

# Maundy Thursday

## *Holy Communion and the Watch.*

1<sup>st</sup> April 2021



### **Welcome on behalf of the community of St. John's Church**

St. John's seeks to be an inclusive church community where all are welcomed and valued, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender or sexuality.

Maundy Thursday commemorates the [Last Supper](#) of [Jesus Christ](#) with the disciples, as described in the [gospels](#). It is the fifth day of [Holy Week](#), and is preceded by [Holy Wednesday](#) and followed by [Good Friday](#). The liturgy held on Maundy Thursday marks the beginning of the [Easter Triduum](#), the period which commemorates the [passion](#), [death](#), and [resurrection](#) of Christ.

The [Mass](#) is normally celebrated in the evening, when Friday begins according to [Jewish](#) tradition, as the [Last Supper](#) was held on the feast of [Passover](#). Maundy refers to the 'mandate' that Jesus gave to his followers: they must wash one another's feet to show that they serve one another. It is an occasion to remember how Jesus initiated the Eucharist based on the Passover Meal

## THE GATHERING AND WELCOME

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

**Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from  
God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you,  
**and also with you.**

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.'

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

Christ, have mercy.

**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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

## THE GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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.**

## THE COLLECT

Let us pray that we may love one another as Christ has loved us.

*Silence is kept.*

God our Father,  
you have invited us to share in the supper which your Son gave to his  
Church to proclaim his death until he comes:  
may he nourish us by his presence,  
and unite us in his love;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please be seated.*

THE FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 11.23-26

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,  
<sup>24</sup>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.' <sup>25</sup>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.'  
<sup>26</sup>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.**

*We stand for the Gospel.*

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

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:  
Love one another as I have loved you.  
**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: John 13.1-17,31b-35

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. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' <sup>10</sup>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.' <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

<sup>12</sup>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?

<sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup>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." <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

<sup>35</sup>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, for this your holy Gospel.**

### **Sermon**

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,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

### ***Prayers of Intercession***

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father  
through Christ the saviour of the world.

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 his  
disciples' 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 all your children into paradise.**

## THE PEACE

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,  
**and also with you.**

## THE AGAPE MEAL

*The gifts are received.*

### PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

At the Eucharist we are united with our crucified and risen Lord.  
We know that it was not only our ancestors  
but we also 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.

**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.

**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 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to give you thanks,  
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

**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 sit or kneel.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
that is, this very night, took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,

we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

#### AGNUS DEI

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

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.**

#### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

**Amen**

#### THE GOSPEL OF THE WATCH – Mark 14.26-34

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.  
<sup>27</sup> And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep will be scattered.'

<sup>28</sup> But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." <sup>29</sup> Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." <sup>30</sup> Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." <sup>31</sup> But he said vehemently, "Even

though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same.

<sup>32</sup> They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." <sup>33</sup> He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. <sup>34</sup> And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake."

*The Watch begins. During the vigil Bible readings and prayers will be offered at points during the silence.*

*At the end of the Watch, the following is read:*

MARK 14.35-end

Going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup> He said, "Abba,<sup>[h]</sup> Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." <sup>37</sup> He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? <sup>38</sup> Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial;<sup>[i]</sup> the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>39</sup> And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup> And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. <sup>41</sup> He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup> Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

<sup>43</sup> Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. <sup>44</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." <sup>45</sup> So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. <sup>46</sup> Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. <sup>47</sup> But one of those who stood near drew his

sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

<sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? <sup>49</sup> Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." <sup>50</sup> All of them deserted him and fled.

<sup>51</sup> A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, <sup>52</sup> but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

<sup>53</sup> They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. <sup>54</sup> Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. <sup>55</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. <sup>56</sup> For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. <sup>57</sup> Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, <sup>58</sup> "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" <sup>59</sup> But even on this point their testimony did not agree. <sup>60</sup> Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" <sup>61</sup> But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" <sup>62</sup> Jesus said, "I am; and

'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

<sup>63</sup> Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? <sup>64</sup> You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death. <sup>65</sup> Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.

<sup>66</sup> While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. <sup>67</sup> When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth." <sup>68</sup> But he denied it, saying, "I do not know or understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. <sup>69</sup> And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." <sup>70</sup> But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." <sup>71</sup> But he began

to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about." <sup>72</sup> At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

## **Closing Prayer**

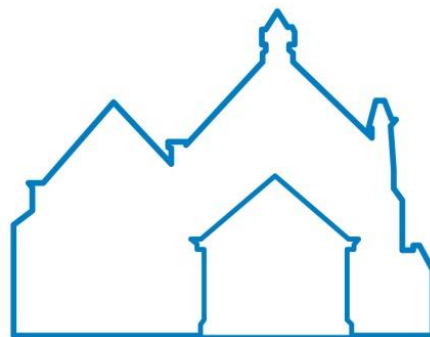
### **Services for Holy Week**

#### **Good Friday:**

2pm: Stations of the Cross and Liturgy of Good Friday  
Easter Day 10am Parish Eucharist

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