

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday



**St. James,
Hampton Hill**

The Gathering

Hymn

The Greeting

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

All Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you all

All and also with you.

The president introduces the liturgy

The Prayers of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ says:
'If you love me, keep my commandments.'
'Unless I wash you, you have no part in me.'
Let us confess to almighty God our sins
against his love, and ask him to cleanse us.

Silence

Have mercy on us, O God,
in your great goodness;
according to the abundance
of your compassion
blot out our offences.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Against you only have we sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean;
wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May the Father forgive you
by the death of his Son
and strengthen you
to live in the power of his Spirit
all your days.

All Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray.
God our Father,
your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end
and drank the cup prepared for him:
may we who share his table
watch with him through the night of suffering
and be faithful.

All Amen.

Please sit

First Reading *Exodus 12.1-14*

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 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Canticle

Please remain seated

Choir Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in him and you will not thirst.

All Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in him and you will not thirst.

Choir Christ is the Bread of Life,
the true bread sent from the Father.

All Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in him and you will not thirst.

Choir Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,
but this is the bread come down from heaven.

All Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in him and you will not thirst.

Choir Eat his flesh, and drink his blood,
and Christ will raise you up on the last day.

All Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in him and you will not thirst.

Choir Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

All Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in him and you will not thirst.

Choir If we believe and eat this bread we will have eternal life.

All Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in him and you will not thirst.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 11.23-26*

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Gospel Reading *John 13.1-7, 31b-35*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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. 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, O Christ.

Sermon

The Washing of Feet

The feet of some members of the congregation are washed while the choir sings

At the end the president says

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our
brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Prayers of Intercession

Father,
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

All and humble us.

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

We pray for the unity of your Church.

Lord, hear us

All and unite us.

On this night, he prayed for those who
were to believe through their message.

We pray for the mission of your Church.

Lord, hear us

All and renew our zeal.

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

We pray for the rejected and unloved.

Lord, hear us

All and fill us with your love.

On this night, he reminded his disciples
that if the world hated them
it hated him first.

We pray for those who are persecuted
for their faith.

Lord, hear us

All and give us your peace.

On this night, he accepted the cup of death
and looked forward to the new wine
of the kingdom.

We remember those who have died
in the peace of Christ.

Lord, hear us

All **and welcome your children
into paradise.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

Hymn

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

At the eucharist we are with our crucified
and risen Lord.

We know that it was not only our ancestors,
but we who were redeemed

and brought forth from bondage to freedom,
from mourning to feasting.

We know that as he was with them
in the upper room so our Lord is here
with us now.

**All Until the kingdom of God comes
let us celebrate this feast.**

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

All Blessed be God for ever.

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

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you thanks,
it is fitting to give you glory,
Father most holy,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For on this night he girded himself
with a towel and,
taking the form of a servant,
washed the feet of his disciples.

He gave us a new commandment
that we should love one another
as he has loved us.
Knowing that his hour had come,
in his great love he gave
this supper to his disciples
to be a memorial of his passion,
that we might proclaim his death
until he comes again,
and feast with him in his kingdom.
Therefore earth unites with heaven
to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end:

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood
of your dear Son.
On the night before he died he had supper
with his friends and, taking bread,
he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended
he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you,
gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all
upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life
and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**All Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy
will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with James and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,

All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**All Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy, have mercy, on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy, have mercy, on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us, grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed 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.**

*Please come forward for communion or a blessing
The Choir will sing during the Giving of Communion*

*After communion consecrated bread and wine that is left will
be taken without ceremony to the place where the Watch of
Prayer will be kept*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ,
we thank you that in this
wonderful sacrament
you have given us the memorial
of your passion:
grant us so to reverence
the sacred mysteries of
your body and blood
that we may know within ourselves
and show forth in our lives
the fruit of your redemption,
for you are alive and reign,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

Hymn

The Stripping of the Sanctuary

The altars are stripped in silence - please sit

The Dismissal

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 sinners.'

Christ was obedient unto death. Go in his peace.

***Please leave the church in complete silence
or stay to pray***

***The church will be open for an hour after the
service for those who wish to keep
a Watch of Prayer
recalling Christ's waiting in the
Garden of Gethsemane***

Compline will be said at the end of the Watch

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