

Service for Maundy Thursday



Welcome

The Preparation

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Go into the city to a certain one, and say to him, "The teacher says, 'My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'"

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.**

The darkness deepens, and the Lord grows troubled. Can we watch with Him? Can we be the friends at His table who share His bread and wine? Can we be the companions who journey with Him to the end?

**Come, let us worship, let us watch,
and let us give thanks for your great love.**

Amen

Prayers of Penitence

Lord Jesus, we are stunned at your passion and your commitment toward us. You did not run from the darkness, you did not hide from your accusers, You did not fade into safe obscurity.

You stepped into the darkness, willingly giving yourself to suffer for us and our world to reconcile us to God.

Forgive us that we allow ourselves to become too familiar with this story.

As we watch with You, while the darkness encroaches, let us remember what this journey means and count again the cost of love.

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

Gloria



Glo - ri-a, glo - ri-a, in ex-cel - sis De - o! Glo - ri-a, glo - ri-a, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Collect

Lord,
you are always breaking apart our communities,
our identities,
our images of you:
open hand and heart to receive this uncalled for gift,
this fractured food,
this feast where untouchables meet,
human and divine;
through Jesus Christ, the passion of God.

Amen.

New Testament Reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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, 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.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Anthem

Durufle - Ubi caritas *University of Bristol Church choir recorded in 2010.*

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of your Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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.'

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.'

'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 be to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Philip Dixon

Washing of feet

During this part of the service you are invited to wash the feet of others in your household or perhaps bathe your own hands gently.

John Ireland - Greater Love *University of Bristol Church choir recorded in 2018*

Almighty Father,
Whose Son, Jesus Christ, taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters,
we do also for him;
give us the will to be the servant of others,
as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us,
yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

Intercessions

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

We use the following responses

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

**Lord, hear us
and unite us.**

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

**Lord, hear us
and fill us with your love.**

**Lord, hear us
and give us your grace.
Amen.**

*At this point please pause the video and join the Zoom Eucharist at 7.30pm
After this return to this video*

Welcome

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 Preparation of the Gifts.

At the eucharist 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 he is 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.

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Lord is here.

God's 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 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 praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died, he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended, he took the cup of wine.
Again, he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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

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

**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.**

Behold the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin 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.**

Prayer after Communion

Jesus said, 'I am the vine, and you are the branches. They who abide in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit.'

Loving Father,

We thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son.

Sustain us by your Spirit,

that we may serve you here on earth

until our joy is complete in heaven

and we share the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

"When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives."

Stripping of altar

O Nata Lux – Tallis *University of Bristol Church choir recorded in 2019*

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples 'sit here while I go and pray.'

Chant:

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

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Jesus said, 'Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him.'

Psalm 88

O Lord, God of my salvation, when, at night, I cry out in your presence,
let my prayer come before you; incline your ear to my cry.
For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol.
I am counted among those who go down to the Pit;
I am like those who have no help,
like those forsaken among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave,
like those whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand.
You have put me in the depths of the Pit, in the regions dark and deep.
Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and you overwhelm me with all your waves.
You have caused my companions to shun me; you have made me a thing of
horror to them. I am shut in so that I cannot escape;
my eye grows dim through sorrow. Every day I call on you, O Lord; I spread out
my hands to you.
Do you work wonders for the dead? Do the shades rise up to praise you?
Is your steadfast love declared in the grave, or your faithfulness in Abaddon?
Are your wonders known in the darkness,
or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness?
But I, O Lord, cry out to you; in the morning my prayer comes before you.
O Lord, why do you cast me off? Why do you hide your face from me?
Wretched and close to death from my youth up, I suffer your terrors;
I am desperate.
Your wrath has swept over me; your dread assaults destroy me.
They surround me like a flood all day long; from all sides they close in on me.
You have caused friend and neighbour to shun me;
my companions are in darkness.

Then Jesus said, 'stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.'

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