

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 1st 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)

Worship every Sunday at 12.30
