



JOHN KEBLE CHURCH

Welcome to John Keble Church

1 April 2021, 7.30pm

Eucharist, *Maundy Thursday*

Maundy Thursday (from *mandatum*, 'commandment', because of the use of John 13 vs 34 on this day - 'A new command I give you: love one another.') contains a rich complex of themes: humble Christian service expressed through Christ's washing of his disciples' feet, the institution of the Eucharist, the perfection of Christ's loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane.

The service closes with the stripping of the altar and a vigil ('Could you not watch with me one hour?'). The mood at the end is of silence, betrayal and darkness.

All stand as the Choir enter the Church and sing the PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

This is the night, dear friends, the night for weeping,
when powers of darkness overcome the day,
the night the faithful mourn the weight of evil
whereby our sins the Son of Man betray.

This night Christ institutes his holy supper,
blest food and drink for heart and soul and mind;
this night injustice joins its hands to treason's,
and buys the ransom-price of human-kind.

O make us sharers, Saviour, of your Passion,
that we may share your glory that shall be;
let us pass through these three dark nights of sorrow
to Easter's laughter and its liberty.

All remain standing for THE GREETING:

Presider: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Presider: Peace be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

All remain standing for the Minister to lead THE RITE 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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All:* **Amen.**

All remain standing for the Presider to say THE COLLECT:

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. *All:* **Amen.**

All sit for the FIRST BIBLE READING 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 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.' 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.' 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**

All remain standing for THE GOSPEL READING: John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

Reader: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*All: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

13 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. ³Jesus 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 round his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped round him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' ⁷Jesus replied, 'You do not realise 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!'

¹⁰Jesus 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.' ¹¹For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. ¹²When 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. ¹⁴Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. ^{31b} Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³²If 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. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.' ³⁶Simon Peter asked him, 'Lord, where are you going?' Jesus replied, 'Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.' ³⁷Peter asked, 'Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for

you.’ ³⁸Then Jesus answered, ‘Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the cock crows, you will disown me three times!

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

All sit for THE SERMON.

All stand to say THE APOSTLES CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presider: In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ let us pray to the Father.

All kneel for THE INTERCESSIONS:

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.**

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

All stand for THE PEACE:

Presider: Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

Following this PRAYER, the bell is tolled three times to indicate the offering of our hearts to God.

All kneel for THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues:

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:

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.**

The Presider continues:

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 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: Great is the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died:**

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues:

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.**

After the PRAYER the bell tolls three times to indicate that the bread and wine have been consecrated for the whole community.

All remain kneeling for the Presider to lead THE LORD'S PRAYER and THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

Uniting our prayers with those of the Church Universal, we say in our own language the prayer that Jesus taught us:

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.

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

All: **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

All remain kneeling to sing the AGNUS DEI:

Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world,

Grant us peace.

All remain kneeling for the Presider to lead THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Drop, drop, slow tears,

And bather those beauteous feet,

Which brought from heaven

The news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes,

his mercies to entreat;

to cry for vengeance

Sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods

Drown all my faults and fears;

Nor let his eye see sin,

But through my tears.

After COMMUNION all kneel. The Presider leads the PRAYERS:

Let us pray *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.

All: Amen.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

All remain seated for the HYMN and stripping of the altar:

Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee,
who in thy sacrament art pleased to be;
both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,
yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
who living bread to men doth here afford!
O may our souls for ever feed on thee,
and thou, O Christ, for ever precious be.

Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,
cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood;
increase our faith and love, that we may know
the hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
may what we thirst for soon our portion be,
to gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face,
the vision of thy glory and thy grace.

Psalm 22: 1-21 – sung by the choir

Antiphon: *They part my garments among them and cast lots upon my vesture*

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me: and are so far from my salvation, from the words of my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer: and by night also, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One: enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 Our forebears trusted in you: they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered: they put their trust in you and were not confounded.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man: scorned by all and despised by the people.

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn: they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying:

8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him: let him deliver him if he delights in him".

9 But it is you that took me out of the womb: and laid me safe upon my mother's breast.

10 On you was I cast ever since I was born: you are my God even from my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near at hand: and there is none to help.

12 Mighty oxen come around me: fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.

13 They gape upon me with their mouths: as it were a ramping and a roaring lion

14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint: my heart has become like wax melting in the depths of my body.

15 My mouth is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue cleaves to my gums: you have laid me in the dust of death.

16 For the hounds are all about me, the pack of evil-doers close in on me: They pierce my hands and my feet.

17 I can count all my bones: They stand staring and looking upon me.

18 They divide my garments among them: They cast lots for my clothing.

19 Be not far from me, O Lord: You are my strength; hasten to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword: My poor life from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the lion's mouth, from the horns of wild oxen: You have answered me!

Antiphon: They part my garments among them and cast lots upon my vesture

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.'

There is no blessing at the end of the Maundy Thursday liturgy, and the service leads into a watch into the night. Please leave in silence when you are ready.

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