

# Prayer at Home



# Maundy Thursday

## Preparation

*This prayer may either be used by a household group or an individual. Where there is a group, texts said in response to a Leader are in **bold**.*

*At the Mass of the Lord's Supper the Presentation of Gifts traditionally includes, alongside the bread and the wine, gifts for the poor. During this time it is important to remember the work of charities, local and international, and where possible make a donation. There may be a local foodbank which needs donations at this time.*

*Gather around the dining table and, if possible, light a candle. When everyone is seated at the table, begin your prayer.*

## Introduction

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life.

No one who comes to me will ever be hungry.' (Jn 6:35)

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you

**because by your holy cross**

**you have redeemed the world.**

## Reading

1 Cor 11:23-26

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Reflection

*Spend a few minutes in silence to reflect on Jesus' words.*

*Eucharist means to 'give thanks' – what do you give thanks for?*

*'Do this in memory of me' what are the different ways we do this?*

*You may wish to share some of these things aloud.*

# Thanksgiving

*Psalm 135 is a litany of praise and thanksgiving to God. In a group each verse might be read by a different person with everyone saying 'for his love endures for ever'.*

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love endures for ever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his love endures for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his love endures for ever;

who alone has wrought marvellous works,  
for his love endures for ever;

whose wisdom it was made the skies,  
for his love endures for ever;

who fixed the earth firmly on the seas,  
for his love endures for ever.

It was he who made the great lights,  
for his love endures for ever,

the sun to rule in the day,  
for his love endures for ever,

the moon and stars in the night,  
for his love endures for ever.

He let Israel inherit their land,  
for his love endures for ever.

On his servant their land he bestowed,  
for his love endures for ever.

He remembered us in our distress,  
for his love endures for ever.

And he snatched us away from our foes,  
for his love endures for ever.

He gives food to all living things,  
for his love endures for ever.

To the God of heaven give thanks,  
for his love endures for ever.

## Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to pray:

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.

May God bless us and keep us safe.

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*You may wish to finish by offering each person a sign of peace.*

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