

Maundy Thursday Liturgy

April 11th 2020

Words of welcome and introduction

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 companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christlight 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.**

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

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

Prayers of Penitence

Let us pray

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.

All: Amen

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 one 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 us

By the death of his Son

And strengthen us

To live in the power of the Spirit

All our days

All: Amen

The Collect

**All: 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.
Amen**

Readings

Exodus 12:1-4

The Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread

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 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

Psalm 116: 17-19

**All: I will sacrifice a thank offering to you
and call on the name of the LORD.
I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the LORD—
in your midst, Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD.**

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

John 13: 1-8, 16-35

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."

Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

"I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill this passage of Scripture: 'He who shared my bread has turned against me.'

"I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am who I am. Very truly I tell you, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me."

After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me."

His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means."

Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?"

Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

So Jesus told him, "What you are about to do, do quickly." But no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the festival, or to give something to the poor. As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

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

Reflection

In Christ we come together, love of Christ is our calling
Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting
Let us all revere and love him, God eternal
Loving him, let each love Christ in all his brothers and sisters

All: God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there

When Christians come together, members of one Body
Let there be in us no discord, but one spirit
Banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel
Christ our God be present always here among us

All: God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there

Grant us love's fulfilment, joy with the blessed
When we see your face, O Saviour, in its glory
Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation
Be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises

All: God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there

(James Quinn SJ)

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 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. Amen

Silence for personal prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

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

(Sign the peace)

Stripping of the Cell

(Music playing whilst cell is stripped bare and crown of thorns is placed on plain cross)

The Dismissal

When the disciples had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prays 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 for even 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.

There follows a vigil in silence.

The following readings may be used.

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