

This is the day that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

This is the day that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the day that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

This is the day that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

My Song Is Love Unknown CP 184

My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me; love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be. O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take fail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow; but all made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know: but O my friend, my friend in-deed, who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing, resounding all the day hosannas to their King; then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

# Why, what has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet injuries! Yet they at these themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

They rise and deeds will have my dear Lord made away; a murderer they save, the Prince of life they slay. Yet cheerful he to suffering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine; never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine! This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

O God, your Son Jesus Christ has left to us this meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and his blood. May we who celebrate this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### Exodus 12:1-14

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 neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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 judgements: 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.

Listen for God's Word. Our hearts are open.

#### Psalm 116:1, 10-17



I love the Lord

who has heard the voice of my supplication,

I believed, even when I said,

"I have been brought very low."

In my distress I said,

"No one can be trusted."

How shall I repay you, O Lord,

#### for all the good things you have done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation

and call upon your name.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord

in the presence of all the people.

Precious in your sight, O Lord

is the death of your servants.

O Lord, I am your servant;

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds. I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

and call upon the name of the Lord. RR

#### 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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.

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Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love CP 504

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who acts as a slave to them. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.

> Neighbours are rich and poor, varied in colour and race, neighbours are near and far away.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbours to us and you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet; this is the way we should live with you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.

#### John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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. When he had gone out, 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.' Listen for God's Word. **Our hearts are open.** 

## Sermon

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy." For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- the persecuted Church;
- the oppressed peoples of the world;
- all who are lonely;
- all who are near to death and
- all who are facing loss.

Sovereign God, you have established your rule over the human heart, not by force but by the servant example of Jesus Christ. Move us by your Spirit to join the joyful procession of those who confess Christ Jesus with their tongues and praise him with their lives. **Amen.** 

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

Go to Dark Gethsemane CP 190

Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power. Your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with him one bitter hour; turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgement hall; view the Lord of life arraigned. O the worm-wood and the gall! O the grief his soul sustained! Shun not suffering, share, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet, mark that miracle of time – God's own sacrifice complete. "It is finished," hear him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die. Creator, we spread this table to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ, your Son. Accept all we offer you this day. Bind us together in his love and in the love he has commanded us to bring one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

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. Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our salvation became obedient unto death. The tree of defeat became the tree of victory: where life was lost, life has been restored. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the heavenly chorus, we cry out to proclaim the glory of your name.

# Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command, we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory; and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Trusting in the compassion of God and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

We break this bread,

Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

The gifts of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God.

## Communion

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

## Matthew 26: 30-46

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered." But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.' Peter said to him, 'Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.' Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' Peter said to him, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Again he went away for the second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.' Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

#### Stay Here and Keep Watch Gather 411

## Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come. Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.

#### Psalm 22

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me \* and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress? 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \* by night as well, but I find no rest. 3 Yet you are the Holy One, \* enthroned upon the praises of Israel. 4 Our ancestors put their trust in you; \* they trusted, and you delivered them. 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; \* they trusted in you and were not put to shame. 6 But as for me, I am a worm and not human, \* scorned by all and despised by the people. 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; \* they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying, 8 "You trusted in the Lord; let the Lord deliver you; \* let God rescue you, if God delights in you." **9** Yet you are the one who took me out of the womb, \* and kept me safe upon my mother's breast. 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \* you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \* and there is none to help. 12 Many young bulls encircle me; \* strong bulls of Bashan surround me. 13 They open wide their jaws at me, \* like a ravening and a roaring lion. 14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; \* my heart within my breast is melting wax. **15** My mouth is dried out like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \* and you have laid me in the dust of the grave. 16 Packs of dogs close me in and gangs of evildoers circle around me; \* they pierce my hands and my feet. 17 I can count all my bones \* while they stare and gloat over me. 18 They divide my garments among them; \* they cast lots for my clothing. 19 Be not far away, O Lord; \* you are my strength; hasten to help me. 20 Save me from the sword, \* my life from the power of the dog. 21 Save me from the lion's mouth, \* my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls. 22 I will declare your name to my kindred; \* in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. 23 Praise the Lord, you that fear God; \* stand in awe of God, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory. 24 For God does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither turns away from them; \* when they cry to the Lord, they are heard. 25 My praise is of God in the great assembly; \* I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Lord. 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall give praise: \* "May your heart live for ever!" 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \* and all the families of the nations shall bow before God. 28 For sovereignty belongs to the Lord, \* who rules over the nations. 29 To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*

all who go down to the dust fall before God. **30** My soul shall live for God;
my descendants shall serve God; \*
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever. **31** They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*
the saving deeds that God has done.