

# ST MARK'S HAMILTON TERRACE



## Maundy Thursday (Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020)

*This reflective service for Maundy Thursday includes prayers and meditations, and leads into Holy Communion. The liturgy focuses upon the account of the Last Supper in John 13. Seven candles are lit during the service in response to seven actions, which are noted during the narrative. The lit candles offer a reminder of the presence of light even in the darkness of the eve of Good Friday.*

### Opening prayer:

Let us pray together ...

**All: God of light and truth,  
grant us peace as we gather in prayer tonight.  
May we draw closer to you as we recall again the service and suffering of  
Christ,  
in whose name we pray.  
Amen**

God of grace and truth,  
as we move from the brightness of the day's light to the enfolding darkness  
of the night-time,  
help us to know your light in our hearts,  
that in our need for forgiveness and strength  
your gracious word may be known.  
**And then help us to face this night,  
renewed in spirit.  
In the name of Christ, we pray.  
Amen**

### Prayer of confession and absolution:

Lord Christ, in the evening of this day,  
forgive us for our lack of attention to you,  
Lord help us  
**Lord have mercy**

our absence of word and action in following you,  
Lord help us  
**Christ have mercy**

and our denial of your place within our lives  
Lord help us  
**Lord have mercy**

*Silence for personal confession*

May God our Father forgive you your sins,  
and bring you to the fellowship of his table  
with his saints for ever.  
**Amen.**

**Action 1 – washing, John 13:1–5:**

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.

Let us pray:  
Tonight, O God, we recall that your Son arose from the table to descend to the floor. We rejoice that in his humility he left the things of heaven for the dirt and dust of this world. Give us humility, we pray, that we might discover and follow Christ's way and not our own.  
Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, fill us with your truth.**

*The first candle is lit, followed by pause for reflection ...*

**Action 2 – cleansing, John 13:6–11:**

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.'

**Meditation:**

Let us pray:  
Lord God, help us to accept love when it is shown, and your love as it is shown through Christ.  
Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, cleanse us through your grace.**

*The second candle is lit, followed by pause for reflection ...*

**Action 3 – serving, John 13:12–17:**

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.'

**Meditation:**

Let us pray:  
Gracious God, teach us how to serve as we are served.  
Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, fill us with your humble love.**

*The third candle is lit, followed by pause for reflection ...*

**Action 4 – betraying, John 13:18–30:**

‘I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfil the scripture, “The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.” I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.’

After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, ‘Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.’ The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples – the one whom Jesus loved – was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So, while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, ‘Lord, who is it?’ Jesus answered, ‘It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.’ So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, ‘Do quickly what you are going to do.’ Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, ‘Buy what we need for the festival’; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

Let us pray:

Loving God, we pray for those who are persecuted and betrayed for their faith.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, fill us with your strength.**

*The fourth candle is lit, followed by pause for reflection ...*

**Action 5 – leaving, John 13:31–33:**

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.’

Let us pray:

Jesus told his disciples that he was going to prepare a place for them.

In silence we remember those who have gone before us, who have brought the Gospel to us, who have served Christ amongst us, and who now are in that place prepared also for us.

*Silence*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, fill us with your hope.**

*The fifth candle is lit, followed by pause for reflection ...*

**Action 6 – loving, John 13:34–35:**

‘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.’

Let us pray:

Jesus commanded his disciples to love, even as he knew that betrayal and denial were close at hand. We pray for those who are rejected and unloved

...

We pray for those who are betrayed by those they love ...

We pray for those who deny their faith through fear ...

We pray for those who this night, and every night, fear for their lives ...

We pray for those for whom this night will be their last ...

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, fill us with your compassionate love.**

*The sixth candle is lit, followed by pause for reflection ...*

**Action 7 – denying, John 13:36–38:**

Simon Peter said to him, ‘Lord, where are you going?’ Jesus answered, ‘Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterward.’ Peter said to him, ‘Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.’ Jesus answered, ‘Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.’

**Meditation:**

Let us pray:

O God, you know that it is often easier and safer for us to remain silent when we might challenge.

To speak with quiet voices when they need to be louder. Help us, we pray, re-call us to your service as Christ recalled your servant Peter by the lakeside, that we may be fed ...

and then feed others.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, fill us with your courage, your love and your humility. Help us in the night-time shadows of fear to know the continuing light of your presence, that we may be seen and heard as your people.**

**Amen**

*The seventh candle is lit, followed by pause for reflection as the bread and wine are prepared.*

### The Eucharistic Prayer

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.**

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 – meeting with us, even as we are dispersed.

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

*The President sings the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer and the congregation responds*



The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. **R.** We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**R.** It is right to give thanks and praise.

*The president continues to sing the Eucharistic Prayer ...*

... 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:

**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.**

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,  
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues ...*

... 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**

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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**

*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.**

*We say the Agnus Dei as the bread is broken*

**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.**

*The president says*

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

*The president receives Communion on behalf of all*

**Prayer after Communion:**

*The President says:*

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.  
**Amen.**

**Closing Gospel: Mark 14:32–34:**

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.'

*The Sacrament will now be taken to the Altar of Repose as the altar is stripped and lights are extinguished except for the seven candles lit during the service.*

*The Watch will continue with readings. You are invited to stay with us online for however long you wish. Please keep your candles lit until your personal Watch ends.*

*The Good Friday liturgy begins at noon tomorrow. You are invited to light your candles again for the start of that service.*

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