



Christ Church St Lucia



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Maundy
Thursday

March 28, 2024

"Do this in remembrance of Me"



A Liturgy for Maundy Thursday

7.00pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY

The liturgy for Maundy Thursday is traditionally celebrated in the evening. This liturgy signals the beginning of the Easter Triduum (three days) which concludes on Easter Day.

The name 'Maundy' derives from the Latin for 'new commandment' – *mandatum novum* – which Christ (according to John) gave his disciples at the 'Last Supper'.

According to custom in various parts of Christendom, the ceremony of "foot washing" normally takes place at the evening Eucharist, as a sign that we are willing to receive Christ's sacrificial ministry to us. Both giving and receiving foot washing are acts of humility and obedience to Christ's command that we love one another.

Another focus for this service is the celebration of the Institution of the Lord's Supper. This is given its Jewish context in the ancient story of the first Passover, and is then demonstrated in the words Jesus used to bless the bread and wine at the Passover that he shared with his disciples.

At the conclusion of the Eucharist, the Reserved Sacrament to be used for Holy Communion on Good Friday is removed from the altar to the side Chapel.

Following the final hymn, the lights in the church are dimmed, and the stripping of the altar and sanctuary begins. Please sit in silence while this takes place. While this is happening Psalm 22 is sung by the choir.

Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge the Turrbal & Jagera people, traditional custodians of the Country on which we gather for worship. We pay our respects to elders past, present, and emerging, and extend that respect to all First Nations people present today.

PRELUDE: *A new commandment & Gerontius (Pastorale) - David Blackwell (b.1961)*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

MASS SETTING: *Shepherd*

HYMN 141

Tune: GERONTIUS

- 1 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.
- 2 O loving wisdom of our God,
when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.
- 3 O wisest love, that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;
- 4 and that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.
- 5 O generous love, that he who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo,
- 6 and in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his friends, and thus inspire
to suffer and to die.
- 7 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

John Henry Newman (1801-90) *alt.*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins
whose mercy endures for ever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you

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.

Kyrie eleison (sung by all)

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy.

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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 Trisagion *(is sung)*

Choir: *Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
Holy God, have mercy on us.*

ALL: **Holy God, have mercy on us.**

The COLLECTS

Maundy Thursday

Let us pray.

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 for ever. **Amen.**

Loving God, your Son Jesus Christ has left us this meal of bread and wine
in which we share his body and blood.
May we who celebrate this sign of great love
show in our lives the fruits of his redemption;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12.1-14

Reader: 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 first-born 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.

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

Psalm 116 (1-2, 11-18)

sung by the choir to a chant by Percy Buck

I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:
the voice of my supplication;

Because he inclined his ear to me: in the day that I called to him.

How shall I repay the Lord: for all his benefits to me?

I will take up the cup of salvation: and call upon the name of the Lord.

O I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people.

Grievous in the sight of the Lord: is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant,
your servant and the child of your handmaid:
you have unloosed my bonds.

I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:
and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people.

In the courts of the house of the Lord:
even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 11. 23-26

Reader: A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Beloved: 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.

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

- 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 Christ 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
Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

Frederick Pratt Green (1903-2000)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
All: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Choir: I give you a new commandment:
love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord.

All: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

The HOLY GOSPEL

John 13. 1-17, 31b-35

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St 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, put on his robe, and returned to the table, Jesus 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 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.

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.

THE SERMON The Reverend Shane Hübner

After the sermon, there is a silence for reflection.

HYMN 640

Tune: CHEREPONI

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet:
master who acts as a slave to them.**
*Yesu, Yesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.*
- 2 Neighbours are wealthy and poor,
varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near us and far away. Refrain**
- 3 These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbours to us and you. Refrain**
- 3 Loving puts us on our knees,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.**

Tom Colvin (1925-2000) & people of Ghana *alt.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, on this, the night he was betrayed,
your Son Jesus Christ, washed his disciples' feet.
As we commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service,
teach us humility.

God of grace,
Hear our prayer.

On this night the Lord Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one.
As we grieve for the divisions in the church,
unite us.

God of grace,
Hear our prayer.

On this night, Jesus prayed for those who would come to believe
through the disciples' message.

As we take up the mission of the church, renew our zeal.

God of grace,
Hear our prayer.

On this night, Jesus commanded his friends 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,
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;
give us your peace.

God of grace,
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,
Hear our prayer.

Faithful God, these are the prayers of your Church.

**We offer them trusting and hoping in you.
Hear and help us, challenge and change us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE WASHING OF FEET

Friends in Christ, I invite you to come forward,
that we may recall whose servants we are
and remember his teaching,
that what is done for us is also to be done for others.

*The congregation is invited to come forward.
During the washing, an anthem will be sung by the choir.*

ANTHEM: Ubi caritas - Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Amen.*

Where there is charity and love, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.
Where there is charity and love, God is there.

Text: author unknown (France 10th c.?)

ORGAN: *Ubi caritas* (2022) – Julie Ainscough (b.1957)

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you

The Prayer Over The Gifts

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.
Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

He offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks that when his hour had come,
in his great love, he gave this supper to his disciples,
that we we might proclaim his death,
and feast with him in his kingdom.

