

St. Alban's Church, Wickersley



# **The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday**

*The Last Supper, Washing and Stripping of Sanctuary*

A new command I give you: Love one another.  
As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

John 13: 34



## **Processional Hymn**

*We stand to sing.*

## **The Gathering**

*We remain standing.*

We meet in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the  
Lord Jesus Christ be with you:

**and also with you.**

## **Prayer 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.

*We sit or kneel.*

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.**

**We are sorry and ashamed,  
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 lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son  
and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days.  
**Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*We stand.*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**[Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in Highest]**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Collect**

*We remain standing.*

Let us pray that we may love one another as Christ has loved us.

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.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading

*After the reading, we say:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn**

*We stand to sing.*

## Gospel Reading

*We remain standing.*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to [N].

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the Gospel, we say:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

*We sit.*

## **The Washing of Feet / Hands**

*This solemn ceremony is a reminder of our Lord's call to the disciples to a life of service and to love one another. Anyone who wishes to come forward to have their hands or feet washed are welcome as the choir sings an anthem.*

Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to be the servant of others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# The Prayers of Intercession

*We sit or kneel.*

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father through Christ the saviour of the world.

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. Amen**

# ***The Liturgy of the Sacrament***

## **The Peace**

*We stand.*

Jesus says, 'Peace be 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.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*A sign of peace is offered.*

## **Offertory Hymn**

*We remain standing to sing.*

## **Eucharist Prayer**

*Setting: Mass of St. Thomas*

*We remain standing.*

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.

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

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

**Blessed be God forever.**

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

**Blessed be God forever.**

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.**

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.

**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, that is, this very night,

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.

Christ is the bread of life:

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our  
redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting  
us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of  
Saint Alban and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through 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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*We sit or kneel.*

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**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup  
we **proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

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.**

## **Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.  
Have mercy on us.**

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Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.  
Grant us peace.**

## **Giving of 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.

*Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive Holy Communion or a prayer of blessing. Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies:*  
**Amen.**

## **Communion Anthem (or Hymn)**

*During the receiving of Holy Communion, we remain seated to sing a hymn or as the choir sings an anthem.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*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.**

## **The Stripping of the Sanctuary**

*The Sanctuary and Altar are stripped of their ornaments as a symbol of darkness, the betrayal and trial of our Lord and of the starkness of Good Friday. As this takes place, Psalm 22 is read or chanted.*

*The following reading is then read.*

When the disciples had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prayed to the Father, 'If it be 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 sinful men. Come let us go'.

Christ was obedient unto death. We go in his peace.

***The choir and clergy recess in silence.***

***Silence is kept.***

**Please do not take this order of service away with you.**

