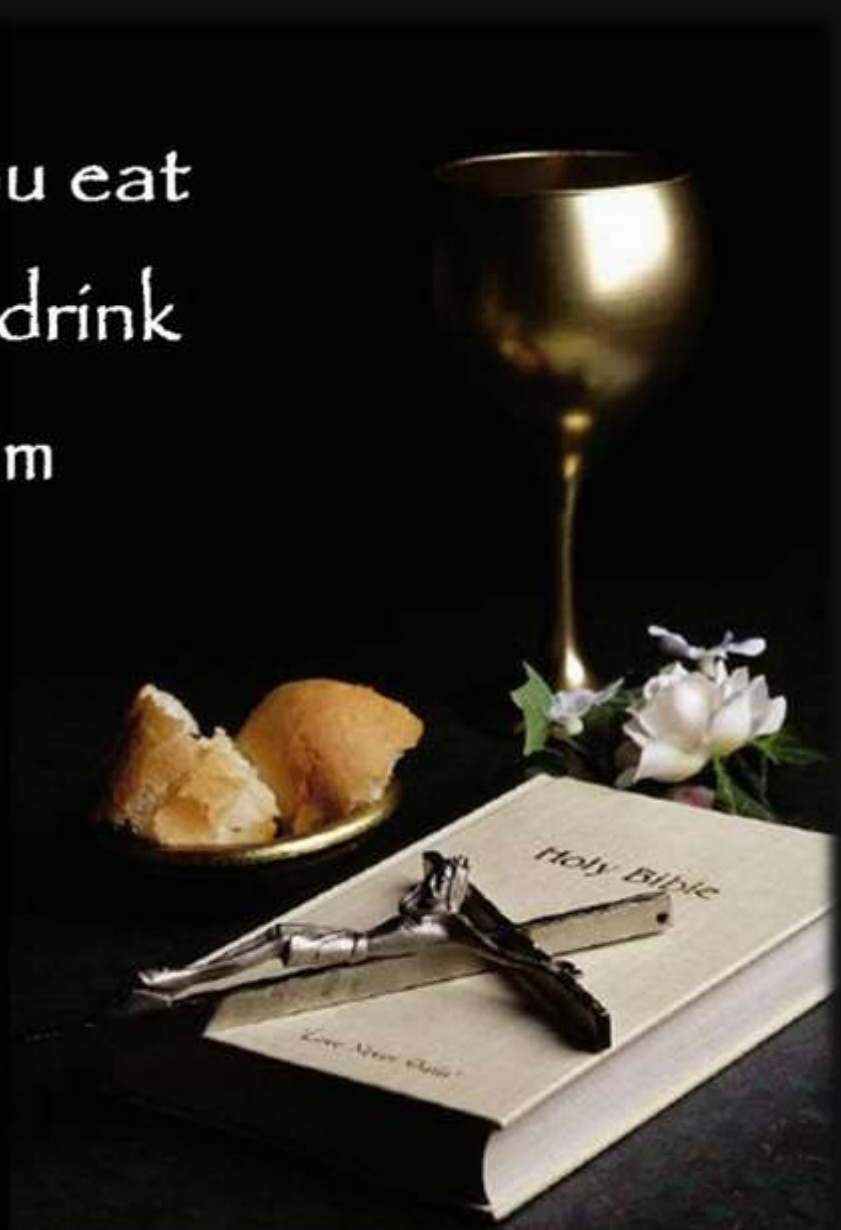


For whenever you eat
this bread and drink
this cup, you proclaim
the Lord's death
until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

Welcome to worship
at St Paul's

Maundy Thursday





Preparation

Organ Prelude

‘Robe yourself, my soul,
in gladness’

J.S. Bach (TIS 503)



The minister enters in silence

(The Minister’s words are in *italics*,
congregation responses are in
regular print)



*We are gathered to recall the night
when Jesus was betrayed.*

*Are you ready to come to the feet of
Christ, whose Life was poured out
for you?*

By the grace of God, we are.

*Can you watch while Jesus prays
in the garden?*

By the grace of God, we can.

Will you follow Jesus, even into the night of betrayal?

By the grace of God, we will.

Then let us praise God, even in the hours of darkness.

God of all grace and steadfast love,
greatly is your name to be praised
in all the earth!



The Invocation

*In the name of the Father, and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.



