

## Fixed Hour Prayer Maundy Thursday (April 9)

**The Morning Office      be observed between 6 and 9 a.m.**

### *The Call to Prayer*

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people, from this time on and forevermore. For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, so that the righteous might not stretch out their hands to do wrong. Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts. But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers. Peace be upon Israel. (Psalm 125)

### *The Request for Presence*

O Lord, be gracious to us; we wait for you. Be our arm every morning, our salvation in the time of trouble. (Isaiah 33:2)

### *The Greeting*

I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old. I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds. (Psalm 77: 11-12)

### *The Refrain for the Morning Lesson*

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. (John 14:1)

### *A Reading from John 13: 31-35*

Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one

another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

*The Refrain for the Morning Lesson*

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*The Morning Psalm*

I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. (Psalm 40:1-3)

*The Hymn: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of His friends silently washes their feet  
master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)

Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,  
neighbors are nearby and far away. (Refrain)

These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love,  
all these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)

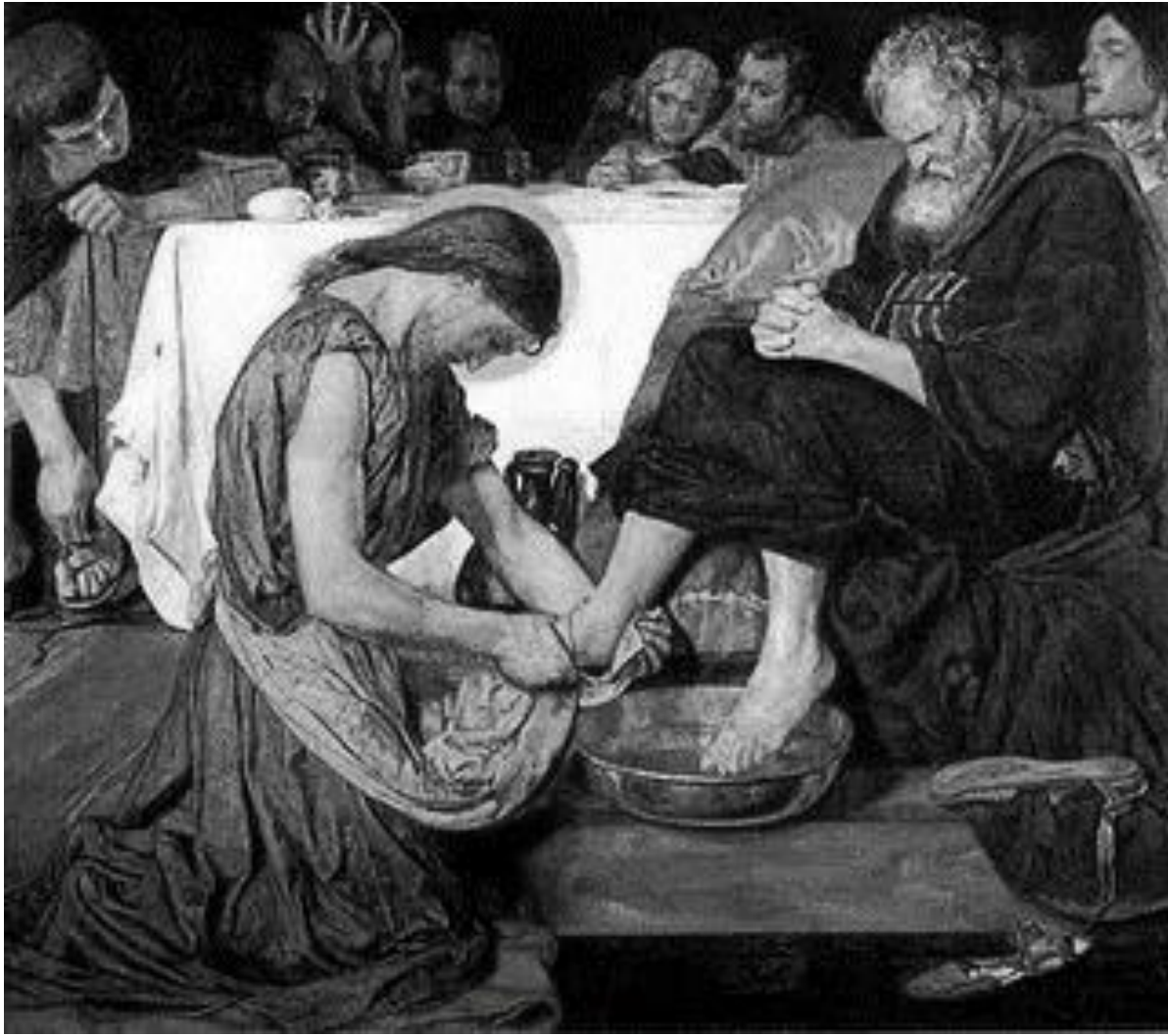
*The Lord's Prayer*

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. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*Concluding Prayer of the Day*

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of His betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as He loves

us. Write this commandment in our hearts and give us the will to serve others as He was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



## **The Midday Office**

**to be observed between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.**

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### *The Call to Prayer*

For lo, the Lord is coming out of His place, and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth. (Micah 1:3)

### *The Request for Presence*

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust." (Psalm 91: 1-2)

### *The Greeting*

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. (1 John 3:18)

### *The Refrain for the Midday Lesson*

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? (Psalm 24: 3)

### *A Reading from Matthew 26: 20-30*

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

*The Refrain for the Midday Lesson*

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*The Cry of the Church*

Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will, but yours be done. (Luke 22: 42)

*The Lord's Prayer*

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*The Call to Prayer*

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. (Psalm 27:3)

*The Request for Presence*

But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog. Save me from the mouth of the lion. (Psalm 22: 19-21)

*The Refrain for the Vesper Lesson*

I am utterly spent and crushed; I groan because of the tumult of my heart. (Psalm 38:8)

*A Reading from Luke 22: 47-53*

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

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*The Hymn: Go to Dark Gethsemane*

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's power;  
your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with Him one bitter hour  
turn not from His griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgement hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul  
sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn from Him to bear the  
cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring, at His feet,  
mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear Him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

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temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and  
the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### *The Concluding Prayer*

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your  
Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the  
cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

