

Jesus' prayer is divided into 3 sections. For Himself, for the disciples and for us as believers.

John 17:20, "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

Following His Resurrection: Acts 1:4-5.

"⁴On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them (the disciples) this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. [Which is what we just looked at in John] ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit"

1 Cor. 11:23-26

The Great Thank Giving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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 on the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn #539 "O Spirit of the Living God" Vs. 1-4

CLOSING BENEDICTION

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Maundy Thursday Worship Service:

GREETING: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Christ has prepared a feast of love.

CONFESSION AND PARDON:

Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray. And by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.
But Christ suffered and died for us,
was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us,
and continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news:
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Exodus 12:1-14
 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

HYMN # 617 "I Come with Joy" Vs. 1-4

MESSAGE "Jesus Teaches About the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit"

John 13: 1-17, 25-27.

It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. ² The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later

you will understand.”⁸ “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet. *“Jesus answered, ‘Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.’”*⁹ “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!”¹⁰ Jesus answered, “A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.”¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean.¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them.¹³ “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am.”¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.¹⁶ I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Verses 3:18-33 tell us that Jesus knew that Judas Iscariot would be the one who would betray him. Judas then gets up and leaves the room.

Jesus’s Teaching Moment John 13:30-Chapter 17.

John 13:33, “My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.”

John 14:2-11 Jesus begins to explain why He is leaving.

²“I am going away to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” Thomas speaking,⁵ “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”⁹ Jesus answered him saying: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.”¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. And the only way we can know the Father is through believing in Jesus. He said, “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit 14:15-16, 25-27 “...if you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another *Counselor* to be with you forever – *the Spirit of truth.*”²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you.”²⁶ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, *He will teach you* all things and will *remind* you of everything I have said to you.²⁷ *Peace* I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

John 14:31 “Come now; let us leave.”

John 15:11, “I have told you these things so that My JOY may be in you and that YOUR JOY would be complete.

Last half of ch.15, “...the world will hate you in the same way it hated me.”

Vs 22, If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. Now, however, they (the world) have no excuse for their sin.”

Why did the world hate Jesus?

John 3:16, 18-19

Jesus said that He came into the world so that whoever would believe in Him, they would have eternal life. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.

Vs 19 says, this is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

Why do Christians face hostility? Because Christians proclaim the gospel message of holiness that convicts people of their sin, which makes them feel guilty. Godly conviction leads people to repentance, which leads people to God’s forgiveness, which leads people to salvation. This is the Good News!

John 16:5-7

“Now I (Jesus) am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’⁶ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things.”⁷ But I tell you the truth, it is for your good that I am going away. *Unless I go away, the Counselor (the Advocate) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.*