



you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*Silence is kept*

### **The Collect**

God our Father,  
your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end  
and drank the cup prepared for him:  
may we who share his table  
watch with him through the night of suffering  
and be faithful. Amen.

### **The Readings**

*Exodus 12. 1-14*

*Psalm 116. 1, 10-17*

*1 Corinthians 11. 23-26*

*John 13. 1-17, 31b-35*

## **The Washing of Feet**

*I invite you to imagine your foot being washed.  
So carefully and tenderly, with such love.*

*God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.*

Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling;  
Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting;  
let us all revere and love him, God eternal.  
Loving him, let each love Christ in all his brothers.

*God is love,...*

When we Christians gather, members of one Body,  
let there be in us no discord, but one spirit;  
banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel.  
Christ our God be present always here among us.

*God is love,...*

Grant us love's fulfilment, joy with all the blessed  
when we see your face, O Saviour, in its glory;  
shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,  
be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises.

*God is love,...*

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Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers  
and sisters we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant  
of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed,  
your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet.  
We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.  
Lord, hear us and humble us.

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one.  
We pray for the unity of your Church.  
Lord, hear us and unite us.

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through  
his disciples' message.  
We pray for the mission of your Church.  
Lord, hear us and renew our zeal.

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love,  
but suffered rejection himself.  
We pray for the rejected and unloved.  
Lord, hear us and fill us with your love.

On this night, he reminded his disciples  
that if the world hated them it hated him first.

We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.  
Lord, hear us and give us your peace.

On this night, he accepted the cup of death  
and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom.  
We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ.  
Lord, hear us and welcome all your children into paradise.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father....

### **The Ending**

When the disciples had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prayed to the Father, 'If it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me.' He said to his disciples, 'How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me for one hour? The hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinners.'

Christ was obedient unto death.

Go in his peace.