

MAUNDY THURSDAY



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

As the ministers enter, we sing

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A new commandment I give unto you
that you love one another
as I have loved you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you.
By this will others know
that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another;
by this will others know
that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.

The priest says

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Tonight we begin the Great Three Days of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection, the journey from the supper table to the cross, and 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.

Sentence – we say together

**'I give you a new commandment,' says the Lord, 'that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.'**

John 13.34

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.**

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.**

We pray the Collect together.

Let us pray.

**Grant, Lord,
that we who receive the holy sacrament
of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
may be the means by which
the work of his incarnation shall go forward:
take, consecrate, break and distribute us,
to be for others a means of your grace,
and channels of your eternal love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Book of Exodus

(12:1-14)

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 judgments: 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**

¹I love the Lord, because he heard my voice: the voice of my supplication;

²**Because he inclined his ear to me: in the day that I called to him.**

¹¹How shall I repay the Lord: for all his benefits to me?

¹²**I will take up the cup of salvation: and call upon the name of the Lord.**

¹³I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people.

¹⁴**Grievous in the sight of the Lord: is the death of his faithful ones.**

¹⁵O Lord, I am your servant, your servant and the child of your handmaid: you have unloosed my bonds.

¹⁶**I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving: and call upon the name of the Lord.**

¹⁷I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people,

¹⁸**In the courts of the house of the Lord: even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord**

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

(11:23-26)

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.’

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

We sing

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An upper room did our Lord prepare for those he loved until the end: and his disciples still gather there to celebrate their risen friend.

² A lasting gift Jesus gave his own: to share his bread, his loving cup. Whatever burdens may bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.

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.

³ And after supper he washed their feet, for service, too, is sacrament.

In him our joy shall be made complete sent out to serve, as he was sent.

⁴ No end there is! We depart in peace. He loves beyond the uttermost: in every room in our Father’s house he will be there, as Lord and host.

THE GOSPEL

Glory to Christ our saviour. **Glory to Christ our saviour.**

Jesus said, ‘If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.’

John 13.14

Glory to Christ our saviour.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

(13:1-17, 31b-35)

A reading from the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John

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 Jewish religious leaders 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.**

The Sermon

THE WASHING OF FEET

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

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus loved his friends to the very end,
As we open our hearts to all who face shadows 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.**

THE 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.

We exchange a greeting of peace.

While the altar is prepared, we sing.

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Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet:
master who acts as a slave to them.

Neighbours are wealthy and poor,
varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near us and far away.

*Yesu, Yesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.*

These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbours to us and you.

Loving puts us on our knees,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you

The priest says the offertory 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 now and always,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who became obedient 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 singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he/the one 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.**

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 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.

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 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.

Silence may be kept.

Communion is administered in the customary manner.

AFTER COMMUNION

The priest may say

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.

The linen and ornaments are removed, during which we say 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 Yet here I am,
now more worm than human:
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 in their misery: nor did he hide
his face from them,
but heard them when they 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

Ministers and people depart in silence without a blessing or dismissal.

Some may wish to walk to the Olive Grove and pray there.

Others may wish to remain in the church keeping vigil by the Blessed Sacrament.

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