



Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service & Hallel

We welcome to the Communion Table all those who have been baptized and have made Jesus Lord.

Hallel (Psalms 113 - 115)

Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol Him, all you peoples.

For great is His mercy toward us and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord

Praise the Lord, you his servants; Praise the name of the Lord.

Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, His glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, Who dwells on high, Who humbles Himself to behold the things in the heavens and in the earth!

When Israel came out of Egypt - Jacob from a people of foreign tongue,
The sea looked and fled, the Jordan turned back; the mountains leaped like rams, the hills like lambs.

Why was it, sea, that you fled?
Why, Jordan, did you turn back?
Why, mountains, did you leap like rams,
you hills, like lambs?

Tremble, earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, who turned the rock into a pool, the hard rock into springs of water.

O Israel, trust in the Lord;
He is your help and shield.
House of Aaron, trust in the Lord;

He is your help and shield.
You who fear him, trust in the Lord;
He is our help and shield.

The Feast of Our Redemption

The Egyptians mistreated us, afflicted us and imposed heavy bondage upon us.

Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers.

The Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our sorrow and our oppression.

And the Lord brought us out from Egypt with a strong hand and with an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders.

When the hour came, Jesus and his disciples reclined at the table, and He said, *I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.*

Let us celebrate the Feast; not with the old leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the bread of sincerity and truth.

Preparation

And on that eve our Lord Jesus said, *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.* Let us confess to God our sins against His love and ask Him to cleanse us:

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against You and against our neighbor, in thought, and word, and deed; through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded Your love, and marred Your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed. We repent of all our sins. For the sake of Your Son Jesus the

Messiah, Who died for us, forgive us all that is past. Lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

Almighty God, Who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Hallel (Psalm 116)

I love the Lord, for He heard my voice; He heard my cry for mercy. Because He turned His ear to me, I will call on Him as long as I live. The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the Lord: Lord, save me!

The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. The Lord protects the simple; I was brought low and He saved me.

Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.

For you, O Lord, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living. How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

I will sacrifice a thank offering to you; I will call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the house of the Lord - in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

Worship Scripture

Hallel (Psalm 115)

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name be the glory because of Your merciful kindness and faithfulness. Why do the nations say, Where is their God?

Our God is in heaven; He does whatever He desires.

But their idols are silver and gold, made by human hands; they have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but cannot see.

Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them.

The highest heavens belong to the Lord; and the earth He has given to man.

It is not the dead who praise the Lord. But we will bless the Lord, both now and forevermore. Praise the Lord.

Offering

Intercessions

God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; on this night, 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 family. . .

Lord, hear us and unite us.

On this night, He prayed for those who were to believe through their message. We pray for the mission of Your Church . . .

Lord, hear us and give us Your passion.

On this night, He commanded them to love, but suffered rejection and betrayal. We pray for the rejected and unloved . . .

Lord, give us Your mercy and compassion.

On this night, He reminded them that if the world hated them, it hated Him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith . . .

Lord, hear us and give us Your peace.

Peace

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Leaving Egypt

In every generation, each individual is bound to regard himself as if he personally had gone out from Egypt. As it is written:

On that day, tell your son, I do this because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.

It was not for our fathers alone; He redeemed us with them. As it is written:
He brought us out to give us what He promised on oath to our forefathers.

The Pascal Meal

Most merciful Lord, Your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit to eat the crumbs from under Your table. But You, Lord, are the God of our salvation. You share Your bread with sinners and the afflicted.

So cleanse us and feed us with the precious body and blood of Your Son, that He may live in us and we in Him; and that we may sit and eat in Your presence. Amen.

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 Him thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise for sending Your beloved Son, to be among us; to be our Savior. He opened wide His arms for us on the cross; He put an end to death by dying for us and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and singing:

**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.**

Accept our praises, Heavenly Father, through Your Son, our Savior Jesus the Messiah; and as we follow His example and obey His command, grant that by the power of Your Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us His body and His blood.

In the same night that He was betrayed, He 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.*

As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

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.*

After they had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prayed to the Father, *If possible, take this cup of suffering from me. Yet not as I will, but as You will.* And He said to his disciples, *Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?*

And so, Father, calling to mind His death on the cross, His perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of all, rejoicing at His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for His coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our freedom.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Messiah has died;

Messiah is risen;

Messiah will come again.

Lord Jesus come in glory.

We break this bread to share in the body of the Messiah who died for us. Though we are many, we are one body because we all share in one bread.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Have mercy on us.

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Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Grant us Your peace.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus the Messiah which He gave for you, and His blood which He shed for you.

Hallel after the Meal (Psalm 118)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His mercy endures forever. Let Israel say:

His mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Aaron say:

His mercy endures forever.

Let those who fear the Lord say:

His mercy endures forever.

When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord; He brought me into a wide place.

The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid.

What can man do to me? The Lord is with me; He is my helper.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

All the nations surrounded me; they surrounded me on every side; they swarmed around me like bees, I was pushed back and about to fall, but the Lord helped me.

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. Shouts of joy and victory are in the tents of the righteous:

The Lord's right hand is lifted high. The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. The Lord has chastened me severely, but He has not given me over to death.

Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; You have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. The Lord has done this; it is marvelous in our eyes. The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice and be glad.

Hosanna! O Lord, save us. Grant us success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you. The Lord is God, and He has made His light shine upon us.

You are my God, and I will praise you; You are my God, and I will exalt You. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endures forever.

Blessing (Psalms 115 & 117)

The Lord remembers us and will bless us: He will bless His people Israel, He will bless those who fear the Lord - small and great alike.

Dismissal

When He had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was an olive grove, and they went into it

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endures forever! Amen.

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