



MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL

17

2025

*Tonight we recall Jesus' last meal with his friends.
He did two things of significance for Christians.
Wrapped in a towel, he washed the feet of his disciples.
By this act, he radically crossed the boundary of privilege
and power that divided teacher from student,
and invited us to follow his lead.
He then took bread and wine, a symbol of his self-offering
and a means of sharing his death and resurrection.*

*Maundy Thursday marks the beginning
of the three great days of Jesus' Passion.
All our worship from now on
is a connected recollection of the Easter events.*

*"Maundy" comes from the Latin "mandatum novum",
the new commandment which Jesus gave at the Last Supper -
to love one another as I have loved you.*

*After the Last Supper,
Jesus went out to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray,
with his disciples.
His disciples went with him but fell asleep;
and Jesus said, "Could you not watch with me one hour?"
It was in the garden that he was arrested and taken away
to be tried and crucified.*

*At any time in the service when we invite you to stand
you are welcome to remain seated if you need to.*

WELCOME

Priest:

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator,
the love at our beginning and without end,
in our midst and with us.

God is with us, here we find new life.

Hear the teaching of Christ:

A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

1 Corinthians 11:26

**Infinite, intimate God;
this night you kneel before your friends and wash our feet.
Bound together in your love,
trembling, we drink your cup and watch. Amen.**¹

THE GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

THE WASHING OF THE FEET

Deacon:

Blessed is our brother Jesus,
who on this night, before Passover,
rose from supper, laid aside his garments,
took a towel and poured water,
and washed his disciples' feet, saying to them:
"If I, your master and teacher, have washed your feet,
you also ought to wash one another's feet.
If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.
If I do not wash you, you have no part in me."

Jesus, not my feet only but also my hands and my head.

¹ ANZPB, p. 585

Come now, tender Spirit of our God,
wash us and make us one body in Christ;
that, as we are bound together in this gesture of love,
we may know your peace.²

*The clergy will begin the washing the feet of those who wish to participate,
and then you are invited to wash the feet of the person who follows you.*

THE PEACE

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace.

Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace
who breaks down the walls that divide.

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te ariki ki a koutou
A ki a koe ano hoki.

Please turn and greet those around you with peace.

TAIZÉ CHANT

We sing several times:



U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De-us i - bi est.

Taizé, Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, eternal God, source of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made:
it will become for us the Bread of Life.

Blessed be God for ever.

² Janet Morley "All Desires Known"

Blessed are you, eternal God, source of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands:
it will become for us the Lifeblood of the World.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, eternal God, source of all creation:
through your goodness we have ourselves to offer,
gift of the womb and shaped by human hands.
We will become for you a Living Body.

Blessed be God for ever.³

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy Wisdom of God,
always seeking to open our eyes to goodness in our world.
Stir compassion within us
as we see weakness and pain in our neighbours.
Your disciple Jesus suffered upon the cross
accepting death that we might see the way of love.

Therefore, with those who are detained without trial,
with those imprisoned for conscience or for faith,
with those who have been forced from their homes,
with those who are enslaved,
with those who are outcast,
with those who are abused and exploited,
with those who have died alone,
and with all the company of saints
who have carried you in their wounds,
that the pain of humankind may be embodied with new life,
we honour you, Holy Wisdom, and say:

**Holy, holy, holy, vulnerable and compassionate God,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God:
Hosanna in the highest.**

³ *Jim Cotter in "Darkness Yielding", 2009*

Blessed is our brother Jesus,
from whom the cup of suffering did not pass,
who, on the night that he was betrayed,
took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body, my living presence, given for you.
Do this to re-member me, to bring us together in the world.

In the same way he took the cup, after supper, saying:
Drink of this, all of you; for this is my blood, given for you.
Do this to re-member me, to bring us alive in the world.

Therefore, as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we are proclaiming Jesus' promise of life and love.
In the body broken and the blood poured out,
we restore to memory and hope
the broken and unremembered victims of tyranny;
and we long for the bread of tomorrow
and the wine of the age to come.

Come then, life-giving Spirit of God, brood over these bodily
things, and make us one body in Christ, that we, who are
baptised into his death may walk in newness of life.

Amen. ⁴

We pray in Christ

**Abba, Amma, Beloved,
your name be hallowed, your reign spread among us,
your will be done well, at all times, in all places.
Give us the bread we need for today.
Forgive us our trespass as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
Let us not fail in the time of our testing.
Spare us from trials too sharp to endure.
Free us from the grip of all evil powers.
For yours is the reign, the power and the glory,
the victory of love, for now and eternity,
world without end. Amen and Amen.** ⁵

⁴ Jim Cotter in "Darkness Yielding" 2009, adapted; further adapted 2016

⁵ Jim Cotter in "Darkness Yielding" 2009

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 the one bread.**

We sing several times:

THE INVITATION

Haere mai e te kahui a te Atua,
tangohia enei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.

Come, bringing your varied faiths and backgrounds,
for all are welcome to share in this act of communion.

*All are welcome to come and receive the bread and wine;
there are gluten free wafers, just ask the serving priest.*

If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing.

Te Taro o te Ora. The bread of life.

Te Kapu o te Ora. The cup of life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal
Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment,
to love one another as he had loved them.

Write this commandment in our hearts.

Give us the will to serve others

as he was the servant of all,

who gave his life for righteousness sake

and who lives amongst us in the body of Christ. **Amen.** ⁶

PSALM 22

*As Psalm 22 is chanted the Holy Table is stripped of its cloth,
and all decoration removed from the church.*

⁶ Anglican Church of Canada, altered

WATCH AND PRAY

When the disciples had sung a hymn
they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus prayed, "Abba, if it be possible,
take this cup of suffering from me".

Jesus grieved that his disciples
were not able to keep watch with him one hour.

Jesus was then betrayed by the kiss of a friend
and handed over to the powers that be.

Jesus was obedient even unto death.

*There is no dismissal now until the first eucharist of Easter
as we remain in spirit in the story and watch.*

*Please leave in silence;
you may walk the labyrinth before leaving if you wish.*

GOOD FRIDAY

18 April, 10am

GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT

18 April, 6pm

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

19 April, 8pm

EASTER DAY

20 April, 8am & 10am

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