

Watchword for Maundy Thursday

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

(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

GLORIA in EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

READING: St. John 13:1-17 NT p. 136

Chorus Jesus the Lord said

Jesus the Lord said: "I am the Bread,
the Bread of Life for mankind am I."

Jesus the Lord said: "I am the Door,
the Way and the Door for the poor am I."

Jesus the Lord said: "I am the Light,
the one true Light of the world am I."

Jesus the Lord said: "I am the Shepherd,
the one Good Shepherd of the sheep am I."

Jesus the Lord said: "I am the Life,
the Resurrection and the Life am I."

READING St. John 13:31-35 NT p. 137

Chorus A new commandment

A new commandment that I give to you,
is to love one another as I have loved 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.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

COMMUNION PREFACE

Ending with the words:

Do this as often as you drink it
in remembrance of me."

**This is the death we celebrate.
This is the new life we proclaim.
This is the vision we await.**

Chorus Gifts of bread and wine

Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered,
fruits of labour, fruits of love:
taken, offered, sanctified,
blessed and broken; words of one who died:
"Take my body, take my saving blood."
Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord."

Christ our Saviour, living presence here,
as he promised while on earth:
"I am with you for all time,
I am with you in this bread and wine."
"Take my body, take my saving blood."
Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord."

Through the Father, with the Spirit,
one in union with the Son,
for God's people, joined in prayer,
faith is strengthened by the food we share.
"Take my body, take my saving blood."
Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord."

SHARING BREAD and WINE

PRAYERS of CONCERN

Lord Jesus, **deliver us.**
By your cross and resurrection, **deliver us.**
By your witness to the truth, **deliver us.**
By your passion and death, **deliver us.**
By your victory over the grave, **deliver us.**

From the lust of power, **deliver us.**
From the conspiracy of silence, **deliver us.**
From the worship of weapons, **deliver us.**
From the slaughter of the innocent, **deliver us.**
From the nightmare of hunger, **deliver us.**

From the peace that is no peace, **deliver us.**
From security that is no security, **deliver us.**

GATHERING and PREPARATION

(As people gather, all are invited to assist in setting the table
and preparing for the celebration of communion)

RESPONSES Matthew 11:16-19, Luke 15:1-10,
Luke 23:14-27, Luke 24:13-35

Lord Jesus Christ,
because you broke bread with the poor,
you were looked on with contempt.

Because you broke bread with the sinful and
outcast, **you were looked on as ungodly.**

Because you broke bread with the joyful,
you were called a winebibber and a glutton.

Because you broke bread in the upstairs room,
**you sealed your acceptance
of the way of the cross.**

Because you broke bread on the road to
Emmaus, **you made scales fall
from the disciples' eyes.**

Because you broke bread and shared it,
we will do so too, and ask your blessing.

Chorus Humbly in your sight we come

Humbly in your sight we come together, Lord;
grant us now the blessing of your presence here.

These, our hearts, are yours, we give them to you,
Lord; purify our love to make it like your own.

These, our eyes, are yours, we give them to you, Lord;
may we always see your world as with your sight.

These, our hands, are yours, we give them to you, Lord;
give them strength and skill to do all work for you.

Our whole selves are yours, we give them to you, Lord;
take us now and keep us yours for evermore.

INVITATION

READING: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 OT p. 611

From the politics of terror, **deliver us.**
From plundering earth's resources, **deliver us.**
From the dispossession of the poor, **deliver us.**
From the despair of this age, **deliver us.**

Lord Jesus, **give us peace.**
By the light of the gospel, **give us peace.**
By the good news for the poor, **give us peace.**
By your healing of our wounds, **give us peace.**
By faith in your word, **give us peace.**
By hunger and thirst for justice, **give us peace.**
By the coming of your kingdom, **give us peace.**
Amen.

The LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray in your own preferred language / version.)

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

Chorus *Let us talents and tongues employ*

*Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard:
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the word around: loaves abound.*

*Christ is able to make us one,
at his table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express:*

*Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God-Immanuel everywhere:*

BLESSING

God bless each of us as we travel on:
may we discover tables spread in the wilderness
and companions on the road. **Amen.**



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"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

"On entering, peace – on departure, blessing"
(Pauluskirche Bochum – Porch Inscription 1655)

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