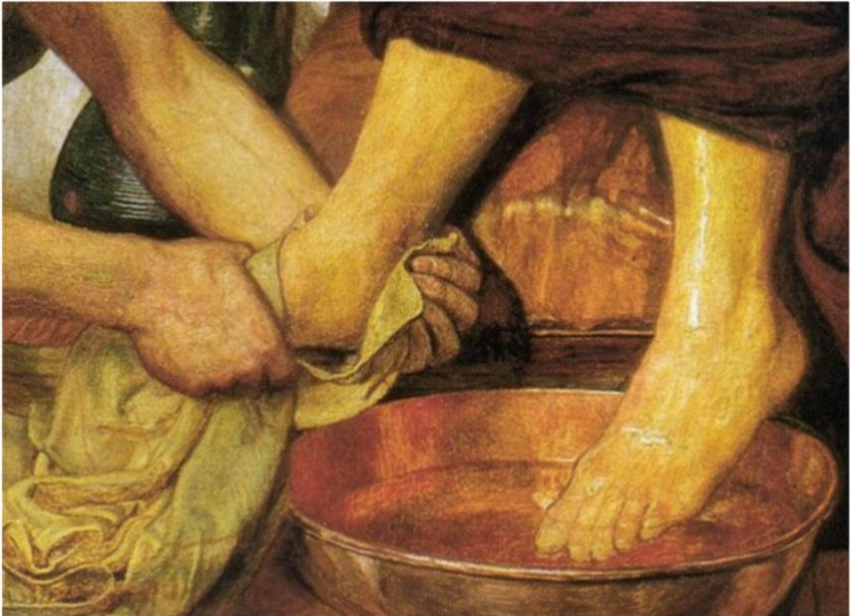




# Parish Communion Maundy Thursday



*The unique characteristic of the Maundy Thursday service is following in Jesus' example by the clergy washing the feet of the congregation. Because of the pandemic it will not be possible for the Rector to wash anyone's feet during this service except for those in his household, however it is possible that within households at home (if there is more than one of you present) you can wash each other's feet so please be ready at home with a bowl of water and a towel for the appropriate moment!*

## **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## **Choir Sing – Gather us in**

*Here in this place new light is streaming  
Now is the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame  
Call to us now and we shall awaken  
We shall arise at the sound of our name*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery  
We are the old who yearn for your face  
We have been sung throughout all of history  
Called to be light to the whole human race  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly  
Give us the courage to enter the song*

*Here we will take the wine and the water  
Here we will take the bread of new birth  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth*

*Give us to drink the wine of compassion  
Give us to eat the bread that is you  
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining  
Not in some heaven light years away  
But here in this place the new light is shining  
Now is the kingdom, now is the day  
Gather us in and hold us forever  
Gather us in and make us your own  
Gather us in, all peoples together  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones*

## **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.

**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.

**Amen.**

### **Choir sing Kyrie Eleison**

*Lord, have mercy*  
*Christ, have mercy*  
*Lord, have mercy*

### **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.

**Amen.**

### **Gospel Acclamation sung by the choir**

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ*

*Your words O Lord are spirit and life*  
*You have the words of everlasting life*

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ*

### **Reading – John 13:1-17,31b-35** **Read by Robin Greenwood**

**13** 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. <sup>2</sup> The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup> got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup> 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." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." <sup>12</sup> 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? <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. <sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> 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.' <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**Sermon**

## The Washing of the Feet

*The Rector washes Lucy Pease's feet as a symbol of washing the feet of the congregation. At home please wash each other's feet in your households – the men washing the women's feet first*

**While this is happening the Choir will sing**

*Brother, Sister let me serve you  
Let me be as Christ to you  
Pray that I may have the grace  
To let you be my servant, too*

*We are pilgrims on a journey  
We are brothers on the road  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load*

*I will hold the Christlight for you  
In the night-time of your fear  
I will hold my hand out to you  
Speak the peace you long to hear*

*I will weep when you are weeping  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
Till we've seen this journey through*

*When we sing to God in heaven  
We shall find such harmony  
Born of all we've known together  
Of Christ's love and agony*

*Brother Sister let me serve you  
Let me be as Christ to you  
Pray that I may have the grace  
To let you be my servant, too*

*At the end we say*

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

### **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.**

### **Preparation of the Table**

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.**

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.

## The choir sing

*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.*

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.  
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of  
Mary, to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
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:

**The Choir Sing**



*When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your death  
Lord Jesus until you come again.*

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your  
right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of  
everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.**

**The choir sings**

*Amen.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

### **The choir sings – Lamb of God**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the World,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the World,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the World,  
grant us peace.*

### **Giving of Communion**

God's holy gifts  
For God's holy people  
**Jesus Christ is holy  
Jesus Christ is Lord  
To the glory of God the Father**

### **Prayer after Communion**

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.**

## **The Stripping of the Sanctuary**

*The holy table and the sanctuary are stripped bare.*

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people!  
How like a widow she has become,  
she that was great among the nations!  
She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks;  
among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her.  
**Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals;  
all her gates are desolate, her priests groan;  
her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.  
Her children have gone away, captives before the foe.  
Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?  
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.  
**Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

From on high he sent fire; it went deep into my bones;  
he spread a net for my feet; he turned me back;  
he has left me stunned, faint all day long.  
For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears;  
for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage;  
my children are desolate, for the enemy has prevailed.  
**Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

All who pass along the way clap their hands at you;  
they hiss and wag their heads at daughter Jerusalem;  
'Is this the city that was called the perfection of beauty,  
the joy of all the earth?'  
The thought of my affliction and homelessness is wormwood

and gall.

**Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.  
'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,  
'therefore I will hope in him.'

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

**Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.  
It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,  
to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it,  
to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),  
to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.  
For the Lord will not reject for ever.

**Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord**

## Dismissal

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 ministers and people depart in silence.*

*This booklet is for use in the Parish of Itchen Valley, which comprises the churches of St Mary's Avington, St John the Baptist, Itchen Abbas, St Mary's Easton and St Swithun's Martyr Worthy*

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