The Meaning of Maundy Thursday



Confession

...

*Let us come to our Father in heaven,
and confess to him our lack of love.*



*Merciful God, we confess that so often
our discipleship has been weak :*

*When we have failed to serve
as Jesus served;*

Father, forgive us.

*When we have failed to love
one another as Jesus loves us;*

Father, forgive us.



*When we have been happy to proclaim
our devotion to Jesus with our lips,
and then denied him by our actions;*

Father, forgive us.

*Merciful God, forgive us our sins. Give
us your Holy Spirit, so that we may be
steady and true to you in every time of
trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen

Silence for reflection and self-examination.



The Absolution

....

Peace be with you.

Amen.



Please stand to share the peace
with those around you.



Hymn

Sing my tongue the Saviour's glory

TIS 501 (vs 1, 3 - 6)

1. Sing, my tongue,
the Saviour's glory,
of His flesh the mystery sing:
of the blood all price exceeding
shed by our eternal King,
destined for the world's redemption
from a Virgin's womb to spring.

3. On the night of that last supper,
seated with His chosen band,
first the Passover observing
He fulfils the law's command,
then as food to His disciples
gives Himself with His own hand.

4. Word made flesh!

His word life-giving
gives His flesh our food to be,
wine as His own blood he offers;
then, though senses fail to see,
faith alone the true heart awakens
to behold the mystery.

5. Therefore we, before Him kneeling,
this great sacrament revere;
ancient forms all have their ending
for the newer rite is here;
faith its aid to sight is lending:
though unseen, the Lord is here.

6. Glory let us give and blessing,
to the Father and the Son,
honour, might and praise addressing
while eternal ages run,
and the Spirit's love confessing,
who from both, with both is one.

Words: Thomas Aquinas (c1227–1274)
Melody: French traditional carol
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The Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.



The Prayer of the Day

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us.

.....



Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the ability to love and serve others, just as we are loved and served by your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



The Readings

The First Reading – Exodus 12:1-14

The institution of the Passover

Response

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm 116:1, 2, 12-19

Setting: Alan Collyer

Antiphon

*Our blessing cup is a communion
in the blood of the Lord.*

Our blessing cup is a communion
in the blood of the Lord.

*I love the Lord, because He has heard
my voice and my supplications.
Because He inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as
I live.*

**Our blessing cup is a communion
in the blood of the Lord.**

*What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.*

Our blessing cup is a communion
in the blood of the Lord.

*O Lord, I am your servant; I am your
servant, the child of your serving girl.*

You have loosed my bonds.

*I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.*

I will pay my vows to the Lord

*in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!*

**Our blessing cup is a communion
in the blood of the Lord.**



The Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The institution of the Lord's supper

Procession of Communion elements

Response

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Verse for Maundy Thursday

Setting: Sue Westhorp

*As often as you eat this bread
and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death
until He comes.*



The Holy Gospel –
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Jesus washes his disciples' feet

*The Holy Gospel according to John,
the 13th chapter.*

(sung) Glory to you, O Lord.



After the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(sung) Praise to you, O Christ.



Hymn

Draw us in the Spirit's tether

ELW 470

(Tune: LH 508)

1. Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
for when humbly in your name
two or three are met together,
you are in the midst of them.
Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy.
Touch we now your garment's hem.

2. As disciples used to gather
in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the giver
break the bread and bless the cup,
Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy,
so now bind our friendship up.

3. All our meals and all our living
make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving,
we may be disciples true.

Lord have mercy,

Lord have mercy.

We will serve with faith a-new.

Words: Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936, alt
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The Address



The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.

We believe in one holy *catholic
and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection
of the dead, and the life of
the world to come. Amen.

* or: Christian; 'catholic' here means 'universal'



The Offering

An upper room did our Lord prepare
TIS 536

Please return your message card
in the offering bowl.

Thank you to those who have
given their offering via REG.

1. An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those He loved until the end:
and His disciples still gather there
to celebrate their risen friend.

2. A lasting gift Jesus gave His own:
to share His bread, His loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow
us down,
He by his cross shall lift us up.

3. And after supper He washed
their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In Him our joy shall be made
complete –
sent out to serve, as He was sent.

4. No end there is! We depart
in peace.

He loves beyond the uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house
He will be there, as Lord and host.

