



Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey
Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, NJ

Agapé for Maundy Thursday *6:00 pm*

The service begins gathered by our Bishop in our homes.

In this time of quarantine, we gather as one Body, though in separate and diverse places. If it is desired to share a meal as part of the Maundy Thursday Commemoration, the following order may be observed.

A meatless meal is to be preferred. The setting should be austere and the foods sparse and simple. Appropriate foods include soup, cheese, olives, dried fruit, bread, and wine.

Before the meal, the Liturgy of the Word is offered by the Bishop, and Dean and staff of the Trinity Cathedral, and the people participating in their homes. The meal will then commence with prayers offered in each home at the conclusion of our Cathedral worship.

Before 6 pm in our Homes

The Preparation at Home

The candle or candles on the table or in the worship area may be lit before worship is to begin.

Leader at Home

God is our light and our salvation, and in Lord's name we light these candles. May they remind us of the beauty of God's truth and the radiance of God's love. May our hearts be open to the light of Christ now and at all times.

All Lord, in your mercy, let there be light.

At 6 PM. [Link with our Bishop here:](#)

The Liturgy of the Word

1st verse intoned, please join remaining verses

HYMN 329 *(Hymnal 1982 Tune: Pange lingua)*

Now, my tongue, the mystery telling



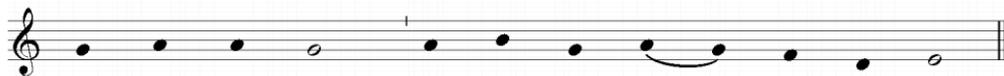
1 Now, my tongue, the mys - tery tell - ing of the glo - rious
2 Given for us, and con - de - scend - ing to be born for
3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing mid the twelve, his
4 Word made flesh, the bread he tak - eth, by his word his
*5 There - fore we, be - fore him bend - ing, this great Sac - ra -
*6 Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



1 Bo - dy sing, and the Blood, all price ex - cell - ing,
2 us be - low, he with us in con - verse blend - ing
3 cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,
4 Flesh to be; wine his sa - cred Blood he mak - eth,
5 ment re - vere; types and sha - dows have their end - ing,
6 and the Son, hon - or, thanks, and praise ad - dress - ing,



1 which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, once on earth a -
2 dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, till he closed with
3 keeps the feast its rites de - mand; then, more pre - cious
4 though the sens - es fail to see; faith a - lone the
5 for the new - er rite is here; faith, our out - ward
6 while e - ter - nal a - ges run; ev - er too his



1 mong us dwell - ing, shed for this world's ran - som - ing.
2 won - drous end - ing his most pa - tient life of woe.
3 food sup - ply - ing, gives him - self with his own hand.
4 true heart wak - eth to be - hold the mys - ter - y.
5 sense be - friend - ing, makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.
6 love con - fess - ing who from both with both is One.

The Bishop may say

Hosanna to the Son of David.

All Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

The Collect for Purity is then said

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The following is sung or said,

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect (adapted).

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood and provided an example of humble service for true discipleship, mercifully grant that we may live according to the blessed pattern of his most holy life, and (*one day again*) partake in these holy mysteries that gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from Exodus (12:1-8, 11-14a)

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you.

Psalm 78 (14-20, 23-25)

He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

But they went on sinning against him, *
rebellious in the desert against the Most High.

They tested God in their hearts, *
demanding food for their craving.

They railed against God and said, *
"Can God set a table in the wilderness?"

True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out,
and the gullies overflowed; *
but is he able to give bread
or to provide meat for his people?"

So he commanded the clouds above *
and opened the doors of heaven.

He rained down manna upon them to eat *
and gave them grain from heaven.

So mortals ate the bread of angels; *
he provided for them food enough.

A Reading for the Gospel of Luke (22:14-30)

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he

had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!' Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Reflection

The Bishop then says

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Intercessor

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Lord in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Lord in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Lord in your mercy, *Hear our prayer*
Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help

those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace. Lord in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth. Lord in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

The Bishop concludes the Prayers

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, *heal us.*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Meal

Please join the Bishop in offering the following prayers.

Giving Thanks Over Wine

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and on this night you have reminded us of our salvation through the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Glory to you for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Giving Thanks Over Bread

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and on this night you have reminded us of the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Giving Thanks Over the Other Foods

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen us in the fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Then may be said

Jesus said, "Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you. I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you."

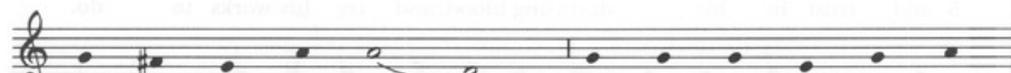
All By this shall the world know that we are his disciples: That we have love for one another.



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; of the might - y con - flict
 2 Thir - ty years a - mong us dwell - ing, his ap - point - ed time ful -
 3 He en - dures the nails, the spit - ting, vin - e - gar, and spear, and
 4 Faith - ful cross! a - bove all o - ther, one and on - ly no - ble
 5 Bend thy boughs, O tree of glo - ry! Thy re - lax - ing sin - ews
 *6 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or to the



1 sing; tell the tri - umph of the vic - tim, to his
 2 filled, born for this, he meets his pas - sion, this the
 3 reed; from that ho - ly bo - dy bro - ken blood and
 4 tree! None in fo - liage, none in blos - som, none in
 5 bend; for a - while the an - cient ri - gor that thy
 6 Son, praise and hon - or to the Spi - rit, ev - er



1 cross thy tri - bute bring. Je - sus Christ, the world's Re -
 2 Sa - vior free - ly willed: on the cross the Lamb is
 3 wa - ter forth pro - ceed: earth, and stars, and sky, and
 4 fruit thy peer may be: sweet - est wood and sweet - est
 5 birth be - stowed, sus - pend; and the King of heaven - ly
 6 Three and ev - er One: one in might and one in



1 deem - er from that cross now reigns as King.
 2 lift - ed, where his pre - cious blood is spilled.
 3 o - cean, by that flood from stain are freed.
 4 i - ron! sweet - est weight is hung on thee.
 5 beau - ty gent - ly on thine arms ex - tend.
 6 This concludes the Cathedral portion. Please enjoy the prayers that follow in your homes.

The Agapé Meal is shared.

At the conclusion of the meal, a psalm, such as Psalm 69:1-23, or with a song, or with a prayer, may be shared as the Table is cleared and dishes washed.

These prayers may then be offered

Most Holy God, we thank you for your great love which you have placed in our hearts, and for the knowledge and trust that you made known to us through Jesus your servant. **Glory to you now and forever.**

You, Holy God, made everything for your name's sake. You gave food and drink to all people to enjoy, that we may give you thanks. And to us you freely give spiritual food and drink and life eternal through Jesus, your servant. **Glory to you now and forever.**

Remember your church. Free and protect us from evil and make us perfect in your love; make us holy and gather us in your Kingdom (Realm) prepared for us. For Yours is the power and the glory forever. **Amen**

May your healing come, and this crisis pass away! For Jesus is coming! **Amen.**