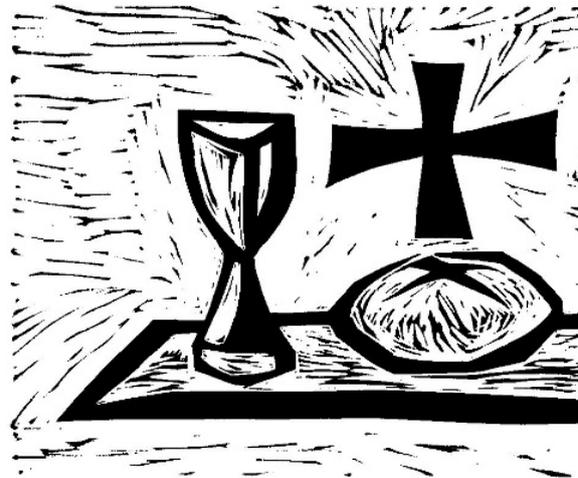


Maundy Thursday

1 April 2021

Maundy comes from the Latin word for 'command,' and the commandment to the disciples to 'Love one another as I love you.' On this day we remember the Last Supper, from which we



*As we prepare for this service, you are invited to read
Luke's account:*

Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were hating him because he was doing these signs and wonders among the people. Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. And Judas went to the chief Priests and the temple guard and discussed with them how he might

Then came the day of unleavened Bread on which the Passover had to be sacrificed. ⁸ Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

⁹ "Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked.

¹⁰ He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, ¹¹ and say to the

owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹² He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there."

¹³ They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

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.*

Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples.
We ask for your mercy and your help.

When we take our ease rather than watch with you:
Lord, forgive us. **Christ have mercy.**

When we bestow a kiss of peace
yet nurse enmity in our hearts:
Lord, forgive us. **Christ have mercy.**

When we strike at those who hurt us
rather than stretch out our hands to bless:
Lord, forgive us. **Christ have mercy.**

When we deny that we know you
for fear of the world and its scorn:
Lord, forgive us. **Christ have mercy.**

⁴⁵ When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. ⁴⁶ "Why are you sleeping?"

he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the chief priests, scribes and Pharisees, some of whom were called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them.

Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸ but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you the Son of Man with a kiss?"

⁴⁹ When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" ⁵⁰ And one of the servants of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

⁵¹ But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he took the ear and healed him.

⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I a leproser that you have come with swords and clubs? ⁵³ Every one of you has a sword here, and you did not lay a hand on me in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me this hour—when darkness reigns."

⁵⁴ Then seizing him, they led him away and took him to the high priest. Peter followed at a distance.

my feet from stumbling,
9 that I may walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.

10 I trusted in the Lord when I said,
'I am greatly afflicted';
11 in my alarm I said,
'Everyone is a liar.'

12 What shall I return to the Lord
for all his goodness to me?
13 I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.

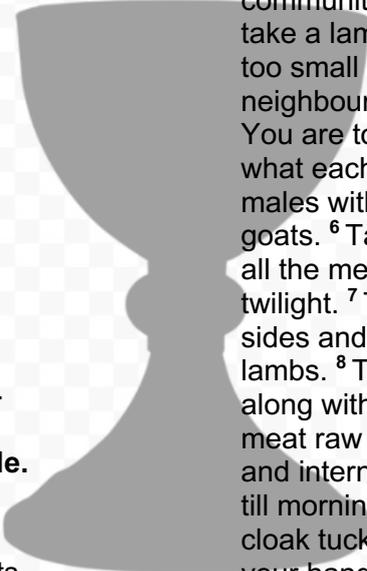
14 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

15 Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful servants.

16 Truly I am your servant, Lord;
I serve you just as my mother did;
you have freed me from my chains.
17 I will sacrifice a thank-offering to you
and call on the name of the Lord.

18 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
19 in the courts of the house of the Lord –
in your midst, Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord.



community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month
take a lamb for his family, one for each household. ⁴ If
too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with the
neighbour, having taken into account the number of persons.
You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance
with what each person will eat. ⁵ The animals you choose must be
males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or
goats. ⁶ Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month,
when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter
them at twilight. ⁷ Then they are to take some of the blood and
put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where
they are eating the lamb that same night. ⁸ That same night they are to eat the meat roasted
along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast—
meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—without
fat and internal organs. ¹⁰ Do not leave any of it till morning.
If you do, you must burn it. ¹¹ This 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 the
firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment
on the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. ¹³ The 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

John 13 v1-17

¹ 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.
Although he loved those who were in the world, he loved them to the end.
The meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted
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

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.

We reflect on the provision of the Passover:

Here is the source of every sacrament,
The all-transforming presence of the Lord,
Replenishing our every element
Remaking us in his creative Word.

For here the earth herself gives bread and wine,
The air delights to bear his Spirit’s speech,
The fire dances where the candles shine,
The waters cleanse us with His gentle touch.

And here He shows the full extent of love
To us whose love is always incomplete,
In vain we search the heavens high above,
The God of love is kneeling at our feet.

Though we betray Him, though it is the night

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sin,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

Grant us peace.

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

Have main in our seats at the bread and wine are bro

Almighty God,

We thank you for feeding us

with the body and blood of your Son Jesus

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.

Psalm 116

1 I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.

2 **Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.**

3 The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave came over me;
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

4 **Then I called on the name of the Lord:
‘Lord, save me!’**

we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

As we recall the one,
perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth, heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in 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.**

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.

And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot;
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt;
Fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind;
Yes, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come!

We turn to God in prayer:

Father, on this, the night Jesus was betrayed,
your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet
We commit ourselves to follow his example of
Silence is kept

Lord, hear us
and humble us.

On this night, Jesus prayed for his disciples to
We pray for the unity 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.

Silence is kept

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.

Silence is kept

Lord, hear us
and give us your peace.

We come to the Lord's Table:

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.

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 God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.
Amen. Lord, we believe.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.
Amen. Lord, we believe.

On the night he gave up himself for us all,
that is, this very night,
he 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.
Amen. Lord, we believe.

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.