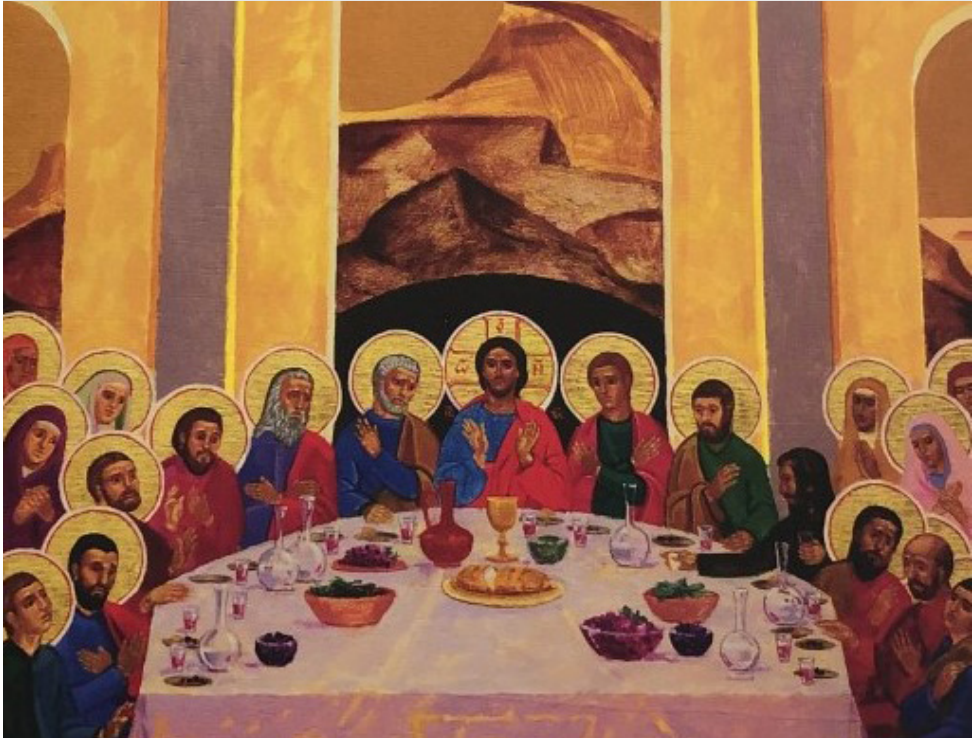


WELCOME TO THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF  
**ST GEORGE**  
EAST IVANHOE, MELBOURNE



**HOLY EUCHARIST OF THE  
LORD'S SUPPER ON  
MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**THURSDAY 28 MARCH 2024**

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## WELCOME

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St George's is a community committed to making and sustaining connections: with God, with one another, with the local and wider community, and with the environment. We value liturgical worship, encouraging fellowship and community service. We believe in God - the beauty of transcendent holiness, present in our connectedness; and in caring passionately for all in need. All are welcome in this sacred space.

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*Please stand when the bell rings. The priest and servers enter in silence.*

### OPENING HYMN

AUSTRALIAN HYMN BOOK 270

1. When my love to Christ grows weak,  
when for deeper faith I seek,  
then in thought I go to thee,  
garden of Gethsemane.
  2. There I walk amid the shades  
while the lingering twilight fades,  
see that suffering, friendless one  
weeping, praying there alone.
  3. When my love for man grows weak,  
when for stronger faith I seek,  
hill of Calvary, I go  
to the scenes of fear and woe,
  4. There behold his agony,  
suffered on the bitter tree:  
see his anguish, see his faith,  
love triumphant still in death.
  5. Then to life I turn again,  
learning all the worth of pain,  
learning all the might that lies  
in a full self-sacrifice.
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6. And I praise with firmer faith  
Christ who vanquished pain and death,  
and to Christ enthroned above  
raise my song of selfless love.

*Melody and bass by  
Orlando Gibbons 1583-1625  
John Reyneil Wreford 1800-81*

## SENTENCE

‘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

## GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen**

The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*The priest then says:*

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.

## THE PENITENTIAL RITE

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.

*All* **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 pronounces the absolution.*

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
+ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

## GLORIA

*All* **Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## COLLECT

Holy God, source of all love,  
on the night of his betrayal  
Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment,  
to love one another as he loved them:  
write this commandment in our hearts,  
and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all,  
who gave his life and died for us,  
yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

*All* **Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 12.1-4, 11-14

*A reading from the Book 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.

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 judgements: 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.

The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM 116

*The psalm is sung by the choir.*

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.
17. I 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.

## SECOND LESSON

I CORINTHIANS II.23-26

*A reading from the First Letter of St 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.

