

Liturgy and Prayers for Maundy Thursday: At Home
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Maundy Thursday from Emmanuel Church Penyffordd

*Remembering the Last Supper with prayers from
Holy Communion - with Rev Adam Pawley*

Our Opening Prayers

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

Grace and peace be with you
And keep you in the love of Christ.

**Heavenly Father, all hearts are open to you.
No secrets are hidden from you.
Purify us with the fire of your Holy Spirit
that we may love and worship you faithfully,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Kyries for Passiontide
Lord Jesus, you were sent to heal the contrite.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you came to call sinners.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you plead for us at the right hand of the Father.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We seek God's forgiveness afresh, and invite his help and strength for the coming week, by praying together:

Heavenly Father,

**we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and have failed to do what we ought to have done.**

We are sorry and truly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and lead us in his way
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you and set you free from sin,
strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Maundy Thursday

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

(from www.biblegateway.com)

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 NIV(UK)

12 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ² 'This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³ Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. ⁴ If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbour, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat.

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 down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all 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 ordinance.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 NIV(UK)

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35 NIV(UK)

Listen to the gospel according to John. **Glory to You O Lord.**

13 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. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, 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 God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel round his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped round him.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?'

⁷ Jesus replied, 'You do not realise now what I am doing, but later you will understand.'

priests and the elders of the people.

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 everyone 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.

^{31b} Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ 'My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ 'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You O Christ.**

Silence

Reflection from Rev Adam Pawley

1 The events of Maundy Thursday...

Jesus betrayed by a disciple... (Judas)... disowned by another... (Peter)... deserted by them all for a time...

Yet still our gospel reading opens this evening, "he loved them to the end".

And more too Jesus knew his disciple would betray him... another disown him... them all desert him for a time...

God knows us all completely... inside out... He knows the sin we have committed... He knows the sins we will commit... yet still, he loves us... still he willingly goes to his Maundy Thursday Arrest and Good Friday death.

Q – How do we respond to this kind of love? <Silence to reflect on Q>

2 Judas Iscariot.

We can look at Judas and cry traitor! We forget Peter disowned him. We forget 'all' the disciples abandoned him. And... we can forget our own disowning of Christ.

Q – How easy do we look at others and think, “sinner”, and remain blind to the sins we so readily commit? <Silence to reflect on Q>

3 Love...

Charity... Sacrificial giving... Generosity... Hospitality... Kindness... Wholehearted devotion... Love...

Jesus Christ loves us so much that if he were here in person now he would even wash our feet! And he has done even more... Now ascended into heaven and present amongst us by His Spirit... but first He willingly went on the cross... and before that He gave us gifts of bread and wine to remember him and the kind of death he would die... and to help us know his presence amongst us... that we might know our sins forgiven, a life of fullness now and our place in heaven with him forever. This is eternal life.

Questions

- *What must we confess to him?*
- *What ought we do to show our love for him? And to love our neighbour?*
- *What shall we decide in our hearts tonight to show him that we are his disciples? <Silence to reflect on Qs>*

Finally Jesus concludes our reading this evening...

³³ 'My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ 'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for this new command of Jesus – to love one another.

Forgive us where we have done wrong

Forgive us when we do not make you Lord of our lives

Be our Saviour we pray.

And with the assistance of your Holy Spirit

Help us to love one another

Help us to be charitable and

Help us to be sacrificial in our generosity, hospitality and kindness.

Help us to be devoted to one another and

This Holy Week, help us to give our lives wholeheartedly to You please.

In Jesus Name. **Amen.**

The Thanksgiving/Communion Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer is said at the Holy Table (Altar)

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.

We take this bread,

we take this wine

to follow Christ's example and obey his command.

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 our thanks and praise.

It is always right,

wherever we are,

to thank you and to praise you,

God our Father and King for ever,

through Jesus Christ, your Son.

*Who, bearing the human likeness, humbled himself
and in obedience accepted death, even death on a cross.*

*He was lifted up from the earth
that he might draw all people to himself.*

So here on earth,
with the angels and archangels
and with everyone in heaven
we praise your name and *say/ 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.**

Father in heaven,
listen to the prayer we make in Jesus' name;
through the Holy Spirit's power, gentle as a dove,
may this bread and this wine be for us Jesus' body and blood.

Father, we remember
when Jesus had supper with his friends
the night before he died,
he took the bread;
he thanked you, broke it, gave it to his friends and said:
Take this and eat it – this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine;
he thanked you, gave it to his friends and said:
All of you drink from this cup – because this is my blood –
the new promise of God's love:
Do this every time you drink it to remember me.

