

From services at the Abbey of Iona, Scotland

Opening Responses

Come, Lord Jesus.

You too were tired when day was done; you met your friends at evening time.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Come, Lord Jesus.

You too enjoyed when nights drew on; you told your tales at close of day.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Come, Lord Jesus.

You kindled faith when lamps were low; you opened Scriptures,

Broke the bread, and shed your light as darkness fell.

Come, Lord Jesus. Meet us here.

Song 203 Jesu, Jesu

Prayer

Loving God...

...In Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither male nor female,

All are one in Christ Jesus, and for this we praise you.

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All are one in Christ Jesus, and for this we praise you.

...In Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither male nor female,

All are one in Christ Jesus, and for this we praise you.

... There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither male nor female,

All are one in Christ Jesus, and for this we praise you. Amen.

The Word of God: John 13:1-15

Invitation

Washing of Feet

Song 205 Live in Charity (Ubi Caritas)

This is one of the best known and most loved Taizé chants. The Latin words are associated from ancient times with footwashing on Maundy Thursday.

We sing this over and over, in either English or Latin, as a "mantra," while those who wish may come forward for footwashing and silent prayer. The ritual concludes with:

Prayers for People and the World (please close your eyes)

The Word of God: Matthew 26:26-35

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Story

...remembering the time in history

When God saved the people from bondage,

Spoken every Passover even to our present day. Then, he said:

This bread is my body. It is broken for you.

Whenever you do this, remember me.

After supper, he took the last cup...

...the cup none at the Passover table ever raised to their lips,

And he said,

This cup is God's new covenant, in my blood.

Drink from it, all of you,

and whenever you do this, remember me.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

...In this prayer I shall say two phrases, each ending with "Thank you, God," which we shall all then answer with,

"Thank you, God."

After that, using the same pattern of responses, anyone else may give thanks, ending with "Thank you, God."

Let us pray...

...Thank you, God.

Thank you, God.

So now, in gratitude, we turn to one another, find out the names of any unknown to us, and say,

Thank you, God, for_____.

Song 498 Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

Prayer

Lord God, as we come to the richness of your table,

We cannot forget the rawness of the earth.

We cannot take bread and forget those who are hungry.

Your world is one world and we are stewards of its nourishment.

Lord, put our prosperity at the service of the poor.

We cannot take the cup and forget those who are thirsty,

The ground itself and all the rootless,

The earth and its weary people who cry out to be refreshed.

Lord, put our fullness at the service of the empty.

We cannot hear your words of peace and forget the world at war.

Show us quickly, Lord, how to turn threats into welcomes, Swords into ploughshares;

Change our faith in our own mightiness

Into a yearning for a world where all have enough

And are satisfied with what they have.

We cannot celebrate the feast of your household

And forget our divisions.

We are one in spirit, but not in fact.

History and hurt still dismember us.

Lord, heal your church and your world in every brokenness.

The Peace

Prayer of Consecration

For us you were born...

The consecration continues, concluding with...

Song 603 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy upon us.

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

Have mercy upon us.

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

Grant us your peace.

The Communion (please take the bread and dip it in the cup)

As the people are circulating, all share in singing

Song 507 Come to the Table of Grace

Prayer of Resolution

Lord Jesus, you have put your life into our hands;

Now we put our lives into yours.

Take us, renew and remake us.

What we have been is past,

What we shall be, through you, still awaits us.

Lead us on.

Take us with you. Amen.

Closing Responses

The cross.

We shall take it:

The bread.

We shall break it;

The pain,

We shall bear it;

The joy,

We shall share it;

The Gospel,

We shall live it;

The love,

We shall give it;

The light,

We shall cherish it;

The gloom,

God will perish it.



Benediction

Song 497 *Bread of Life from Heaven* (verses 2-5)

WELCOME to our Maundy Thursday Communion Service, commemorating the Last Supper of Jesus with his most beloved disciples. Ours is an open Communion, so we invite all Christians to feel welcome in joining us in the Sacrament, as God's gift to us in Jesus Christ was given for all.

We hope you will all join us for other services this weekend:

TOMORROW AFTERNOON, 12 NOON - 3:00 PM

Good Friday Community Worship Service at Bethel AME Church, Christian Ave., Setauket

TOMORROW NIGHT, 8:00 PM

Good Friday Tenebrae Service at Setauket Presbyterian Church

EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 AM Sunrise Service

9:30 & 11:00 AM Intergenerational Worship Services

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