

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Breaking the Bread & Communion

Holy things for Holy people. **Thanks be to God.**

## \*Hymn #223 - When I Survey The Wondrous Cross (v. 4)

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

## Prayer After Communion

*No blessing is given. The congregation departs in silence to watch and pray.*

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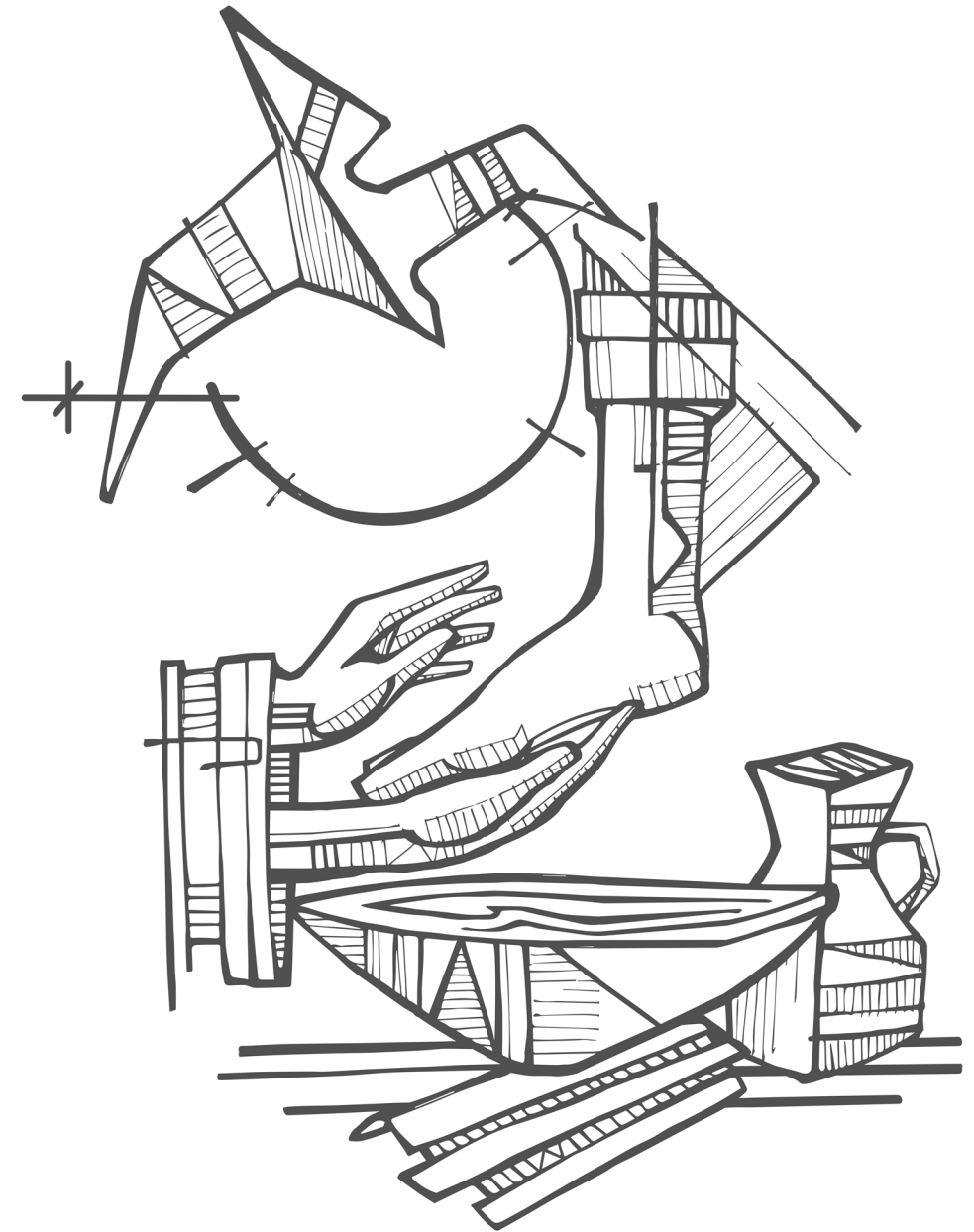
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PREPARATION

*Maundy Thursday takes its name from ‘mandatum,’ which means ‘commandment’. On the eve of his betrayal, Jesus commanded his friends to “love one another as I have loved you.” So we forgive, wash feet, and share the bread and wine. We bask in such wondrous love. We relearn that love and new life are costly. There is no going back.*

Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

\*Declaration of Forgiveness

God gives us grace and more grace. Be assured of this truth, that in Christ you are forgiven!

\*Prayer of the Day

\*Hymn #223 - When I Survey The Wondrous Cross (v. 1)

When I survey the wonderous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

THE MAUNDY

Do you place your faith in God, who created the world, and in whose image you are made? **We do.**

Do you place your hope in Jesus Christ, who died for you and was raised from the dead? **We do.**

Do you place your trust in God’s Holy Spirit, who empowers and directs your life in accordance with God’s will? **We do.**

Do you repent of the sin which has separated you from God, and marred God’s image in you? **We repent.**

Do you accept again the cleansing from the power of sin, which you first received in your Baptism? **We do.**

Will you model your life on the example of your Lord, Jesus Christ? **With the help of God, we will.**

Will you take up your cross, and follow Christ? **With the help of God, we will.**

Will you seek to serve God and God’s people, and not only to be served? **We will, after the example of Christ.**

Will you recognize in others the image of God in which you and they are made? **We will, after the example of Christ.**

Will you be faithful in worship, in reading holy Scripture, and in prayer? **We will, by the grace of God’s Holy Spirit.**

Will you use your gifts in the service of Christ’s Body, the Church? **We will, by the grace of God’s Holy Spirit.**

\*Hymn #223 - When I Survey The Wondrous Cross (v. 2)

Forbid it Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;  
and all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Second Reading: Psalm 116:1, 10-17

Third Reading: Matthew 26:20-30

\*Hymn #223 - When I Survey The Wondrous Cross (v. 3)

See, from his head, his hands, his feet sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?