
ANGLICAN CHURCH *of the* ASCENSION

EAST BURWOOD



ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

The name 'Maundy' derives from the Latin for 'new commandment' – mandatum novum – which Christ (according to John) gave his disciples at the 'Last Supper'. Maundy Thursday marks the beginning of the Great Three Days. From the Eucharist of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, Christian worship is a continuum through to the climax of Easter morning. This holiest time of the year contains differing emphases, but it is, nevertheless, a continuum.

This is a very rich liturgy. The Gospel speaks of love and service, which are also expressed in the ceremony of the foot washing. The New Testament reading records the institution of the Lord's Supper. The evening setting highlights the nearness of the betrayal and approaching passion of Jesus. We may wash one another's feet.

A silent Watch or Prayer Vigil is observed at the conclusion of the service.

*We acknowledge the traditional owners of this land,
the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation*

Locum Priest: Fr. Walter McEntee

ORDER OF SERVICE

Entrance Hymn: TiS 536 ““An upper room did our Lord prepare . . .”

Acclamation and Greeting:

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,
Whose mercy endures for ever.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome

Invitation to Confession:

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.
Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Confession:

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

Kyries:

Lord have mercy, **Christ have mercy**, Lord have mercy.

The Gloria:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God’s 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 Prayer of the Day:

Grant, Lord, that we who receive the holy sacrament of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, may be the means by which the work of his incarnation shall go forward: take, consecrate, break and distribute us, to be for others a means of your grace, and vehicles of your eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The ministry of the Word:

The first reading: Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 116.1-2, 11-18

**I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:
the voice of my supplication;**

**Because he inclined his ear to me:
in the day that I called to him.**

**How shall I repay the Lord:
for all his benefits to me?**

**I will take up the cup of salvation:
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people.**

**Grievous in the sight of the Lord:
is the death of his faithful ones.**

**O Lord, I am your servant,
your servant and the child of your handmaid:
you have unloosed my bonds.**

**I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:
and call upon 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:
even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

The second reading: 1 Corinthians 11.23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn: TiS 583 *"Take up your cross, the Saviour said"*

The Gospel reading:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to John, chapter 13, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.' After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are

messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon:

The Washing of feet

The Priest says:

Fellow servants of Christ, on this night Jesus set an example for the disciples by washing their feet, a humble act of service. Therefore, I invite you to come forward. As your feet are washed, and as you wash the feet of others, remember that strength and growth in God's reign come by lowly service such as this. Jesus said: If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

*During the washing of feet, we sing: **TiS 640 "Kneels at the feet of his friends"***

At the completion of the foot washing:

Jesus said: Just as you did it to one of the least of these, who are members of my family, you did it to me.

The prayers of the people:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Response to the prayers

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers,

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Approach:

**We do not presume
to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.**

But you are the same Lord,
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.

The Greeting of Peace:

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory hymn: "I cannot tell, why he whom angels worship"

1. I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship
Should set His love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wanderers
To bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know that He was born of Mary
When Bethlehem's manger was His only home
And that He lived at Nazareth and laboured,
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.
2. I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
As with His peace he graced this place of tears
Or how His heart upon the Cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted.
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.
3. I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
How he will claim His earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of East and West, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,
and he shall reap the harvest He has sown,
And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendour
When he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.
4. I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship
When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture
And myriad, myriad human voices sing
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer
At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!

William Young Fullerton, 1857-1932.

Reception of Holy Oils

The Holy Oils will be received.

Oil for the sick - (Infirmarium)

We bring the oil for the sick blessed by our bishop for the anointing of those who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

*God of healing, by holy anointing may the sick and the dying gain strength in their suffering. May they be released from fear and receive the comfort of trusting in you. **Amen.***

Oil for the newly baptised - (Chrism)

We bring the holy chrism, a mixture of oil and fragrant perfume consecrated by our bishop to anoint all those baptised.

*God of eternal life, may the newly baptised be signed as Christ's own forever and transformed into his likeness. **Amen.***

Prayer over the gifts:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom. **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

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.

. . . **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.**

. . . Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

. . . **Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The breaking of the bread:

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

Agnus Dei:

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Invitation to communion:

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ
in remembrance that he died for us,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Communion

Prayer after Communion:

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of betrayal
Jesus commanded his disciples to love one another as he loved them.
We thank you for feeding us in this supper.
Give us the will to serve others as he was servant of all,
who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The consecrated bread and wine is carried to the Altar of Repose.

During this procession, we sing together:

Hymn: TiS 344 'Glory be to Jesus'

Here the Blessed Sacrament remains throughout the night, and the faithful are invited to keep watch - commemorating our Lord's own vigil of prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane.

The stripping of the church takes place while Psalm 22 is read. Then all may join in singing quietly the Taizé chant:

'Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.'

During the singing of this final hymn, at the conclusion of the hymn, the people depart in silence without a blessing or dismissal.

*The Church will be left, bare, dark and desolate.
All is desolation until Easter morning.*

*The Vigil commences. All may stay, people may leave as they choose,
or return at anytime during the night.*