

**A LITURGY FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY, 21ST APRIL 2011 AT ST
ANDREW'S PRO- CATHEDRAL CHURCH, THIKA AT 7.00 PM**

Hymn 110 (old) 119 (New) Ciugo Mugwanja Cia Mutharaba-ini

Priest: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People: **Whose Mercy endures forever.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: A New Commandment I give to you that you love one another, as I have loved you. *John 13:34*

The Priest Says;

Tonight we begin the Great Three Days of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection, the journey from the supper table to the cross, from the cross to Easter dawn. We are followers in his way, exploring his truth, encountering his life.

This is the night when Christ the Lamb of God gave himself
Into the hands of those who would betray him.

This is the night when Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the night when Christ our Lord gave us this holy feast,
That as we break the bread and drink the cup
we may here proclaim his holy sacrifice,
and come at the last to his table in heaven.

This is the night when Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet,
Showing us how to honour and serve one another in love.

This is the night for watching and prayer.

We give ourselves freely to the demands of these great days,
Confident that those who die in Christ will surely live with him.

The Priest introduces the Confession by these words;

Our Lord Jesus Christ says,

If you Love me keep my commandments. *John 14:15*

Unless I wash you, you have no part with me. *John 13:8*

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God,
Our maker and our judge,
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
And in what we have failed to do:
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves'**

**We have wounded you love, and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.
Father, forgive us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

While standing the Priest says;

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to Him in faith, pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect is read

Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to be the servant of others as He was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN.

Let us pray.

Moment of silence is observed

Loving God, your Son Jesus Christ has left us this meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and blood. May we who celebrate this sign of His Great love show in our lives the fruits of His redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 12:1-14
Epistle Reading: 1 Cor. 11:23-29
Gospel Reading: John 13:1-17, 31-35

Hymn No 105(Old), 131 (New)

The Sermon

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Priest: Merciful God, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. As we commit ourselves to following his example of love and service, teach us humility.

Priest: God of grace.
Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Priest: On this night, Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one. As we grieve for the divisions in the Church, unite us.

Priest: God of grace,
Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Priest: On this night, Jesus prayed for those who would come to believe through the disciples' message. As we take up the mission of the church, renew our zeal.

Priest: God of grace,
Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Priest: On this night, Jesus commanded his friends to love, but he suffered rejection himself. As we open our hearts to the rejected and the unloved, fill us with your love.

Priest: God of grace,
Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Priest: On this night, Jesus reminded his people that, if the world hated them, it had hated him first. As we face our own fears, we pray for those who are persecuted for their faith; give us your peace.

Priest: God of grace,
Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Priest: On this night, Jesus loved His friends to the very end, as we open our hearts to all who face darkness tonight, we pray for the sick, those who mourn, those trapped by violence, addiction, or pain: give healing and hope.

Priest: God of grace,
Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Priest: Faithful God, these are the prayers of your Church.

Congregation: We offer them trusting and hoping in you.
Hear and help us, challenge and change us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All: **Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that He may live in us and we in Him; and that we, the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen**

THE WASHING OF FEET

The Priest washes the feet of the Christians saying these words;

Our Lord Jesus Christ says,

If you Love me, keep my commandments. *John 14:15*

Unless I wash you, you have no part with me. *John 13:8*

**A New Commandment I give to you that you love one another, as I have loved you.
*John 13:34***

After the Washing all Christians will observe a moment of Silence reflecting on their call to love one another

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of your church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom, where you live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen**

Priest: Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

Congregation: We meet in His name and share His peace.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Priest: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a greeting of peace while the Table is prepared a hymn maybe sung

HYMN NO. OLD 104, NEW 132 (MUTHARABA-INI WA MUKURI)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest: At the Eucharist we are with our crucified and risen Lord. We know that it was not only our ancestors, but we who were redeemed and brought forth from bondage to freedom, from mourning to feasting. We know that as he was with them in the upper room so our Lord is here with us now.

All: **Until the Kingdom of God comes let us celebrate this feast.**

All: **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 in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.
Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Priest As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray.

**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 for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

The Priest breaks bread and says;

Priest: Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies,
It remains just a single grain;
but if it dies it bears much fruit.

All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him.

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Priest: Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ
In remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with
thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION

A Hymn may be sung NEW 128, OLD 111- (Mamuthurire Tuhu...)

Silence may be kept

After communion

The Priest then says,

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of betrayal Jesus commanded his disciples to love one another as He loved them. We thank you for feeding us in this supper. Give us the will to serve others as He was servant of all. **Amen**

Priest: 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 possible 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 sinful me. Come let us go.”

