

# The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday



# Welcome to St Peter's

St Peter's church is part of the Inclusive Church movement and we welcome you today wherever you come from. We hope all who visit here will know that God and God's people here welcome them. If you are new to church and faith please do speak to one of the clergy team before you leave today about the opportunities to find out more.

## During the Service

Please switch off mobile phones. Everyone joins in with the service, following the words in this sheet and saying the words in bold type together. The places where we need to sit, stand or kneel are indicated in the sheet.

All those who are baptised into the Christian church (any denomination) are welcome to receive the bread and wine of communion here. Gluten free bread is available and bread without wine. If you prefer not to receive, please come forward anyway to be blessed today. You will be directed to the front at the appropriate time by our wardens/stewards.

**We prepare for the service with quiet prayer.**

# The Gathering

*Please note that our worship is live streamed. Cameras are focused on the front of the church and ambient microphones pick up sound throughout the building.*

*We stand if practicable to sing as the procession moves into the church. Hymns are found in the red book and numbers are displayed in church.*

## Hymn

*We remain standing at the end of the hymn.*

## The Greeting

### *The President*

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

*Worshippers on site and online are welcomed to our service.*

## Prayers of Penitence

### *The Deacon*

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 wash us.

***We kneel if able to pray. Silence is kept.***

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

***We sing:*** Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Lord, have mercy upon us,

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

***We sing:*** Christ, have mercy upon us,  
Christ, have mercy upon us,  
Christ, have mercy upon us,

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

***We sing:*** Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Lord, have mercy upon us,

***The President***

May the Father forgive *us* by the death of his Son  
and strengthen *us* to live in the power of the Spirit  
all *our* days. **Amen.**

***We stand together to praise God.***

## Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heav'nly 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

*The President:* Let us pray that we may love one another as  
Christ has loved us.

*Silence is kept.*

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. **Amen.**



*We sit for our first reading.*

**First Reading**  
1 Corinthians 11.23-26

***At the end:***

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

**Gradual Hymn**

***We stand if practicable to sing.***

**Gospel Reading**

***We remain standing and turn to face the Gospel book.***

***We sing as led by the minister and/or choir:***

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory .

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory .**

Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John

***We say: 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.'

***The president may wash the feet of some members of the congregation. You may wish to sit or kneel and pray during this time. When feet have been washed please stand as the reading continues.***

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, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

***We sit when invited.***

***At the end of the sermon we kneel if able to offer our prayers for the world.***

## 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 in all the ways we can. *Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us **and humble us.**

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church. *Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us **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. *Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us **and renew our zeal.**

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

We pray for the rejected and unloved. *Silence is kept.*

Lord, hear us **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.

***Silence is kept.***

Lord, hear us **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.

***Silence is kept.***

Lord, hear us **and welcome all your children into paradise.**

On this night, Lord, hear our prayers,  
through your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### Offertory Hymn

***We stand to sing if able as the table is prepared for our  
Communion. A collection may be taken. Please make a donation  
tonight if you can. We remain standing at the end of the hymn.***

### ***The Deacon***

At the Eucharist and in our Spiritual Communion 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.

**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 President***

The Lord is here **His spirit is with us**

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 speak your praise;  
and we too join with angels and archangels  
proclaiming your glory without end:

*We join in singing:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**God of power and might,**

**Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

*The prayer recounts the Last Supper and we join in the memorial  
acclamation:*

*The Deacon*

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim  
your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

*The prayer continues and we join at the end with the Amen.*

*Silence is kept and we kneel to pray.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach 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.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

***The president breaks the consecrated bread.***

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

## **Agnus Dei**

***We sing:***

**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 peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

***The Deacon***

**Let us pray now with those at home  
joining in this spiritual communion,  
remembering that God creates family here on earth  
when we share in Christ's heavenly feast.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'. Be with us today, as we share this spiritual communion. We offer ourselves to you.**

**Hear our prayers for others and for ourselves, and keep us in your care. Amen.**

***The President***

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

***Please come forward as directed by our stewards to receive either the bread/wine or a blessing. If you are not accustomed to taking communion and would prefer to receive a blessing please cross your arms when you come to the front. Gluten free bread and bread without wine are available, please ask the person distributing communion.***

***During this time we pray quietly, sing our communion hymn and listen to our choir as those around us also receive.***

## **Prayer after Communion**

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  
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 forever. **Amen.**

## The Stripping of the Sanctuary

*We stand as the holy table and the sanctuary are stripped.*

*We hear:*

Stay with me, remain here with me,  
watch and pray, watch and pray.

*When the sanctuary has been stripped and lights have been dimmed, we hear the Dismissal Gospel.*

## The Dismissal

*The Deacon*

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.

*We depart in silence.*

*The Watch will be kept. Please stay now or call back later for a time. The Gospel of the Watch will be read in sections throughout.*

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