



St. Luke's Church  
Maidenhead

# Holy Communion and Watch on Maundy Thursday



## **Introduction to the Season**

On the Thursday, of Holy Week, now called Maundy Thursday, Jesus had his last meal with his disciples, the origin of our service of Holy Communion.

This may well have been the Passover meal.

At this meal he also washed the feet of all his apostles, as a servant might. He told them to eat the meal whenever they met together, and to 'Love one another as I have loved you'. He called this a new commandment and that is how the day got its name. The Latin word *mandatum* means 'Commandment'.

The day 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.

From Maundy Thursday until Easter Day we enter the Triduum - three days of one long liturgy. There is no blessing at the end of this service as we participate in the end of Jesus' life and anticipate his resurrection in one complete action.

At the end of this service a watch will be kept until Midnight, to recall Jesus' instruction to his disciples to keep watch in Gethsemane.

## ¶ The Gathering

### Hymn

*At the entry of the ministers we stand to sing  
the hymn*

### The Greeting

*The president greets the people*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

### Prayers of Penitence

*The president invites the people to confession,  
saying*

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. Silence is kept.*

Have mercy on us, O God,  
in your great goodness;  
according to the abundance  
of your compassion  
blot out our offences.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy**

Against you only have we sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight.  
Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean;  
wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy**

*The president says*

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

*All* **Amen.**

*We stand to sing the Gloria*

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

**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.  
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**

*The president introduces a period of silent  
prayer, saying*

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

*Silence is kept.*

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.**

### **¶ The Liturgy of the Word**

*We sit for the readings*

### **Readings**

*At the end of each:*  
This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymn**

*We stand to sing the hymn*

## **Gospel Reading**

*We remain standing and turn towards the reading of the Gospel.*

*This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading:*

Praise to you, O Christ,  
King of eternal glory.  
I give you a new commandment,  
says the Lord:  
Love one another as I have loved you.

**All Praise to you, O Christ,  
King of eternal glory.**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to John.

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

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*We sit down for the sermon*

## **The Washing of Feet**

*The president may wash the feet of some members of the congregation.*

*The anthem 'Ubi Caritas' may be sung during the washing of feet.*

*The washing of feet may end with this prayer*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our  
brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will  
to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign,  
now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## Prayers of intercession

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  
*All* **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  
*All* **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  
*All* **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  
*All* **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  
*All* **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  
*All* **and welcome all your children  
into paradise.**

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### **The Peace**

*We stand*

*The president, standing at the altar, says*

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.'

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

### **Preparation of the Altar Taking of the Bread and Wine**

#### **Hymn**

*All sing the hymn, during which the altar is  
prepared and bread and wine are placed upon  
it.*

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.

*All* **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.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

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

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

*We remain standing*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

*All* **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **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,  
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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:  
*All* **Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 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.

*All* **Amen**

*We sit or kneel*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray as our Saviour has taught us

*All* **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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

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

*We sing or say the Agnus Dei*

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
Give us your peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

*The president says the 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.

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word,  
and I shall be healed.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

*Communicant members of all churches are  
welcome to receive communion.*

*If you do not wish to receive communion you are  
very welcome to come to altar rail for a blessing.  
Please bring this booklet with you to indicate this.*

*These words of distribution are used*  
The body of Christ, broken for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and the communicant replies*  
**Amen**

*During the distribution we may sing a hymn*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*We sit or kneel and keep silence*

*The Post Communion prayer is said:*

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.**

*The Blessed Sacrament is taken to the Altar of Repose. The flowers on the altar represent the Garden of Gethsemane in which Jesus prayed on this night and invited his disciples to keep watch and pray with him.*

### **The Stripping of the Sanctuary**

*The nave altar and sanctuary are stripped bare as the choir sings 'Keep watch with me'.*

### **The Watch**

*The service continues with the reading of the Gospel of the Watch: Matthew 26. 30 - end. The gospel takes up the story from after the last Supper.*

*Please DO NOT LEAVE until the reading has ended.*

*The Watch will continue in silence until the time notified, when Compline will be said. Feel free to come and go if you wish, but please do so quietly so that others are not disturbed.*



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