



MAUNDY THURSDAY EVENING EUCHARIST
2ND APRIL 2026, 7PM
ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

Minister: 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.

Minister: Our Lord Jesus Christ says,
“If you love me, keep my commandments.”
“Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”
Let us confess to Almighty God our sins against his love and ask him to cleanse us.

[Silence is kept for a short while]

**All: Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing
and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Minister: The Lord, who is faithful and just, forgive us our sins,
create and make in us a clean heart
and renew a right spirit within us
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Collect

Minister: 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 First Reading: Exodus (12:1-4, 11-14)

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ²“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. ⁴If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbour, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ¹¹This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord’s Passover.

¹²“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. ¹³The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see

the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

¹⁴“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance.

The Lord is my strength and my song

All: And has become my salvation.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11.20-26

²⁰ So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord’s Supper you eat, ²¹ for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, one person remains hungry and another gets drunk. ²² Don’t you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter! ²³ 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 my God whom I will praise.

All: The God of my forebears whom I will exalt

The Gospel Reading (John 13:1-17, 31b-35)

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

All: 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.

² The 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; ⁴ so 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.

Jesus said, “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. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Address

Prayers

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

Minister: Father, on this night when 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.

All: and humble us.

Minister: On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be as one.
We pray for the unity of your Church.
Lord, hear us.

All: and unite us.

Minister: 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.

All: and renew our zeal

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

All: and fill us with your love.

Minister: 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.

All: and give us your peace.

Minister: 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.

All: and welcome all your children into paradise.

Minister: Hasten, Lord, the day when people will come from
east and west, from north and south, and sit at table in
your kingdom and we shall see your Son in his glory.

**All: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake
of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We Stand for the Peace

Minister: 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."

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

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Minister: 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.

All: **Until the kingdom of God comes let us celebrate this feast.**

Minister: Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe, you bring forth bread from the earth.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Minister: Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe, you create the fruit of the vine.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

[We sit or kneel]

The Eucharistic Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: **and also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Minister: It is truly right to give you thanks, it is fitting to give you glory, 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.

Minister: 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.

**All: 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**

Minister: Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the

power of your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; Who, in this night, the same night that he was betrayed, 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension.

We look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Minister: Christ is the bread of life:

All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, until you come in glory.

Minister: Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All: Blessing and honour and glory and power be
yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Minister: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All: 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.**

[The Minister breaks the consecrated bread]

Minister: Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

All: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Minister: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of
the world. Blessed are those who are called to his
supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

[The minister and people receive communion]

Prayer after Communion

**All: 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.**

Minister: 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.

The Stripping of the Sanctuary

As the Sanctuary is stripped, Allegri's Miserere Mei (Latin for 'have mercy on me') will be played.

Allegri was a composer and musician at the Vatican. At one point, this piece of music was forbidden to be transcribed and could only be played in the Sistine Chapel. The music is very haunting and traditionally played during Holy Week.

It is a version of Psalm 51, where David asks for God's forgiveness after being confronted by the Prophet Nathan, for the murder of Uriah, Bathsheba's husband.

The music lasts around 15 minutes, so you are welcome to stay and listen to it all or leave whenever you wish to.

Please leave the church in silence.

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