



MAUNDY THURSDAY

St Paul's, Ashgrove

Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have love you." (Jn 13:34)

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins, **whose mercy endures forever.**

Lord, you faced the violence of this world,
Not dressed in armour but wrapped in a towel.
Teach us, we pray, to do as you have done:
To arm ourselves only with kindness,
And approach our friends and our enemies
As humble servants.
We know that unendurable suffering
Followed your choice to be a servant this night,
So we do not come to you asking for glory,
But for strength to persevere
And faith to believe that there will be an Easter Day
On the other side of all Good Fridays. **Amen**

The Meal

After the meal, please stand to sing *A New Commandment* (TIS 699)

**A new commandment I give now to you
that you love one another
as I have loved you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you.
By this shall they all know
that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.
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that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.**

Stand for the Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 13 beginning at the 1st verse. **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' 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.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

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? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 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." 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Foot washing, during which we sing: Kneels at the Feet of his Friends. TIS 640

T. Colvin (c.1965)

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
Silently washing their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.
*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve
The neighbours we have from you.*

Neighbours are wealthy and poor,
Varied in culture and call,
Neighbours are near us and far away.
Jesu, Jesu...

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

Loving puts us on our knees,
Silently washing their feet:
This is the way we should live with you.
Jesu, Jesu...

After the washing

Almighty Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ taught us
that what we do for the least of our sisters and brothers
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 forever. **Amen.**

Father, on this night when he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet.
We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.
Lord, hear us **and open our hearts.**

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church.
Lord, hear us **and unite us.**

On this night, he prayed for those who would believe through their message. We pray for the
mission of your Church.
Lord, hear us **and renew our zeal.**

On this night, he commanded love while knowing he would suffer rejection. We pray for the
rejected and unloved.
Lord, hear us **and fill us with compassion.**

We ask these things through Christ our Lord, who taught us 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.**

...To live as your disciples:
**We turn to you, O God;
we renounce evil;
we receive your love;
we choose to be made whole.**

*Please turn to the person beside you and make a sign of the cross on their forehead and say,
'Your sins are forgiven, be at peace.'*

Please stand

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

Please exchange the peace.

After this we move into the Church.

The congregations gathers in the front pews.

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 11.

For 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, 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.' 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.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgement against themselves.

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: An Upper Room (TiS 536)

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the Universe, you bring forth bread from the earth.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the Universe, you create the fruit of the vine.

Blessed be God for ever.

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.

...Always 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 who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

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

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

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.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. 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.

Please come forward to receive the bread and wine. Gluten free wafers are available (please ask). If you prefer not to receive communion, please come forward for a blessing (keep your hands behind your back). For the safety of all in the community we ask you to:

- *Use hand sanitiser before receiving the bread and wine*
- *NOT intinct (dip the bread in the wine)*
- *Take wine only if you are free from symptoms and from anxiety about drinking from the common cup. Be assured that Christ is present in you and for you as you receive the bread alone.*

Holy God, source of all love,
on this 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
Following him who was servant of all.

Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
As servants and life-givers
in the power of your Spirit.

The congregation is invited to come into the sanctuary and remove all removable items in silence. Those who need to leave now are welcome to do so.

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 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 people. Come let us go.'

The watch begins.

There will be a period of silent reflection followed by Compline. Please leave in silence if you are unable to stay.

Compline

Lord Jesus, you came to call sinners to repentance, **have mercy on us.**
Lord Jesus, sent to heal those who are burdened in soul, **have mercy on us.**
Lord Jesus, now seated at the Father's right hand to intercede for us,
have mercy on us.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, **who made heaven and earth. Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit: as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Praise the Lord!**

Please sing together.

**Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured
Who is the immortal Father, heavenly blest,
Holiest of Holies, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Now we come to the sun's hour of rest,
The lights of evening round us shine,
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.
Worthiest are thou at all times to be sun with undefiled tongue,
Son of our God, giver of life, alone!
Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.**

Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Eph 4:26-27

Thanks be to God.

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.
Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.
You have redeemed us, Lord, God of truth.
I commend my spirit.
Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

Save us, Lord, while we are awake;
protect us while we are asleep;
that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace.
Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation:
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:
A light to reveal you to the nations:
and the glory of your people Israel.
**Save us, Lord, while we are awake;
protect us while we are asleep;
that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace.**

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Come, O Spirit of God,
and make within us your dwelling place and home.
May our darkness be dispelled by your light,
and our troubles be calmed by your peace;
may all evil be redeemed by your love,
all pain transformed through the suffering of Christ,
and all dying glorified by his risen life. **Amen.**

Let us praise the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit;
God is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
May the almighty and merciful God bless us and keep us. **Amen.**

Please leave in silence. Remember this service does not end until Easter Day!

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