

PARISH OF ESHER
Christ Church, Esher with St George's, West End

A Service for Maundy Thursday



*'This is my body that is for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'*

1 Corinthians 11.24b

The Gathering

The president greets the people.

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 Greeting

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

A hymn is sung.

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.

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 in Excelsis

All sing:

Not too fast



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - migh - ty God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Slightly slower (without hurrying the words)



mp Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -

- lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect

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

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 Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Either one or two readings from scripture precede the Gospel reading, and a psalm, canticle or hymn may follow the first reading.

At the end the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end the reader may say:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

After the Sermon an anthem may be sung, or a piece of music played.

The Washing of Feet

The president washes the feet of some members of the congregation.

An anthem is sung during the washing of feet.

The washing of feet ends with this prayer:

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 Intercession

The president introduces the prayers:

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
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.

The 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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Online Offertory

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Preparation of the Table

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed on it,
while a hymn is sung.*

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 our Lord is here 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.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks
 because, having loved his own who were in the world,
 he loved them to the end;
 and on the night before he suffered,
 sitting at table with his disciples,
 he instituted these holy mysteries,
 that we, redeemed by his death
 and restored to life by his resurrection,
 might be partakers of his divine nature.

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:

Moderate speed

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Without hurrying

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
 and according to your holy will,
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
 who, in the same night that he was betrayed, that is, this very night,
 took bread and gave you thanks;
 he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
 he took the cup and gave you thanks;
 he gave it to them, saying:
 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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It is divided into two parts: 'PRESIDENT' and 'PEOPLE'. The tempo is marked 'Quite fast'. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'Great is the mystery of faith. Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.' The score includes a 'ff' (fortissimo) dynamic marking for the final phrase.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
 his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
 rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
 and looking for his coming in glory,
 we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
 we bring before you this bread and this cup
 and we thank you for counting us worthy
 to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
 and gather into one in your kingdom
 all who share this one bread and one cup,
 so that we, in the company of all the saints,
 may praise and glorify you for ever,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
 for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All sit or kneel.

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 for ever.**

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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

The Agnus Dei is used as the bread is broken.

Not too slow

P

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on

mp

us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

P

Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: _ grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Jesus is 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.**

In line with the Church of England guidance on Spiritual Communion at this time of the Coronavirus those unable to receive the consecrated bread and wine today may wish to use this prayer at home:

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.

Amen.

During the distribution, music may be sung or played.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

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.

A hymn is sung.

The Conclusion

The Stripping of the Sanctuary

The holy table and the sanctuary are stripped bare.

A psalm, hymn or chant is sung.

The lights are dimmed and The Watch begins. It lasts for one hour. You may leave now, or join The Watch for all or part of this time, as we silently and prayerfully remember the time Jesus spent in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Alternatively you may wish to keep watch at home this evening.

The Watch

The following are suggested readings to use for The Watch.

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	

Please leave the church in silence.

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