son of man to be handed over to the power of sinful men. Come, let us go.'

**Leader:** Christ was obedient unto death. Go in his peace.

**All:** We go in peace...until He comes. Amen.

*Everyone leaves the church in silence.*