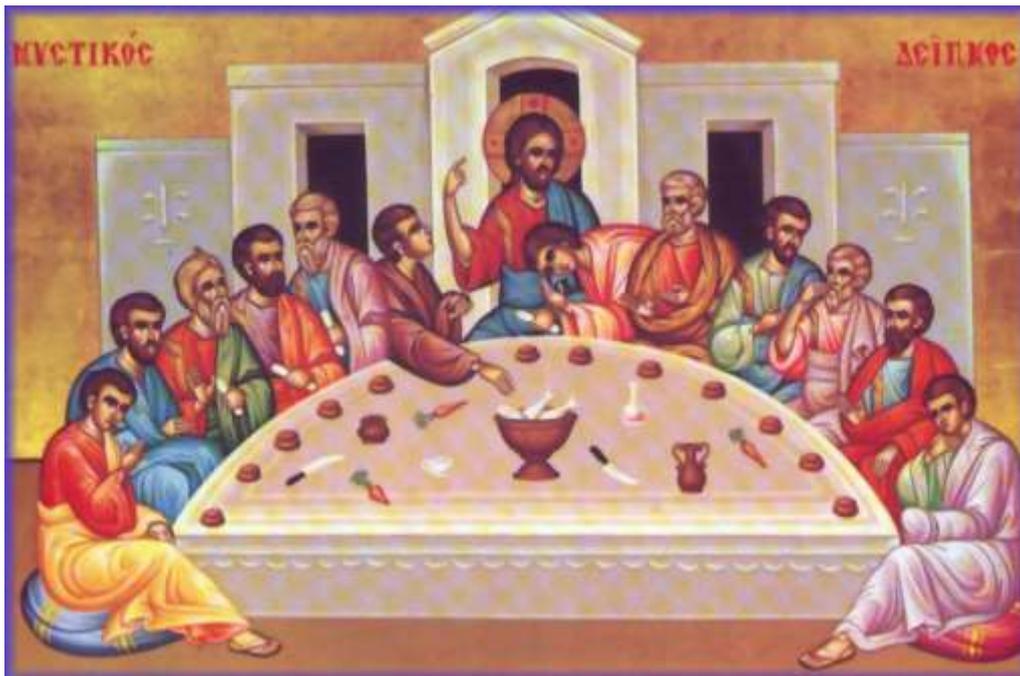


**St John's Anglican Church
Halifax Street, Adelaide**



THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

About the Service

The name Maundy derives from the Latin for 'new commandment' – mandatum novum, and recalls Our Lord's commands on the night before he died to love one another, to wash one another's feet, and to 'do this in remembrance of me'.

The Gospel reading speaks of love and service which are expressed in the ceremony of the foot washing. The New Testament reading records the institution of the Lord's Supper. The evening setting highlights the nearness of the betrayal and approaching passion of Jesus.

On the Cover

This anonymous icon of the Mystical Supper is one of a number of formal icons in the orthodox tradition, in that it is usually written in the same way. It portrays Christ and the apostles seated around a table. The gazes and positions of the figures are important. Christ meets the eyes of those disciples whose attention is focussed on him, while others are bewildered about the meaning of the words of the Saviour.

The postures of two apostles stand in contrast to the rest. St John, depicted as the Beloved Disciple, to whom the crucified Christ will later entrust the care of his mother, is depicted resting his head on Christ's breast. And Judas, the betrayer, is shown stretching out his hands toward the bread he has been given in order to dip it into the dish, and thus he dramatizes the prophecy that Christ would be betrayed by one who had broken bread at his own table.

The icon also depicts the institution of the Holy Eucharist with bread - the Body of Christ - already broken and shared, and the cup of wine - the Blood of Christ - shown resting on the table, awaiting the moment when it is passed among them and they are united in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

As the presider and ministers enter, a hymn may be sung.

The presider says:

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,
whose mercy endures for ever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The presider or another minister then addresses the people.

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.

A minister introduces the Confession.

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 repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Standing, the presider 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.**

Collect

Let us pray.

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.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading – Exodus 12.1–14

A reading from the book of Exodus.

- 1 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:
- 2 This month shall mark for you the beginning of months;
it shall be the first month of the year for you.
- 3 Tell the whole congregation of Israel
that on the tenth of this month
they are to take a lamb for each family,
a lamb for each household.
- 4 If a household is too small for a whole lamb,
it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one;
the lamb shall be divided
in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.
- 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male;
you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.
- 6 You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month;
then the whole assembled congregation of Israel
shall slaughter it at twilight.
- 7 They shall take some of the blood
and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel
of the houses in which they eat it.
- 8 They shall eat the lamb that same night;
they shall eat it roasted over the fire
with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.
- 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water,
but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs.
- 10 You shall let none of it remain until the morning;
anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

- 11 This is how you shall eat it:
your loins girded, your sandals on your feet,
and your staff in your hand;
and you shall eat it hurriedly.
It is the passover of the LORD.
- 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night,
and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt,
both human beings and animals;
on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements:
I am the LORD.
- 13 The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you
live:
when I see the blood, I will pass over you,
and no plague shall destroy you
when I strike the land of Egypt.
- 14 This day shall be a day of remembrance for you.
You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD;
throughout your generations
you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116.1, 10–17

We say alternate verses.

- 1 I love the Lord,
because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me
whenever I called upon him.
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord.

- 12 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 11.23–26

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Beloved:

- 23 I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you,
that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed
took a loaf of bread,
24 and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and said,
'This is my body that is for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'
- 25 In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying,
'This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'
- 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A hymn or anthem may be sung, concluding the with the following acclamation:

Glory to Christ our saviour.

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Glory to Christ our saviour.