Words: Frederick Pratt Green (1903 – 2000)

Melody: English Traditional

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Offering Prayer

Loving heavenly Father,
lead us to follow the example of
humble service given by your Son.
Strengthen us through his body and
blood to give ourselves to you
and to those in need.
Amen.



The Prayer of the Church

Response:

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.



The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

For that is fitting and right.



The Preface



Sanctus (sung)

Holy, holy, holy

Lord God of hosts

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.



The Words of Institution





The Lord's Prayer

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.



The Peace

*The peace of the Lord
be with you always.*

Amen.



Lamb of God

CHOIR:

*Lamb of God, pure and holy
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly
Thyself to scorn didst offer
All sins Thou borest for us
Else had despair reigned o'er us
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!*

Setting by Johann Jeep (1582-1650)
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Welcome to guests with us today!

Holy Communion is for baptised Christians who believe in the Triune God, trust in Jesus Christ as their Saviour, repent of their sins, and confess that in this meal Christ gives us his true body and blood, through the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of sins.



If you share these beliefs, you are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Alternatively, you are welcome to come forward to receive an individual blessing.



Distribution Hymn

Robe yourself, my soul in gladness

TIS 503

1. Robe yourself, my soul,
in gladness,
leave sin's gloomy den of sadness,
come where God in light is waiting,
come, begin the celebrating!
For the Lord brings me salvation,
issues me His invitation;
God most holy comes to win me,
comes from heaven to live within me.

4. All our thinking, as we ponder, cannot comprehend this wonder, that this living bread is boundless though the people fed are countless, and that Christ his blood is giving with the wine we are receiving. What a mystery, of God's planning, past all human understanding!

Organ interlude

5. Jesus, sun of life, my splendour,
Jesus, joy, and friend most tender,
Jesus, source of all my being,
all my thoughts and actions seeing:
at your feet I fall before you;
make me worthy to enjoy you
in this feast that you have given
as my food, the food of heaven.

6. Jesus, bread of life, I pray you,
let me cheerfully obey you,
and accept your invitation
for my good, not condemnation.
Let me eat this supper, knowing
what great love, Lord, you are showing.
Now on earth these gifts you give me,
as your guest in heaven receive me.

Johann Franck 1618–77
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The Dismissal

... .. Go in peace.

Amen.



Hymn of Thanksgiving

O Lord, we praise you
LH 295

1. O Lord, we praise You, bless You,
and adore You,
in thanksgiving come before You.
Here with your body and your blood
you nourish
Us on earth that we may flourish.
O Lord, have mercy.
By your body, pure as no other,
born of Mary, your virgin mother,
by your blood for us shed,
help us in the hour of need.
O Lord, have mercy.

2. Your holy body into death was given,
gaining for us life in heaven.

By giving us yourself, You now remind us
in this banquet of your kindness.

O Lord, have mercy.

You loved us so much that you sought us;
with your priceless blood

You have bought us;
all our debt You have paid:
peace with God once more is made.

O Lord, have mercy.

3. Bless us, our Father,
with your grace and favour
so that we, in our behaviour,
stay close together in true love and union,
strengthened by divine communion
O Lord, have mercy.
Give us your good Spirit to make us,
gentle-hearted, and don't forsake us.
Let your church always see
days of peace and unity.
O Lord, have mercy.

Words: Martin Luther (1485-1546) Melody: J Walther 1524



The Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Father, strengthen us through this holy meal, so that we may walk the way of the cross, following in the footsteps of your Son, Jesus Christ.

For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Closing Litany

You knew your hour had come.

You knew your betrayer.

You knew your enemies.

*You knew that the straw vote would
not be in your favour.*

But you loved unto the end.

Thank you for loving us, even unto
death. Teach us to love like you love.
Teach us to love each other, to love
even our enemies, just as you love us.

*You took on the form of a servant,
washing the feet of those whom
you disciplined.*

You defined humility and servanthood.

You are he who was surely sent from God.

Thank you for serving for us.

Teach us to be servants of all;

to make humility our

constant companion

and to seek no glory for ourselves.

*On that solemn evening,
you surrounded yourself with friends
and enemies,
persons of faith and persons of ill-will.*

Help us to be able to always emulate
you when we are surrounded by our
friends, and especially when we are
surrounded by our enemies.

You have established a “new commandment;” help us to live it out in every moment, in every aspect of our lives, in our families, in our churches, in our communities, and throughout the world.

