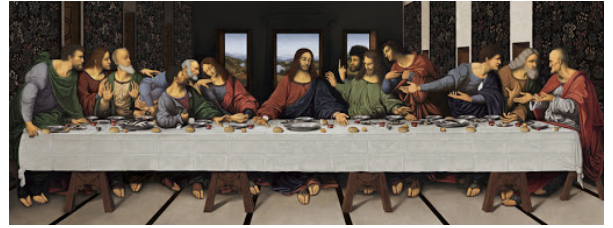


## Readings and prayers for Maundy Thursday

We gather in remembrance of our Lord and Saviour; **Lord have mercy**

We gather to lift up our hearts and minds to the One who loves us; **Christ have mercy**

We gather to remember that on the night before He died, our Lord lifted the bread and wine calling us to do this in remembrance of Him; **Lord have mercy**



On this holy night, we humbly sit before our God, sharing the sins of this world with him and him alone. Let us pause and bring to mind our sins draw near to God.

(some time is spent in reflection)

**We each come before God, aware that we need Him as our Saviour in our lives. Nothing more do we ask than to let nothing stand before us and Him. In your mercy, forgive us all the wrongs we have done and lead us into the light of Your comforting arms, so that we can continue to do Your will on earth, as is the command of the Father, until we are drawn to Your everlasting kingdom. Amen.**

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God? **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil? **I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour? **I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? **I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord? **I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life? **I come to Christ.**

God our Father, you have invited us to share in the supper which your Son gave to his 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

Readings: Exodus 12: 1-15  
Psalm 116 12-19  
1 Corinthians 11: 23-26  
John 13: 1-17, 31-35

**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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**

**Lord, in these days of mercy, make us quiet and prayerful; in these days of challenge, make us stronger in you; in these days of emptiness, take possession of us; in these days of waiting, open our hearts to the mystery of your cross.**

**The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life. Amen.**

We wait and watch with our Lord, we won't fall asleep, we will keep watch and pray.