Christ was obedient unto death. Go in peace.

A Hymn may be sung . OLD 109, NEW- 137, G.B-143 (UKAI HAHA MURIRE)

The linen, ornaments and other hanging may be removed.

Psalm 88 be said and Mark 14:41b-50 be read.

The Priest and the Congregation depart in silence without a blessing or dismissal.

(New 119,Old 110)

1. Ciugo mugwanja cia mutharaba-ini

Tungiciiga muno ngoro-ini ciitu

Ciaturuta gucaragia mukuuri

Uria watukiriire muti-ini.

Tumamathei, Mwathani mukuuri witu,

Tumumathei, Mwathani, mukuri witu.

2. Maarikia kwamba Mwathani muti-ini,

Nguo ciake magiciunira miti;

Mukuuri Jesu nioigire, “Awa,

Mohere, matiui uria megwika.”

3. Muici umwe niaakaiire Mwathani,

Jesu akimucokeria akiuga,

“Itikia riu niurikoruo na nii

Kuria maroho ma andu atheru mari.”

4. “Kuuma riu uyu niwe maituguo,

Nawe maitu, ucio niwe muruguo,

Ciugo icio nicio Jesu oigire,

Ni undu wa kieha gia gutiga endwa ake.

5. Na thaa kenda ciarikia gukinya,
Jesu akiguuthuka na akiuga,
“Elii, Elii, lama sabakithani?”
(Ngai wakwa, wandiganiria niki?)
6. Thakame yarikia gutika muno,
Jesu akiuga, Riu nii ninyotii!”
Agikundio thiki na kamurangi,
Akianirira, “Uhoru niwarika!”
7. Ni kwari nduma kuuma thaa thita
Nayo igiikara nginya thaa kenda.
Gitama kia hekaru gigiatuka.
Kiugo giake kia muthia ni giki:
“We, Ngai Baba, oya Roho wakwa riu!
We, Ngai Baba, oya Roho wakwa riu!”

131 MURU WA NGAI NIOKIRE (105)

Muru wa Ngai niokire,
Etagwo, “wa mathina,”
Niguo atuhonokie;
Muhonokia mwega muno.

Niacirithirio
Ningi ni ahurirwo ma;
Na n iwe wqanjoheire;
Muhonokia mwega muno.

Ithui twari oiru ma,
No we ari muthingu;
Niatuiguithanirie;
Muhonokia mwega muno.

Niambirwo muti –ini
Nioigire, “ni hingitie,”
Riu atuire iguru;
Muhonokia mwega muno.

Riria agoka, munene,
Atutware iguru,
Hindi iyo ni tukaina,
“Muhonokia mwega muno.”

128 MUMUTHURIRIE TUHU (111)

Mamuthurire tuhu Mwathani, Jesu
Na makimucirithia mwathani witu:
Moririe pil;atu mohorerwo Baaba
Nake mwathi jesu ambwo muti-ini.

Mokire me na hiu na ndotono
Juasi ari mbere amatongoirie
Judasi akimuria, Rabbi uri muhoro?
Akimuhimbiria akimugeithia.

Niahurirwo iboko iri n jaga
Agithinio muno utuku ucio;
Na agituirwo mata, agitumirwo thumbi,
Yari m iigua miingi, akiigirirwo.

Ni ambirwo muti-ini, Mwathani witu,
Akiura thakame nyingi muno
Akihoya akiuga, "Awa mohere
Amu uria megwika matiu!"

Bururi wagiire nduma wothe
Kirindi k iari ho gikimaka;
Bururi wagiire nduma wothe
Kirindi k iari ho gikimaka;

137 UKAI HAHA MURIRE (109)

Ukai haha murire;
Muuke muone Mwathani;
Muigue kieha na murire:
Jesu ni mwambe muti-ini!

Niooigire ciiugo mugwanja,
Ciugo njega cia wendani,
Akienda andu maiguirwo tha:
Jesu ni mwambe muti-ini!

Waganu witu na mwitio,
Ti itheru nocio judasi:
Ni ithui twamuragithirie:
Jesu ni mwambe muti-ini!

Riu nituhoe tha njigu,
Ningi turire maithori;
Tugeriae riu kwirira ma;
Jesu ni mwambe muti-ini!

Jesu ni inyui akuiririe:
Mukumuthura ni undu kii?

Hotwooni ni wendo wake:
Jesu ni mwambe muti-ini!