

Maundy Thursday

April 1st 2021

Organ Prelude: *Meditation on Ubi Caritas* – Alan Bullard (b.1947)

Words of welcome and Introduction

The Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ

The love of God

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

Be with you

All: And also with you

Hymn - Brother, sister let me serve you

Brother, sister let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and are brothers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

*Words: Richard Gillard
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Prayer of Preparation

Let us pray

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open
All desires known
And to whom no secrets are hidden:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit
That we may perfectly love you
And worthily magnify your holy name
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayers of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ says
"If you love me, keep my commandments."

Let us confess to almighty God our sins against his love,
And ask him to cleanse us.

Silence is kept

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 won 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

Absolution

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
All: Amen

Hymn - Broken for me, broken for you

*Broken for me, broken for you,
the body of Jesus broken for you.*

He offered His body, He poured out His soul,
Jesus was broken that we might be whole:

Broken for me....

Come to My table and with Me dine,
eat of My bread and drink of My wine:

Broken for me....

This is My body given for you,
eat it remembering I died for you:

Broken for me...

This is My blood I shed for you,
for your forgiveness, making you new:

Broken for me....

*Words: Colin and Janet Lunt
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Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

All: Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

The Collect

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen

Readings

Exodus 12 :1-4, 11 – 14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbour, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat.

This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover.

“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory

Hear the Gospel of our lord Jesus Christ according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so, he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean.

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn - My song is love unknown

My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.

O who am I,
that for my sake,
my Lord should take
frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know,
But O, my friend,
my friend indeed,
who at my need,
his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!"
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
themselves displease,
and 'gainst him rise.

They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
to suffering goes,
that he his foes
from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine:
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

*Words: Samuel Crossman (c1624-84)
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Reflection

Musical interlude / Chant: Nada te turbe (nothing can trouble)

Nada te turbe, nada te espante.
Quien a Dios tiene nada le falta.
Nada te turbe, nada te espante,
Solo Dios basta.

Prayers of Intercession

Silence may be kept before each versicle and response

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 the 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 all those who have died in the peace of Christ
Lord hear us

All: and welcome all your children into paradise

All: Amen

Silence for personal prayer

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so we 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 deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Hymn – Make me a channel of your peace

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love
Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in You

*Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul*

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy

*Oh Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul*

Make me a channel of Your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life

*Music: Sebastian Temple, based on the Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi
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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
All: And also with you

The Service Ends

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 the disciples, "How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me forever 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.

Stations of the Cross Reflection

You may wish to click on this link to watch and pray with a video on the Stations of the Cross, or you may wish to spend time reflecting with it at another time: <https://tinyurl.com/4z8pcfu8>

The following readings may be used for further reflection:

Psalm 88
John 13.16-30
Psalm 113
John 13.31-end
Psalm 114
John 14.1-14
Psalm 115
John 14.15-end
Psalm 116.1-9
John 15.1-17
Psalm 116.10-end
John 15.18-16.4a
Psalm 117
John 16.4b-15
Psalm 118.1-9
John 16.16-end
Psalm 118.10-18
John 17.1-19
Psalm 118.19-end
John 17.20-end