

**Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held him there  
Until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life.  
I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom,  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer,  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom**

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## **The Blessing**

The Lord bless you and watch over you,  
the Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you,  
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## *Silence is kept.*

Christ was obedient unto death.  
Go in his peace.

# **The Lord's Supper**

**COMMUNION IN THE CELTIC TRADITION ON MAUNDY  
THURSDAY**

## **The Preparation**



### *Lighting of the candles*

The Lord is my light and my salvation  
**The Lord is my light and my salvation**  
The Lord is the strength of my life  
**The Lord is my light and my salvation**  
Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit  
**The Lord is my light and my salvation**

### *Hymn: From heaven you came*

**From heaven you came helpless babe  
Entered our world, your glory veiled  
Not to be served but to serve  
And give Your life that we might live**

***This is our God, The Servant King  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to The Servant King***

**There in the garden of tears  
My heavy load he chose to bear**

**His heart with sorrow was torn  
'Yet not My will but Yours,' He said**

**Come see His hands and His feet  
The scars that speak of sacrifice  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered**

**So let us learn how to serve  
And in our lives enthrone Him  
Each other's needs to prefer  
For it is Christ we're serving**

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## **Welcome & Introduction**

Our Lord Jesus Christ says, "If you love me, keep my commandments" (*John 14.15*)

"Unless I wash you, you have no part with me" (*John 13.8*)

Let us confess to almighty God, our sins against his love and ask him to cleanse us:

**Heavenly Father,  
We have sinned in thought,  
word and deed,  
and have failed to do  
what we ought to have done.  
We are sorry and truly repent.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,**

**The president breaks the consecrated bread**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**We receive the bread and wine in silence**

**Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this  
wonderful sacrament, you have given us the  
memorial of your passion: Grant us so to  
consume your body and blood that we may know  
within ourselves and show forth in our lives the  
fruit of your redemption, for Christ's sake.  
Amen.**

**Song: How deep the Father's love**

**How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That he should give his only Son  
To make a wretch his treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns his face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many Sons to Glory**

**Behold the man upon the cross;  
My sin upon his shoulders;  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice**

and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*As our Saviour has taught us so we pray:*

**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.**

*Silence may be kept*

**who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and lead us in his way  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.**

*The president declares God's forgiveness:*

May the Father forgive us by the death of His Son and  
strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our  
days. **Amen.**

*The Collect*

God our Father,  
you have invited us to share in the supper  
which your Son gave to the church  
to proclaim his death until he comes.  
May he nourish us by his presence  
and unite us in his love who is alive and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Ministry of the Word**



**NT Reading:1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**Song: A new commandment**

**A new commandment I give unto you,  
That you love one another  
as I have loved you,  
That you love one another  
as I have loved you.**

**By this shall all men know  
that you are My disciples,  
if you have love one for another. (x2)**

### **Gospel Reading:**

**John 13.1-17; 31b-35**

We stand for the Gospel reading. When it is announced, all respond:

**Glory to Christ our Saviour**

At the end the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to Christ our Lord**

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God:

**Though he was divine  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.**

these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.  
Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,

and to die upon the cross;  
you raised him from the dead  
and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us  
your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
and made us a people for your own possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**The Sanctus is sung (Tune: Slane):**

**Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,  
in power and wisdom for ever adored.**

**The earth and the heavens  
are full of your love.**

**Our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**

**Blessed, most blessed, all blessed is he  
whose life makes us whole  
and whose death sets us free  
who comes in the name of  
the Father of Light.**

**Let endless hosannas resound in the height.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit

**Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name that is above every other  
name:**

**that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim  
that Jesus Christ is Lord  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*from Philippians 2.6-11*

**Prayer**



Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son  
Jesus washed his disciples feet. We commit ourselves  
to follow his example of love and service

Lord hear us **and humble us**

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one.  
We pray for the unity of your church in this place. Fill  
us with fresh love and the ability to see Christ in one  
another. Lord hear us **and unite us**

On this night, Jesus prayed for those who were to  
believe through their message. We pray for the  
mission of your church - for those exploring faith, for  
those serving others and those being served, for all  
those new to faith, and those pursuing baptism and  
confirmation

Lord hear us **and renew our zeal**

On this night, Jesus commanded his disciples to love,  
but suffered rejection himself. We pray for those who

have been rejected or feel unloved

Lord hear us **and fill us with your love**

On this night, Jesus reminded his followers that if the world hated them, it hated him first.

We pray for our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord hear us **and give us your peace**

### **Song: Such love**

**Such love, pure as the whitest snow  
Such love, weeps for the shame I know  
Such love, paying the debt I owe  
O Jesus, such love**

**Such love, stilling my restlessness  
Such love, filling my emptiness  
Such love, showing me holiness  
O Jesus, such love**

**Such love, springs from eternity  
Such love, streaming through history  
Such love, fountain of life to me  
O Jesus, such love**

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## **Sharing Bread and Wine**



Let us stand to affirm the peace of the Lord:

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All: and also with you**

All may then share a sign of peace

## **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
For he is your living Word;  
through him you have created all things  
from the beginning,  
and formed us in your own image.  
Through him you have freed us  
from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to be born of a woman