

# Maundy Thursday



**St Swithun's, Hither Green**

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2021, 7.30pm**

# Gathering

## Greeting

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.**

## Prayers of penitence

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.

*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.

**Lord, have mercy**

Against you only have we sinned

And done what is evil in your sight.

Christ, have mercy.

**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.

**Lord, have mercy**

## Absolution

May the Father forgive you

by the death of his Son

and strengthen you to live in the power of the Spirit all your days.

**Amen.**

## Collect

Let us pray that we may love one another as Christ has loved us.

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, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

## Liturgy of the Word

### **Gospel**     *John 13: 1–17, 31b–35*

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.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

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

Hear the Gospel of our 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. 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, O Christ.**

**Sermon** Rev Frances Nestor

## **Remembering our service to others**

Lord Jesus Christ,

you have taught us that what we do

for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you:

give us the will to be the servant of others

as you were the servant of all,

and gave up your life and died for us,

but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**

# Prayers of Intercessions

Let us pray:

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: **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: **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: **and renew our zeal**

On this night, He commanded His disciples to love,  
but suffered rejection himself.  
We pray for the rejected and unloved.  
Lord, hear us: **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: **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 those who have died in the peace of Christ.  
Lord, hear us: **and welcome all your children into paradise**

# Liturgy of the Sacrament

## 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.**

# Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord**

We 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 **this** 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. Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection**

**You have set us free**

**You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 Mary the mother of Jesus, St Swithun and 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 Prayer Jesus taught us**

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 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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many,**

**we are one body,**

**because we all share in one bread.**

## **Agnus Dei**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace**

## **Giving of Communion**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people:

**Jesus Christ is holy,**

**Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God.**

*Communion will be brought to you in one kind. Please stay seated in your place whilst we come to you safely – alternatively a prayer can be said at a physical distance with you as we move around the church.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion:

Grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruit of your redemption, for you are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**

*The Sacrament is taken to the 'garden'*

*The sanctuary is stripped.*

## **The Conclusion**

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 sinners.' Christ was obedient unto death. Go in his peace.

*We leave in silence. There will be no watch this year.*