Gospel Reading – John 13.1–17, 31b–35

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

- 1 Now before the festival of the Passover,
Jesus knew that his hour had come
to depart from this world and go to the Father.
Having loved his own who were in the world,
he loved them to the end.
- 2 The devil had already put it into the heart
of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him.
And during supper
- 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father
had given all things into his hands,
and that he had come from God and was going to God,
- 4 got up from the table,
took off his outer robe,
and tied a towel around himself.
- 5 Then he poured water into a basin
and began to wash the disciples' feet
and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.
- 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him,
'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?'
- 7 Jesus answered,
'You do not know now what I am doing,
but later you will understand.'

8 Peter said to him, ‘You will never wash my feet.’
Jesus answered,
‘Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.’

9 Simon Peter said to him,
‘Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!’

10 Jesus said to him,
‘One who has bathed does not need to wash,
except for the feet, but is entirely clean.
And you are clean, though not all of you.’

11 For he knew who was to betray him;
for this reason he said,
‘Not all of you are clean.’

12 After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe,
and had returned to the table,
he said to them,
‘Do you know what I have done to you?’

13 You call me Teacher and Lord –
and you are right, for that is what I am.

14 So if I, your Lord and Teacher,
have washed your feet,
you also ought to wash one another’s feet.

15 For I have set you an example,
that you also should do as I have done to you.

16 Very truly, I tell you,
servants are not greater than their master,
nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them.

17 If you know these things,
you are blessed if you do them.

31 Now the Son of Man has been glorified,
and God has been glorified in him.

32 If God has been glorified in him,
God will also glorify him in himself
and will glorify him at once.

33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer.
You will look for me;
and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you,
“Where I am going, you cannot come.”

- 34 I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you,
you also should love one another.
- 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

THE WASHING OF FEET

When the Washing of Feet is to take place, the presider says:

Friends in Christ,
I invite you to come forward,
that we may recall whose servants we are
and remember his teaching,
that what is done for us is also to be done for others.

*Hymns or anthems may be sung, or the ceremony may take place
in silence.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God,
on this, the night he was betrayed,
your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet.

Silence may be kept.

As we commit ourselves
to following his example of love and service,
teach us humility.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

On this night,
Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one.

Silence

As we grieve for the divisions in the church, unite us.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

On this night,
Jesus prayed for those who would come to believe
through the disciples' message.

Silence

As we take up the mission of the church, renew our zeal.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

On this night,
Jesus commanded his friends to love,
but he suffered rejection himself.

Silence

As we open our hearts to the rejected and the unloved,
fill us with your love.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

On this night,
Jesus reminded his people that, if the world hated them,
it had hated him first.

Silence

As we face our own fears, we pray for those
who are persecuted for their faith; give us your peace.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

On this night,
Jesus loved his friends to the very end.

Silence

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.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Faithful God, these are the prayers of your Church.
We offer them trusting and hoping in you.
Hear and help us, challenge and change us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Greeting of Peace

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

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

A hymn may be sung, during which the gifts of the people are brought to the Altar. When all is ready, the presider recites the following prayer:

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who became obedient even unto death, even death on a cross.
He offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

When his hour had come, in his great love
he gave this supper to his disciples,
that we might proclaim his death
and feast with him in his kingdom.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise.
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior 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 presider breaks the bread, and says,

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.

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

The following may be said or sung.

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

All receive Holy Communion.

AFTER COMMUNION

The presider 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.

A hymn may be sung.

*Then the altar is stripped, and other ornaments and hangings
may be removed. Meanwhile, the following may be sung:*

Psalm 22

1 My God, my God, why
have you forsaken me: why
are you so far from helping
me and from the words of my
groaning?

2 My God, I cry to you by
day, but you do not answer:
and by night also I take no
rest.

3 But you continue holy: you
that are the praise of Israel.

4 In you our forebears
trusted: they trusted, and you
delivered them;

5 To you they cried and they
were saved: they put their
trust in you and were not
confounded.

6 But as for me, I am a worm
and no man: the scorn of all
and despised by the people.

7 Those that see me laugh
me to scorn: they shoot out
their lips at me and wag their
heads, saying,

8 “He trusted in the Lord—
let him deliver him: let him
deliver him, if he delights in
him.”

9 But you are he that took
me out of the womb: that
brought me to lie at peace on
my mother's breast.

10 On you have I been cast
since my birth: you are my
God, even from my mother's

womb.

11 O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand: and there is none to help.

12 Many oxen surround me: fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.

13 They gape wide their mouths at me: like lions that roar and rend.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart within my breast is like melting wax.

15 My mouth is dried up like a potsherd: and my tongue clings to my gums.

16 My hands and my feet are withered: and you lay me in the dust of death.

17 For many dogs are come about me: and a band of evildoers hem me in.

18 I can count all my bones: they stand staring and gazing upon me.

19 They part my garments among them: and cast lots for my clothing.

20 O Lord, do not stand far off: you are my helper, hasten to my aid.

21 Deliver my body from the sword: my life from the power of the dogs;

22 O save me from the lion's mouth: and my afflicted soul

from the horns of the wild oxen.

23 I will tell of your name to my companions: in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.

24 O praise the Lord, all you that fear him: hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob, and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.

25 For he has not despised nor abhorred the poor man in his misery: nor did he hide his face from him, but heard him when he cried.

26 From you springs my praise in the great congregation: I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;

27 The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied: and those who seek the Lord shall praise him—may their hearts rejoice for ever!

28 Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord: and let all the families of the nations worship before him.

29 For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he shall be ruler over the nations.

30 How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage: or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?

31 But he has saved my life
for himself: and my posterity
shall serve him.

32 This shall be told of my

Lord to a future generation:
and his righteousness
declared to a people yet
unborn, that he has done it.

All depart in silence.

When a Vigil of Prayer is to be kept it begins now.