The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN

AUSTRALIAN HYMN BOOK 432

1. My God, and is thy table spread?  
And does thy cup with love o’erflow?  
Thither be all thy children led,  
and let them all its sweetness know.
2. Hail, sacred feast, which Jesus makes,  
rich banquet of his flesh and blood!  
Thrice happy he who here partakes  
that sacred stream, that heavenly food!
3. O let thy table honoured be,  
and furnished well with joyful guests;  
and may each soul salvation see,  
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

*Jeremiah Clarke c. 1673-1707*

*Philip Doddridge 1702-51*



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 13.34

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you.

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## GOSPEL

JOHN 13.1-17, 31B-35

The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

*All* **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.

*All* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## SERMON

*The sermon is preached by Fr John Sanderson.*

*Beloved in Christ, we have heard that, on the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. I therefore invite you, who share in the Royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that we may recall whose servants we are, remembering his teaching that will be done for us is also to be done for others.*

## THE WASHING OF THE FEET

*The congregation remain seated as the priest washes the feet of several people. During the Washing of the Feet, the people sing the hymn. Please remain seated for the singing of the hymn.*

1. 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.
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 our uttermost:  
in every room in our Father's house  
he will be there, as Lord and host.

*Frederick Pratt Green 1903-2000*

*When the Washing of the Feet and the singing of the hymn have concluded, the priest kneels at the chancel step and says a collect.*

O God, your love was embodied in Jesus Christ,  
who washed the disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal:  
Wash us from the stain of sin, so that, in hours of danger,  
we may not fail, but follow your Son through every trial,  
and praise him always as Lord and Christ,  
to whom be glory, now and forever.

*All* **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their need.

Almighty God, on this night of his betrayal when your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet; we commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.

God of grace,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

On this night Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church: gather into one communion all your scattered servants.

God of grace,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

On this night Jesus prayed for those who were to believe through the disciples' message. We pray for the ministry and mission of your Church.

God of grace,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus commanded his disciples 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,

*All* **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.

God of grace,

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

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

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

*After the final petition:*

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

*All* **Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

Let us pray.

*All* **We do not presume  
to come to your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
But in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of our dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us. Amen.**

*The greeting of peace is not exchanged on Maundy Thursday, as the traditional greeting of peace, a kiss, was on this night the sign by which Judas betrayed Jesus.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

AUSTRALIAN HYMN BOOK 422

1. Of the glorious body telling,  
O my tongue, its mysteries sing,  
and the blood, all price excelling,  
which the world's eternal king,  
in a noble womb once dwelling,  
shed for this world's ransoming.
2. Given for us, for us descending,  
of a virgin to proceed,  
man with man in converse blending,  
scattered he the gospel seed,  
till his sojourn drew to ending,  
which he closed in wondrous deed.
3. At the last great supper lying  
circled by his brethren's band,  
meekly with the law complying,  
first he finished its command,  
then, immortal food supplying,  
gave himself with his own hand.
4. Word made flesh, by word he maketh  
very bread his flesh to be;  
man in wine Christ's blood partaketh;  
and, if senses fail to see,  
faith alone the true heart waketh  
to behold the mystery.
5. Therefore we, before him bending,  
this great sacrament revere;  
types and shadows have their ending,  
for the newer rite is here;  
faith, our outward sense befriending,  
makes the inward vision clear.

6. Glory let us give, and blessing  
to the Father, and the Son;  
honour, might and praise addressing  
while eternal ages run;  
ever too his love confessing,  
who, from both, with both is one.

*Thomas Aquinas 1227-74  
tr. John Mason Neale 1818-66  
Edward Caswall 1814-78 and others*

*The priest says:*

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

The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The priest says the preface, concluding with:*

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:

*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.**

*The priest says the prayer of consecration. Following the words of institution, he says:*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The priest continues the prayer until:*

...we worship you, Father Almighty, in songs of never-ending praise:

*All* **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:

*All* **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 COMMUNION

*The usual final petition of the Agnus Dei “grant us thy peace”, is not said on Maundy Thursday, but is replaced with the petition: “have mercy on us”.*

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

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*During the administration of the sacrament of Holy Communion, the choir will sing:*

*See how the righteous one perisheth* Plainchant mode 4

*Communion is distributed from the communion rail. All Baptised Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in this church.*

## POST COMMUNION SENTENCE

LUKE 22.19

‘This body will be given for you. This is the cup of the new covenant in my blood: whenever you receive them, do so in remembrance of me.’

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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  
as he was servant of all.

*All* **Amen.**

*Preparations are made for the procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar*

*of Repose. Please kneel or sit when the Blessed Sacrament is taken to the place of repose.*

*Following the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose, the priest and servers leave the church. The priest changes his white vestments for a red stole.*

*The priest and servers return to the sanctuary to conduct the 'stripping of the altars'. This part of the liturgy represents Christ's betrayal and dereliction: Christ is sentenced to death, stripped and scourged while his disciples 'all forsook him and fled'.*

## **THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTARS**

*While the stripping of the altars takes place, the choir sings Psalm 22.*

*The people leave the church in solemn silence.*

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