

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

THE EVENING MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER



ST GEORGE'S, IVANHOE EAST 2015

## ABOUT THIS LITURGY

Tonight, we recall the supper Our Lord shared with his disciples on the night before he gave himself to death.

We call to mind:

- ✠ Our Lord's Institution of the Eucharist:  
"do this to remember me"
  
- ✠ The Beginning of Our Lord's Passion:  
Christ sets in motion the events which lead him to the Cross. We keep watch as those who love Our Lord and who seek to enter into the fullness of the Easter mystery.

The devotions of these Three days come to us out of two thousand years of Christian experience. It is not a drama in the sense of "re-doing" what Christ has done. Rather it is a living-into of the great Easter mystery. Most of all, these three days are a great love-offering to our Saviour, as we enter with him into his Passion and Risen life.

## THE GREETING

Priest The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

Priest My friends, on this day Christ our Lord gave his disciples a new commandment of love, and taught us to care for each other in the community of the Church.

As we celebrate now the institution of the Eucharist, we enter into the Christian Passover, watching and praying with Jesus through the hours of this night, and walking with him all the way to the cross.

As we live together these great days, we are baptised again into his death, and buried into his burial, in order that God may raise us up to newness of life.

Come, then, with me to the feast of our salvation,  
and break the bread of sorrow that it may be shared  
as strengthening food for our journey.

Come, not because you are strong,  
come, not because of any goodness of your own,  
but because you need mercy and help,  
come, because you love the Lord a little  
and would like to love him more;  
come, because he loves you and gave himself for you.  
but because you are weak;

Come, to be with Christ now in his passion  
during the night of betrayal;  
come, because there is nowhere else you would be  
when he is lifted up from the earth;  
come with the women to anoint his broken body  
and run with them to tell the joyful news  
that he is risen and lives in God for ever.

**Hymn**            422    *Of the glorious body telling*

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Priest Let us pray

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord, have mercy,    **Lord, have mercy**  
Christ, have mercy,    **Christ, have mercy**  
Lord, have mercy,    **Lord, have mercy**

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.**

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

Let us pray

God our Father,  
we are gathered here to share in the supper which your Son left  
to his Church to reveal his love. He gave it to us when he  
was about to die and commanded us to celebrate it in  
remembrance of him.

We pray that in sharing this sacrament we may find fullness of  
love and life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your  
Son, who is alive reigning with you in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **A reading from the book of Exodus**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:  
This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the  
first month of the year for you.

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.

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.

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it  
from the sheep or from the goats.

You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole  
assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight.

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.

They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the  
fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire,  
with its head, legs, and inner organs.

You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains  
until the morning you shall burn.

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.

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.

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.

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.

May your Word live in us: **and bear much fruit to your glory.**

### **Psalm 116: 1-2, 11-18**

1 I 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.

11 How 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.

13 I 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.

15 O 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.

## **A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

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.

May your Word live in us:     **and bear much fruit to your glory.**

**The Gradual Hymn: 432**     *My God and is thy table spread*

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

✠ **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.**

*Sermon*



## THE INTERCESSION

*Priest* : Let us pray for the whole Church of God and for all people according to their need

*Intercessor*:

Merciful God, on this, the night 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 teach us humility.**

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

On this night, Jesus prayed for those who were to believe through the apostolic preaching. We pray for the mission of your Church. Lord, hear us  
**and renew our zeal.**

On this night, he commanded them to love, but suffered Rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and the unloved ...  
Lord, hear us  
**and fill us with your love.**

On this night, he reminded them that, if the world hated them, it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith. Lord hear us  
**and give us your peace.**

**All Lord, your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean, and 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,  
you 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 with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

## **THE GREETING OF PEACE**

Priest Now in union with Christ Jesus you who were once far off have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood; for Christ is our peace.

We are the body of Christ,

**All His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All and also with you.**

*All gives each other sign of peace*

## **THE OFFERTORY**

**Hymn 453**      *An upper room did our Lord prepare*

Priest 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.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Priest: 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.**

Priest: Blessed are you, strong and faithful God.  
All your works, the height and the depth  
echo the silent music of your praise.  
In the beginning your Word summoned light;  
night withdrew and creation dawned.  
As ages passed unseen waters gathered on the face of the earth  
and life appeared.  
When the time had at last grown full and the earth had ripened  
in abundance, you created in your image humankind, the crown  
of all creation.  
You gave us breath and speech  
that all the living might find a voice to sing your praise.  
Therefore, with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

Priest How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord!  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own, and filled them with a  
longing for a peace that would last and a justice that would  
never fail.  
Through countless generations your people hungered for the  
bread of freedom.  
From them you raised up Jesus, the living bread,  
in whom ancient hungers were satisfied.  
He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer.  
He offered life to sinners, yet death would hunt him down.  
With a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms and  
surrendered up his Spirit.