Together we remember that Jesus is always with us and *say/sing*:
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come in glory.**

Father, as we remember your Son, Jesus Christ,
who died on the cross and rose again,
we offer you these and all the gifts you freely give to us.

Send your Holy Spirit to be with us
and all who share this bread and
drink from this cup.
Help us to trust you,
bring us closer together and welcome us,
with all your people,
into Jesus' glorious kingdom.

All honour and glory belong to you, Father,
through Jesus, your Son,
with the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Silence

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:
**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.**

Adam breaks the bread:

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

Adam holds up the bread and wine:

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

Come, let us receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus
Christ, given for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Adam now receives the bread and wine, and we look forward to the time when we will share Holy Communion Altogether in our churches again; and we rejoice that for now from within our homes or hospital beds, we can invite God to nourish and strengthen us spiritually in our hearts

The Clearing of the Sanctuary

Psalm 88 is now said altogether whilst the Holy Table and Sanctuary are cleared. The concluding events of Maundy Thursday from John's gospel are read. The lights are turned off, we sit for a time in reflective silence and the service ends.

Psalm 88 All say:

- ¹ LORD, you are the God who saves me;
day and night I cry out to you.**
- ² May my prayer come before you;
turn your ear to my cry.**
- ³ I am overwhelmed with troubles
and my life draws near to death.**
- ⁴ I am counted among those who go down to the pit;
I am like one without strength.**
- ⁵ I am set apart with the dead,
like the slain who lie in the grave,
whom you remember no more,
who are cut off from your care.**
- ⁶ You have put me in the lowest pit,
in the darkest depths.**
- ⁷ Your wrath lies heavily on me;
you have overwhelmed me with all your waves.**
- ⁸ You have taken from me my closest friends
and have made me repulsive to them.
I am confined and cannot escape;**
- ⁹ my eyes are dim with grief.
I call to you, LORD, every day;
I spread out my hands to you.**
- ¹⁰ Do you show your wonders to the dead?
Do their spirits rise up and praise you?**
- ¹¹ Is your love declared in the grave,**

your faithfulness in Destruction?

**¹² Are your wonders known in the place of darkness,
or your righteous deeds in the land of oblivion?**

**¹³ But I cry to you for help, LORD;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.**

**¹⁴ Why, LORD, do you reject me
and hide your face from me?**

**¹⁵ From my youth I have suffered and been close to death;
I have borne your terrors and am in despair.**

**¹⁶ Your wrath has swept over me;
your terrors have destroyed me.**

**¹⁷ All day long they surround me like a flood;
they have completely engulfed me.**

**¹⁸ You have taken from me friend and neighbour –
darkness is my closest friend.**

John 13:36-38, 16:16-18:12a

³⁶ Simon Peter asked [Jesus], ‘Lord, where are you going?’

Jesus replied, ‘Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.’

³⁷ Peter asked, ‘Lord, why can’t I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.’

³⁸ Then Jesus answered, ‘Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the cock crows, you will disown me three times!’

¹⁶¹⁶ Jesus went on to say, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.’

¹⁷ At this, some of his disciples said to one another, ‘What does he mean by saying, “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,” and “Because I am going to the Father”?’ ¹⁸ They kept asking, ‘What does he mean by “a little while”?’ We don’t understand what he is saying.’

¹⁹ Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, ‘Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me”?’ ²⁰ Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. ²¹ A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. ²² So with you: now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. ²³ In that day you will no longer ask

me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ²⁴ Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

²⁵ 'Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. ²⁷ No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.'

²⁹ Then Jesus' disciples said, 'Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. ³⁰ Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God.'

³¹ 'Do you now believe?' Jesus replied. ³² 'A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.

³³ 'I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.'

17 After Jesus said this, he looked towards heaven and prayed:

'Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

⁶ 'I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³ 'I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

²⁰ 'My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – ²³ I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴ 'Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

²⁵ 'Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.'

18 When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was a garden, and he and his disciples went into it.

² Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. ³ So Judas came to the garden, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and the Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons.

⁴ Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, 'Who is it you want?'

⁵ 'Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied.

'I am he,' Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) ⁶ When Jesus said, 'I am he,' they drew back and fell to the ground.

⁷ Again he asked them, 'Who is it you want?'

'Jesus of Nazareth,' they said.

⁸ Jesus answered, 'I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, then let these men go.' ⁹ This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: 'I have not lost one of those you gave me.'

¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.)

¹¹ Jesus commanded Peter, 'Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?'

¹² Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus.

Silence

End of Service.

