

Maundy Thursday evening prayer. 1st April 2021

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

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

Have mercy on us, O God, in your great goodness;
According to the abundance of your compassion
Blot out our offenses.
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 us
by the death of his Son
and strengthen us to live in the power of His Spirit
all our days.

Amen.

Holy God

**Holy and strong,
Holy and immortal,
Have mercy upon us.**

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 forever. Amen.**

Reading: 1 Corinthians 11: 23 - 25

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ 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." ²⁵ 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." ²⁶ 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

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

Hear the Gospel of our lord Jesus Christ, according to: **John 13: 1 – 17, 31b – 35**

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.

²The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ 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.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸ "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

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

⁹ "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

¹² 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. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ 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.

"Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ "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.

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon <https://youtu.be/ol8eu1rCSck>

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 that 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 humble 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 humble us.

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love,

but suffered rejection himself.

We pray for the rejected and unloved.

Lord, hear us,

And humble us.

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 your kingdom.

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your only Son,

Our saviour Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect:

God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end and drank the cup prepared for him: may we who share his table watch with him through the night of suffering and be faithful. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Psalm 88. O Lord, God of my salvation

when, at night, I cry out in your presence,
² 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.
⁴ I am counted among those who go down to the Pit;
I am like those who have no help,
⁵ 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.
and you overwhelm me with all your waves.

Selah

⁶ You have put me in the depths of the Pit,
in the regions dark and deep.
⁷ Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
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;
⁹ my eye grows dim through sorrow.
Every day I call on you, O LORD;
I spread out my hands to you.
¹⁰ Do you work wonders for the dead?
Do the shades rise up to praise you?

Selah

¹¹ Is your steadfast love declared in the grave,
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?
¹² 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.
¹⁴ O LORD, why do you cast me off?
Why do you hide your face from me?
¹⁵ Wretched and close to death from my youth up,
I suffer your terrors; I am desperate.
¹⁶ Your wrath has swept over me;
your dread assaults destroy me.
¹⁷ They surround me like a flood all day long;
from all sides they close in on me.
¹⁸ You have caused friend and neighbour to shun me;
my companions are in darkness.

We leave this service quietly and prayerfully.