Father, let your Holy Spirit come upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may become for us the ✠ body and blood of Jesus Christ, the Lord.

On the night before he met with death,  
this very night, Jesus came to table with those he loved.  
He took bread, and praised you, God of all creation.  
He broke the bread among his disciples and said:  
‘Take this, all of you, and eat it.  
This is my body which will be given up for you.  
Do this in memory of me.’

When supper was ended he poured a final cup of wine  
and blessed you, God of all creation.  
He passed the cup among his friends and said:  
’Take this, all of you, and drink from it:  
this is the cup of my blood,  
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant  
which will be shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of  
sins.  
Do this in memory of me.’

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**

Father, with this bread and this cup  
we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
we celebrate the redemption he has won for us.  
For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup  
we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.  
Death could not bind him but you raised him up  
in the spirit of holiness and exalted him as Lord of all creation.  
May his coming in glory find us ever-watchful in prayer,  
strong in love, and faithful to the breaking of the bread.  
Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit, your whole Church, on earth and in  
heaven,  
offers you thanks and praise,  
together with all whose lives bring hope to the world.

Gather us all into one communion  
together with Francis of Rome,  
Bartholomew of Constantinople,  
Justin of Canterbury, the protestant leaders of Geneva,  
Phillip our Primate, Phillip our Archbishop, Phillip our Regional  
Bishop and all who lead your Church.

Then, at last will all creation be one, all divisions healed, and  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we shall join 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 say,

**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**

As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**So may your church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper!  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word  
and I shall be healed.**

*All now come forward to receive Holy Communion.*

## **PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

We stand to pray:

Holy God, source of all love,  
on this night of betrayal Jesus commanded his disciples  
to love one another as he had 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.**

## **RESERVATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

*The Eucharist set aside for Holy Communion on Good Friday is taken  
to the Altar of Repose where the Watch of the Passion will be kept.*

**Hymn:** *Lord God, your love has called us here*

Lord God, your love has called us here,  
as we, by love, for love were made.  
Your living likeness still we bear,  
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.  
We come, with all our heart and mind  
your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains  
of broken trust and chosen wrong,  
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,  
by social forces swept along,  
by powers and systems close confined,  
yet seeking hope for humankind.

Lord God, in Christ you call our name,  
and then receive us as your own,  
not through some merit, right or claim,  
but by your gracious love alone.  
We strain to glimpse your mercy-seat,  
and find you kneeling at our feet

Then take the towel, and break the bread,  
and humble us, and call us friends.  
Suffer and serve till all are fed,  
and show how grandly love intends  
to work till all creation sings,  
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Lord God, in Christ you set us free  
your life to give, your joy to share.  
Give us your Spirit's liberty  
to turn from guilt and dull despair  
and offer all that faith can do,  
while love is making all things new.

Brian A. Wren

*Psalm 22 is sung during:*

## **THE DEPARTURE OF THE LIGHT**

*All lamps are extinguished. The light departs*

## **THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*The priest strips the altar. The altar is washed and anointed.*

- 1 My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me \*  
and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not \*  
and in the night-season also I take no rest.
- 3 And thou continuest holy \*

O thou worship of Israel.

4 Our fathers hoped in thee \*

they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

5 They called upon thee, and were holpen \*

they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.

6 But as for me, I am a worm, and no man \*

a very scorn of men, and the out-cast of the people.

7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn \*

they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,

8 He trusted in God, that he would deliver him \*

let him deliver him, if he will have him.

9 But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb \*

thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

10 I have been left unto thee ever since I was born \*

thou art 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 me.

12 Many oxen are come about me \*

fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.

13 They gape upon me with their mouths \*

as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint \*

my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to

my gums \*

and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.

16 For many dogs are come about me \*

and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.

17 They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones \*

they stand staring and looking upon me.

18 They part my garments among them \*

and cast lots upon my vesture.

19 But be not thou far from me, O Lord \*

thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword \*

my darling from the power of the dog.



21 Save me from the lion's mouth \*  
thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.

22 I will declare thy Name unto my brethren \*  
in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

23 O praise the Lord, ye that fear him \*  
magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of  
Israel;

24 For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor \*  
he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard  
him.

25 My praise is of thee in the great congregation \*  
my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

26 The poor shall eat, and be satisfied \*  
they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for  
ever.

27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned  
unto the Lord \*  
and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's \*  
and he is the Governor among the people.

29 All such as be fat upon earth \*  
have eaten, and worshipped.

30 All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him \*  
and no man hath quickened his own soul.

31 My seed shall serve him \*  
they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.

32 They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness \*  
unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*When all is complete, the people leave in silence.*

