

### Watchword for Maundy Thursday

"He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the Lord is gracious and merciful." (Psalm 111:4)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

### Opening responses

Reader 1: I will light a light in the name of  
the Maker, who lit the world and  
breathed the breath of life for me.

**Hymn 760** *Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia*

Reader 2: I will light a light in the name of  
the Son, who saved the world and  
stretched out his hand to me.  
*Gloria...*

Reader 3: I will light a light in the name of the  
Spirit, who encompasses the world  
and blesses my soul with yearning.  
*Gloria...*

ALL: ***We will light three lights for  
the trinity of love: God above  
us, God beside us, God  
beneath us: The beginning,  
the end, the everlasting one.***  
*Gloria...*

### Prayer of invocation

ALL: ***Come Lord Jesus, be our guest,  
stay with us for day is ending.***

Reader 1: With friend, with stranger, with  
young and with old, be among us  
tonight.

Reader 2: Come close to us that we may  
come close to you. Forgive us  
that we may forgive one another.

Reader 3: Renew us so that, where we have  
failed, we may begin again.

ALL: ***Come Lord Jesus, be our guest,  
stay with us for day is ending.***  
***Amen.***

### Hymn 776 *Kyrie eleison*

### Word of God

Reader: Listen to the Word of the Lord.

ALL: ***Our ears are open.***

Reader: We read from the Gospel of John  
at Chapter 13, verses 1-17  
*(Scripture is read)*

**Hymn 372** *Lord Jesus, as the shadows*

Reader: We read from the Gospel of  
John, Chapter 13 verses 21-35  
*(Scripture is read)*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord;

ALL: ***Thanks be to God.***

**Song** *A new commandment that I give  
to you is to love one another as I  
have loved you. By this shall all  
know you are my disciples: if you  
have love one for another.*

### Reflection *Sharing the Meal*

### Memorial and invitation

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus  
took bread, and, having blessed it, he broke  
the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
***"This is my body which is given for you."***

In the same way he took wine, and, having  
given thanks for it, he gave the cup to his  
disciples, saying: ***"This cup is the new  
relationship with God, sealed with my blood.  
Take this and share it. I shall drink with you  
next in the coming kingdom of God."***

So now, following Jesus' example, we take this  
bread and this wine; the ordinary things of the  
world through which God will bless us. And, as  
Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth,  
let us also celebrate God's goodness.

### The Prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O God, for you have brought  
forth bread from the earth. Blessed are you, O

God, for you have created the fruit of the vine.

***Blessed are you, our God and our Maker.***

In the beginning you watered the earth that  
man and woman might have food and drink.  
You gave to your servant Sarah bread to  
strengthen her family on their journey, and  
wine to make them glad.

***Blessed are you, our God and our Saviour.***

You called Moses and his people out of  
bondage and refreshed them with food in the  
wilderness. You gave Mary and Jesus their  
daily bread to share.

***Blessed are you, our God and our Guide.***

And here at your table you offer us bread and  
wine for the journey to nourish us as sons and  
daughters. And so with all our sisters and  
brothers, before us and beside us, we join in  
the song of your unending greatness:

**Hymn 769** *Holy, holy, holy*

### The Blessing of the Bread and the Wine

***Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, as  
we do in this place what you did in an  
upstairs room, breathe your Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and this wine, that they  
may be heaven's food and drink for us,  
renewing, sustaining and making us whole,  
and that we may be your body on earth,  
loving and caring in the world.***

### The Prayers of intercession

Lord Jesus, deliver us.

(After each petition): ***deliver us***

Lord Jesus, give us peace.

(After each petition): ***give us peace***

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

**Breaking the Bread Pouring the Wine  
Words of Institution**

Reader: Listen to the Word of God.  
ALL: ***Our ears are open.***  
Reader: We read the institution of the sacrament as written by St. Paul in his 1<sup>st</sup> letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 11, verses 23-26.  
*(Scripture is read)*

**Reflection** *God, food of the poor*

**The Sharing**

Leader: Look, the Bread of Heaven is broken for the life of the world.  
*(Sharing of the Bread)*  
The gifts of God  
for the people of God.  
*(Sharing of the Wine)*

**Sharing God's Peace**

Let us greet one another with a sign of peace.

**Hymn 83** *I rejoiced when I heard / Shalom*

**Blessing** *(All join hands)*

As you have been fed at this table,  
go to feed the hungry.  
As you have been set free,  
go to set free the imprisoned.  
As you have received – give.  
As you have heard – proclaim.  
And the blessing which you have received  
from Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
be always with you. **Amen.**



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*An Evening Service of  
Holy Communion*

**"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"**  
"On entering, peace – on departure, blessing"  
(Pauluskirche Bochum – Porch Inscription 1655)

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Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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