

MAUNDY THURSDAY
St Paul's
Ithaca-Ashgrove



**Agape Meal and Hand/Foot Washing,
followed by Eucharist and
Stripping of Altar**

The congregation meet together in the hall for a shared meal. The tradition of this parish is to serve lamb rolls, and share in bread and wine.

Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have love you." (Jn 13:34)

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,
whose mercy endures forever.

The Collect/Grace

God our Father,

you have invited us to share in the supper
which your Son gave to his Church
to proclaim his death until he comes.

May he nourish us by his presence,
and unite us in his love;

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever. Amen

The Meal

After the meal, please stand to sing –

A New Commandment – TIS 699

Stand for the Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 13 beginning at the 1st verse. **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, 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 Lord Jesus Christ.**

Foot washing, during which this hymn is sung.

Hymn: Kneels at the Feet of his Friends. TIS 640

T. Colvin (c.1965)

After the washing

Almighty Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ taught us

that what we do for the least of our brethren

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.**

Prayers

Priest: Father, on this 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

and humble us.

Priest: On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church.

Lord, hear us

and unite us.

Priest: On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through their message. We pray for the mission of your Church.

Lord, hear us

and renew our zeal.

Priest: On this night, he commanded them to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved.

Lord, hear us

and fill us with your love.

Priest: On this night, he reminded them that if the world hated them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, hear us

and give us your peace.

We ask these things through Christ our Lord, who taught 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.

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.**

Confession and Mutual 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.

O God, you have searched us out and known us,
and all that we are is open to you.

We confess that we have sinned:
we have used our power to dominate
and our weakness to manipulate;
we have evaded responsibility
and failed to confront evil;
we have denied dignity
to ourselves and to each other,
and fallen into despair.

**We turn to you, O God;
we renounce evil;
we claim your love;
we choose to be made whole.**

*Please turn to the person beside you and make a sign of
the cross over their forehead and say,
'Your sins are forgiven, be at peace.'*

Please stand

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, I leave you
peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins but on
the faith of your Church, and grant it the peace and unity
of your kingdom, where you live and reign for ever and
ever.

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

Please exchange the peace. After this the service resumes in the Church with the Eucharist and stripping of the Altar.

The congregations gathers in the front pews.

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 11.

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.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgement against themselves.

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

Let us pray

**We do not presume
to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under
your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us.
Amen.**

Hymn: TIS 536 An Upper Room.

The wardens present the bread and wine brought from the meal table to the server.

At the Eucharist we are with our crucified and risen Lord. We know that it was not only our ancestors, but we who are 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 with us now. **Until the Kingdom of God comes, let us celebrate the 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.

Please stand.

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, ever living God.

We 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.

When his hour had come, in his great love

he gave this supper to his disciples,

that 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.**

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

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 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.'

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

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

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,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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.

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.

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.

Communion

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.

Most loving God,
**you send us into the world you love. Give us grace
to go thankfully and with courage in the power of
your Spirit.**

The stripping of the Altar and sanctuary. The congregation is invited to come into the sanctuary and remove all removable items in silence.

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 sinful men. Come let us go.'

Christ was obedient unto death. Go in his peace.

The watch begins. There will be a short period of silent reflection followed by Compline. Please leave in silence if you are unable to stay.

Compline

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, you came to call sinners to repentance,
have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, sent to heal those who are burdened in soul,
have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, now seated at the Father's right hand to
intercede for us,
have mercy on us.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, **who made heaven
and earth. Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy
Spirit: as in the beginning, so now, and for ever.
Praise the Lord!**

Please sing together.

**Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured
Who is the immortal Father, heavenly blest,
Holiest of Holies, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Now we come to the sun's hour of rest,
The lights of evening round us shine,
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.**

**Worthiest are thou at all times to be sung with
undefiled tongue,
Son of our God, giver of life, alone!
Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they
own.**

Psalm 4

Said together.

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High :
**who abides under the shadow of the Almighty,
They will say to the Lord 'You are my refuge and
my stronghold:
my God in whom I trust.'**
**For surely I will deliver you from the snare of the
hunter:
and from the deadly pestilence.**

**I shall cover you with my feathers,
and you will be safe under my wings:
my faithfulness will be your shield and defense.
You shall not be afraid of any terror by night:
or of the arrow that flies by day,
Of the pestilence that walks about in darkness :
or the plague that destroys at noon.
A thousand may fall beside you,
and ten thousand at your right hand :
but you it shall not come near;
Your own eyes shall see:
and look on the reward of the wicked.**

**Because you have made the Lord your refuge:
and the Most High your stronghold.
No evil shall happen to you:
nor shall any plague come near your dwelling.
For I shall give my angels charge over you:
to keep you in all your ways.
They will lift you up in their hands:
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the adder:
you will trample the young lion and the serpent
under your feet.
Because you are bound to me in love,
therefore I will deliver you:
I will protect you, because you know my name.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you:
I will be with you in trouble,
I will rescue you and bring you to honour.
With long life I will satisfy you:
and show you my salvation.'**

Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on
your anger, and do not make room for the devil.

Eph 4:26-27

Thanks be to God.

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

You have redeemed us, Lord, God of truth.

I commend my spirit.

Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

Save us, Lord, while we are awake;
protect us while we are asleep;
**that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with
him in peace.**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation:
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:
A light to reveal you to the nations:
and the glory of your people Israel.
**Save us, Lord, while we are awake;
protect us while we are asleep;
that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with
him in peace.**

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

**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.**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
who at this evening hour rested in the sepulchre,
and sanctified the grave to be a bed of hope to your
people: make us so to abound in sor12345,
that when our bodies life in the dust
we may live with you, through the saving merits of your
cross; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Come, O Spirit of God,
and make within us your dwelling place and home.
May our darkness be dispelled by your light,
and our troubles be calmed by your peace;
may all evil be redeemed by your love,
all pain transformed through the suffering of Christ,
and all dying glorified by his risen life. **Amen.**

Let us praise the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit;
God is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
May the almighty and merciful God bless us and keep us.
Amen.

*Please leave in silence. Remember this service does not end until
Easter Sunday!*

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