On this Holy Day, we gather to remember again the miracle that you performed in our lives. You have brought us into the marvellous light. At great cost to yourself, you have given us new life and life eternal. Amen.



Reading - Mark 14:32-41



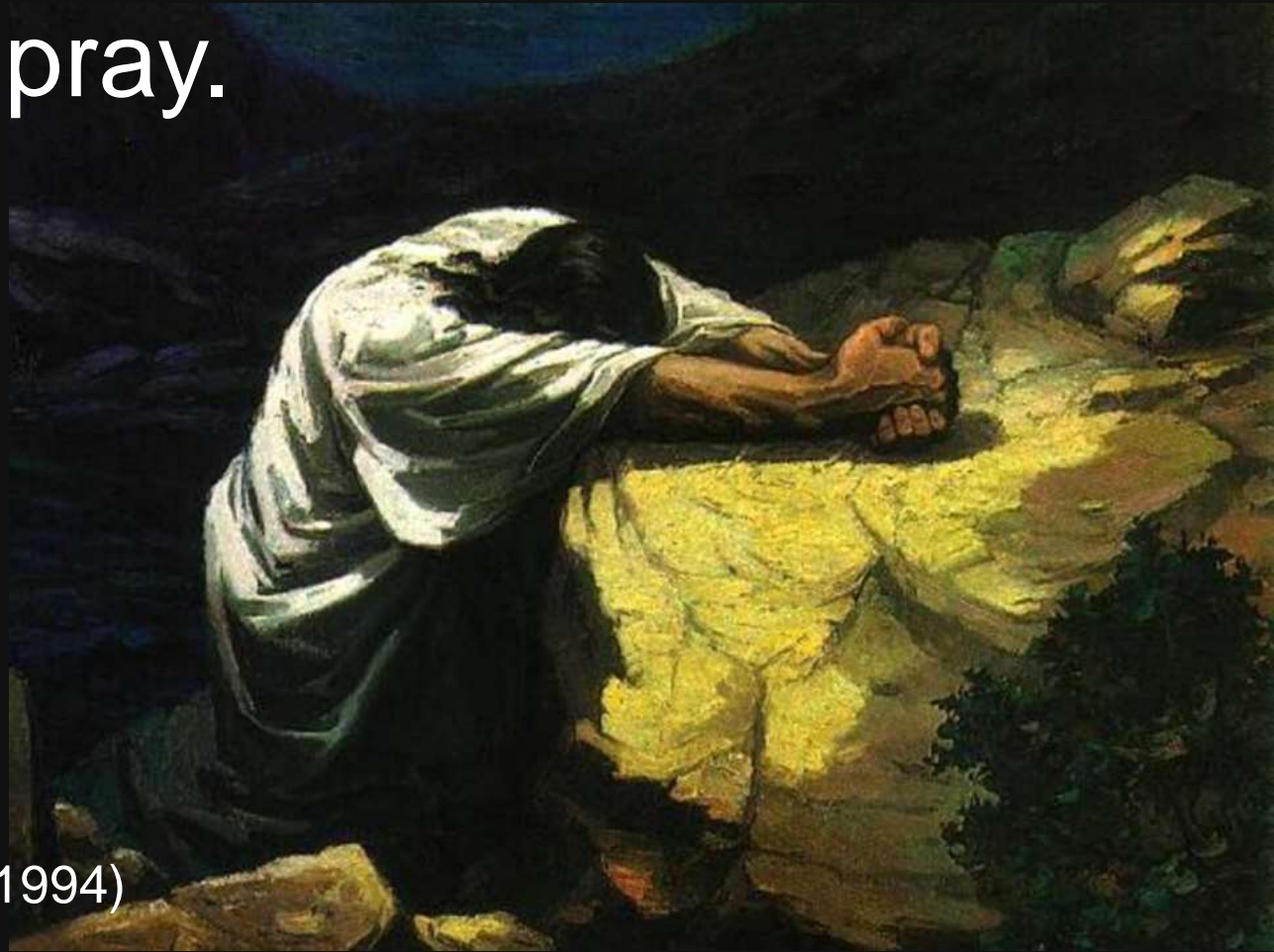
Transitional Hymn

Stay here and keep watch with me

LH 902



Stay here and keep watch with me.
The hour has come.
Stay here and keep watch with me.
Watch and pray.



