

# A Service of Eucharist for Holy Week

## Wednesday

## The Greeting

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

*The president greets the people*

The Lord be with you:  
*All* **And also with you.**

## Words of Preparation

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

*Galatians 6.14*

## Prayers of Penitence

Christ himself carried up our sins in his body to the tree,  
so that, free from sins,  
we might live for righteousness;  
by his wounds we have been healed.  
Let us confess our sins.

You faced the crowd who shouted for blood  
We dared not to object.  
Lord, have mercy.  
*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

You stood before the ruler who washed his hands  
We accepted his decision  
Christ, have mercy.  
*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

You were mocked by the faithful who feared for their power;  
We denied we ever knew you.

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive you your sins  
and make you holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen**

## **The Collect**

*Silence is kept.*

Let us pray

Lord, you let us convert you  
Into currency and commodity  
So that you can pay the price  
Beyond all accounting:  
May we offer our misused powers to you  
Knowing that you transform them  
Knowing that even this betrayal  
Is still a kiss;  
Through Jesus, the passion of God.

**All Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Old Testament Reading

#### Isaiah 50: 4-9

- <sup>4</sup> The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.
- <sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.
- <sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.
- <sup>7</sup> The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
- <sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.
- <sup>9</sup> It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?  
All of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.

## New Testament Reading

### Hebrews 12: 1-3

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

### John 13: 21-32

<sup>21</sup> After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, “Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.” <sup>22</sup> The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. <sup>23</sup> One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; <sup>24</sup> Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. <sup>25</sup> So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?” <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.” So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. <sup>27</sup> After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “Do quickly what you are going to do.” <sup>28</sup> Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. <sup>29</sup> Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the festival”; or, that he should give something to the poor. <sup>30</sup> So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*The following responses may be used:*

Lord in your mercy

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ,**

**Amen.**

**The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

**The Peace**

We, who were enemies  
of one another and of life,  
have been reconciled  
by the free gift of God;  
for while we were still at war  
God has made peace  
By the blood of the cross

The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All* **and also with you**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**The Preparation of the Table**  
**Taking of the Bread and Wine**

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you  
**All and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**  
*The president praises God for God's mighty acts and all respond*

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The president recalls the Last Supper*

*The following acclamation may be used*  
Great is the mystery of faith  
**All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again**

*The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology,  
to which all respond boldly*  
**All Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom  
and teach us to pray.

**All 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 them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
**All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

### Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The president and people receive communion.  
Authorized words of distribution are used.*

## Prayer after Communion

**All Lord, we thank you  
That in your passion  
You offer forgiveness  
And invite us to be with you  
Where hunger is no more  
And death has no dominion:  
May the broken bread of life  
Fracture our stony hearts  
For the sake of another world.  
Amen.**

## Blessing and Dismissal

May the cross be the sign  
In which we begin again  
To undo the cords of violence,  
The misery of exclusion,  
And proclaim the love  
Without conditions;  
And the blessing of God almighty  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**All Amen.**

## The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The ministers and people depart.*