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:

**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.**

Hear us, merciful Father,
and grant that we who receive these gifts
of your creation, this bread and this wine,
in obedience to our Saviour Christ,
may be partakers of his body and blood,
and be made one with him and with each
other in peace and love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread:
and when he had given 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."

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples,
saying, "Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Father, with this bread and this cup,
we do as our Saviour has commanded;
we celebrate the redemption he has won for us;
we proclaim his perfect sacrifice made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
and we look for his coming to fulfil all things according to your will.

In faith we acclaim you, O Christ.

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

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom,
by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you,
Father Almighty, 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 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.
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

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies,
it remains just a single grain;
but if it dies it bears much fruit.

If we have died with him, we shall live with him.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ
in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by
faith with thanksgiving.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei (sung by all)

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

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in
remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith
with thanksgiving.

The congregation is invited to come forward immediately.

MOTET: *Verily, Verily I Say Unto You - Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)*

Verily, verily I say unto you:
except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man,
and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

Who so eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life;
and I will raise him up at the last day.

For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.
He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood,
dwelleth in me, and I in him.

COMMUNION SENTENCE *(sung by the choir)*

This body will be given for you.
This is the new covenant in my blood;
whenever you receive them in remembrance of me.

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.

*During the following hymn
the Reserved Sacrament is taken to the Chapel.*

HYMN 501

Tune: HOLYWOOD

- 1 Sing, my tongue, the Saviour's glory,
of his flesh the mystery sing:
of the blood all price exceeding
shed by our eternal King,
destined for the world's redemption
from a Virgin's womb to spring.**
- 2. Born for us, and for us given,
born to live like us below,
he, a man with us abiding,
lived the gospel seed to sow;
and at last faced death undaunted,
his self-giving love to show.**

- 3 On the night of that last supper,
seated with his chosen band,
first the passover observing
he fulfils the law's command,
then as food to his disciples
gives himself with his own hand.
- 4 Word made flesh! His word life-giving
gives his flesh our food to be,
wine as his own blood he offers;
then, though senses fail to see,
faith alone the true heart wakens
to behold the mystery.
- 5 Therefore we, before him kneeling,
this great sacrament revere;
ancient forms all have their ending
for the newer rite is here;
faith its aid to sight is lending:
though unseen, the Lord is here.
- 6 Glory let us give and blessing,
to the Father and the Son,
honour, might and praise addressing
while eternal ages run,
and the Spirit's love confessing,
who from both, with both is one.

Thomas Aquinas c.1227-74,
tr. Edward Caswall 1814-78 and others

*The lights in the church are dimmed.
The stripping of the altar by clergy and sanctuary party.
The congregation sits.*

My God my God why have you forsaken me:
why are you so far from helping me
and from the words of my groaning?

My God I cry to you by day but you do not answer:
and by night also I take no rest.

But you continue holy: you that are the praise of Israel.

In you our fathers trusted: they trusted and you delivered them;

To you they cried and they were saved:
they put their trust in you and were not confounded.

But as for me I am a worm and no man:
the scorn of men and despised by the people.

All those that see me laugh me to scorn:
they shoot out their lips at me and wag their heads saying,

'He trusted in the Lord let him deliver him:
let him deliver him if he delights in him.'

But you are he that took me out of the womb:
that brought me to lie at peace on my mother's breast.

On you have I been cast since my birth:
you are my God even from my mother's womb.

O go not from me for trouble is hard at hand:
and there is none to help.

Many oxen surround me:
fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.

They gape wide their mouths at me:
like lions that roar and rend.

I am poured out like water and all my bones are out of joint:
my heart within my breast is like melting wax.

My mouth is dried-up like a potsherd:
and my tongue clings to my gums.

My hands and my feet are withered:
and you lay me in the dust of death.

For many dogs are come about me:
and a band of evil doers hem me in.

I can count all my bones:
they stand staring and gazing up on me.

They part my garments among them:
and cast lots for my clothing.

O Lord do not stand far off:
you are my helper hasten to my aid.

Deliver my body from the sword:
my life from the power of the dogs;

O save me from the lion's mouth:
and my afflicted soul from the horns of the wild oxen.

I will tell of your name to my brethren:
in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.

O praise the Lord all you that fear him:
hold him in honour O seed of Jacob
and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.

For he has not despised nor abhorred the poor man in his misery:
nor did he hide his face from him but heard him when he cried.

From you springs my praise in the great congregation:
I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;

The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied:
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him
may their hearts rejoice for ever!

Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord:
and let all the families of the nations worship before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's:
and he shall be ruler over the nations.

How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage:
or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?

But he has saved my life for himself:
and my posterity shall serve him.

This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation:
and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn
that he has done it.

The congregation leaves the church quickly and silently.

*Silence is kept in and around the building,
recalling that the first disciples in their fear
fled and said nothing to anyone.*

Holy Week & Easter Services

Friday 29th March

Good Friday

8am

Solemn Liturgy & Distribution of the Reserved Sacrament

10.30am

Children's Stations of the Cross

12noon - 3pm

Good Friday Devotion: 'Stations of the Cross'
with the Lucian Singers

Sunday 31st March

Easter Day

6am

Dawn Service: Lighting of the New Fire,
Choral Eucharist & Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Parish breakfast (in the church hall)

9am

Sung Eucharist of Easter & Renewal of Baptismal Vows