Words and melody:
Jacques Berthier (1923–1994)



Stripping of the Altar

Choir:

*When twilight comes and the sun sets
SOG 817*

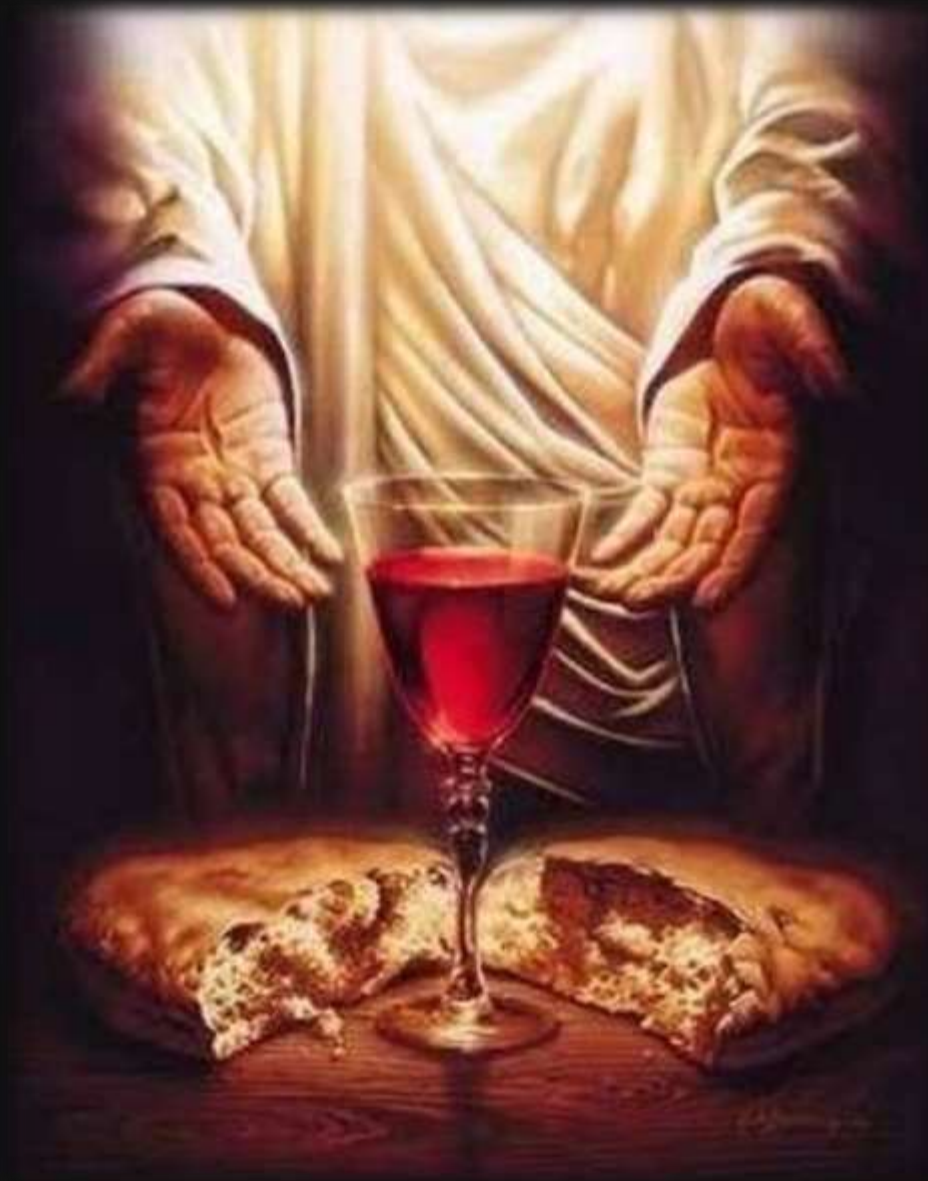
The stripping is symbolic of Jesus' humiliation at the soldiers' hands.

Anyone wishing to participate in stripping the altar please come forward to the steps.

*Ngayong nagdadapit hapon
at lumulubog ang araw,
humahapon ang inahin
At ang kanyang manga inakay.*

*When twilight comes and the sun sets,
mother hen prepares for night's rest.
As her brood shelters under her wings,
she gives the love of God to her nest.*

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Please leave the church in silence.

