By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant, by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said, “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

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:

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By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

THE LORD’S PRAYER 895

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Asterisks (*) indicate an invitation to stand as you are able.

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**
In remembrance, we gather:
- to be with the One who teaches us the meaning of faithfulness.
- lifting our voices to the One who calls us to love one another.
- breaking the bread which makes us whole, drinking the cup which fills us with grace.

**HYMN** 292 What Wondrous Love is This

**CONFESSON AND PARDON**
How is it people will recognize us as followers of Jesus? Simply by how we treat one another.
Let us confess how we have not loved as Christ loves us.
Creator and Loving God, you kneel to wash our feet, yet we are reluctant for you to see all the places we have gone in our attempts to escape you.
You would bathe us in the warm, living waters of your love, though we splash and play in the puddles of temptation.
We have received all the gifts you have to offer, yet we are tempted to think they are only for us, rather than sharing them.
Forgive us, Holy One, and have mercy on us.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**OFFERTORY**
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Where charity and love dwell, God is there.
Congregavit nos in Unum Christi amor.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in God.
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Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.
Amen.

Gregorian Offertory for Maundy Thursday (Graduale Triplex)

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

**THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**
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.
It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
From the earth you bring forth bread and create the fruit of the vine.
You formed us in your image, delivered us from captivity, and made covenant to be our sovereign God.
You fed us manna in the wilderness, and gave grapes to evidence the promised land.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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