

Suggestions for Maundy Thursday

Passages from the Word

Exodus 12:14-20

Matthew 26:17-29

and/or John 13:1-20

The Teachings of the New Church

No one who does not know about the way natural things correspond to spiritual ones can know the benefits conferred by the Holy Supper.

(the heading above paragraphs 698-701 of **The True Christian Religion**
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Hymn

Let all who share one bread and cup remember ...

Fred Kaan

Songs for Worship 224 tune *True Devotion* metre – 11 11 11 5

Prayers

Lord Jesus, we recall at this time how on that solemn Passover night you met with your disciples in the upper room and hallowed bread and wine as memorials of your body and blood.

We thank you for this sacrament of our redemption and for all that it reveals to us of your love; and we pray that whenever we meet at your table to obey your command, 'Do this in remembrance of me', we may know your risen presence in our midst and feed upon you, the true bread from heaven, till we come to your everlasting kingdom.

Frank Colquhoun

Jesus Lord and Master, who served your disciples in washing their feet: serve us often, serve us daily, in washing our motives, our ambitions, our actions: that we may share with you in your mission to the world and serve others gladly for your sake; to whom be glory for ever.

Michael Ramsey

Suggestions for Good Friday

Passages from the Word

Psalm 22:1-11

Matthew 26:36-46

and/or Matthew 27:24-50

The Teachings of the New Church

By His passion on the cross did not take away sins but carried them

The heading above paragraphs 15-17 of **Teaching concerning the Lord** pub 2019 tr John Elliott

A Hymn

There is a green hill far away

Songs for Worship 394 tune Horsley CM

Prayers

O Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Saviour, we remember and acknowledge the greatness of your love which stooped to share our burdens and our griefs. We bless You for all Your mercies, and especially at this time that You who are the First became also the Last, that You who are God alone became flesh for our salvation, and in Your human nature bore all temptations, even to death, that we might be saved.

Be present with us in Your Divine Humanity, and give to each one of us the abiding spirit of Your grace, that in Your strength we too may go forth conquering and to conquer.

O Lord Jesus Christ who came for our redemption, and suffered temptation even to death, inspire us, we beseech You, with a deep abhorrence of all that is evil. Give to us the will and the strength to resist it, We acknowledge our transgressions before You, confessing that we have done that which is evil. In the greatness of Your mercy blot out our transgressions. Lead us into true repentance, that we may hereafter serve You and worship You in purity of heart and mind.

Book of Worship (1971) Slightly altered

Suggestions for Easter Day

Passages from the Word

Psalm 98

and/or Zephaniah 3:14-20

Matthew 28:1-15

and/or John 20:1-18

and Revelation 1:17-18

The Teachings of the New Church

The Lord by acts of redemption made Himself righteous. 95-96

By the same acts the Lord united Himself with the Father, and the Father with Him. 97-100

Thus God became man, and man God, in one person. 101-103

His progress towards union was His state of exinanition, and the union itself is His state of glorification. 104-106

These four statements, along with paragraph numbers, occur in

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Hymns (Songs for Worship)

43 Christ the Lord is risen today tune *Easter Hymn* metre 7 7 7 7

223 Let all the world in every corner sing tune *Luckington* metre 10 4 6 6 6 6 10 4

244 Lord Jesus, in the days of old tune *St Matthias* metre 8 8 8 8 8 8

Prayers

Lord Jesus Christ, by your resurrection from the dead you have hallowed the first day of the week as a day of worship for your people: may we so die to sin and rise to newness of life that we may be worthy to offer up our prayers and praises on this and every day, to the honour and glory of your holy name.

Diocese of Melanesia

O Lord, open to us the joyful truth of Easter. Lead us into its wonder and let us be inspired and encouraged. May Your victory strengthen our obedience to Your Word, Your resurrection move us to higher aims and hopes. Heal us and stir us to new efforts of charity and usefulness. At Easter let there be compassion and forgiveness, repentance and self-searching, as people with gladdened hearts remember Your victory.

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