



Welcome to St Alban's Church

Maundy Thursday

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Maundy Thursday marks a new beginning, the beginning of the end. From this point on, our Christian worship is a continuum through to Easter morning.

At this service we recall our Lord washing his disciples' feet as their servant, and his sharing supper with them for the last time in his earthly life. From here he goes out into the garden of Gethsemane to his suffering and death. During this service the celebrant will wash the feet of parishioners in remembrance of our Lord's act. This will be after the sermon and those who have volunteered for this should immediately, following the sermon, come and sit on the chairs provided.

At the close of the Eucharist there will be no blessing. During the last hymn the sacrament is taken to the Altar of Repose. The altar is then stripped while the first nineteen verses of Psalm 22 are said. At this point the church lights will be extinguished and everyone is asked to remain seated in silent prayer until the lights go up again a few minutes later.

We then leave church in silence or remain for the hour's Vigil of Prayer at the altar of repose.

We now begin to recall the last events of Jesus' earthly life.

**1 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
you are one with us, Mary's son.
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in,
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
living Lord.**

**2 Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day,
teach us how to pray, Son of God.
you have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you,
Into our lives your power breaks through,
living Lord.**

**3 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
born as one of us, Mary's son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see
you are Lord.**

**4 Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you,
live my life for you, Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
Into my life your power breaks through,
living Lord.**

THE GREETING

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

John 13:34

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

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.

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

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Christ, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
†pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

**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.**

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

**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.**

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

**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.**

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

THE COLLECT

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

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

Old Testament: Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 11.23-26

After each reading: This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN *Fred Pratt Green ©1974 Stainer & Bell Ltd*

**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 our uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house
he will be there, as Lord and host.**

THE GOSPEL

We sing....**Alleluia, alleluia; alleluia, alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

John 13.1-17, 31b-35

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE WASHING OF FEET

The Celebrant washes the feet of members of the congregation to remind us of our Lord's action on the night of the Last Supper.

During this we sing the Taize chant...

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

The washing of feet ends with the following 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.
Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

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

THE PEACE...*please stand if you are able*

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.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN *Graham Kendrick ©1986 Thankyou Music*

**1 Meekness and majesty, manhood and Deity,
In perfect harmony, the Man who is God.
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility and washes our feet.**

*O what a mystery, meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship for this is your God.
This is your God.*

**2 Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
Yet learns obedience to death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice,
And as they crucify prays: 'Father forgive.'**

**3 Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,
Love indestructible in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,
Lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne.**

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord God of the universe,
you bring forth bread from the earth.
Blessed be God for ever.

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

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 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, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Alban, and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.
And 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.**

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessèd are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*All those baptised in the Christian faith are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
Alternatively, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

**1 This is my body broken for you
bringing you wholeness, making you free
Take it and eat it and when you do
Do it in love for me.**

**2 This is my blood poured out for you
bringing forgiveness, making you free
Take it and drink it, and when you do
do it in love for me.**

**3 Back to my Father soon I shall go
Do not forget me, then you will see
I am still with you, and you will know
you're very close to me.**

**4 Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow.
You are my branches, I am the tree
If you are faithful, others will know
you are alive in me.**

**5 Love one another, I have loved you,
and I have shown you how to be free
serve one another, and when you do
do it in love for me.**



Love one another as I have loved you

Post Communion prayer

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.
Amen.

TRANSFER OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

As the sacrament is taken to the Lady Chapel, we sing:

**1 Of the glorious Body telling,
O my tongue, its mysteries sing,
and the Blood, all price excelling,
which the world's eternal King,
in a noble womb once dwelling
shed for the world's ransoming.**

**2 Given for us, for us descending,
of a Virgin to proceed,
man with man in converse blending,
scattered he the Gospel seed,
till his sojourn drew to ending,
which he closed in wondrous deed.**

**3 At the last great Supper lying
circled by his brethren's band,
meekly with the law complying,
first he finished its command
then, immortal Food supplying,
gave himself with his own hand.**

**4 Word made Flesh, by word he maketh
very bread his Flesh to be;
man in wine Christ's Blood partaketh:
and if senses fail to see,
faith alone the true heart waketh
to behold the mystery.**

**5 Therefore we, before him bending,
this great Sacrament revere;
types and shadows have their ending,**

**for the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes the inward vision clear.**

**6 Glory let us give, and blessing
to the Father and the Son;
honour, might and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing,
who, from both, with both is one.**

St. Thomas Aquinas tr. J.M. Neale/E. Caswall

*While the altar is stripped Psalm 22 is said,
after which we go to the chapel of repose for the watch.*

PSALM 22.1-19

- ¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
- ² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.
- ³ Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- ⁴ In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- ⁵ To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.
- ⁶ But I am a worm, and not human;
scorned by others, and despised by the people.
- ⁷ All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
- ⁸ 'Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!'

- ⁹ Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.
- ¹⁰ On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.
- ¹¹ Do not be far from me, for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.
- ¹² Many bulls encircle me,
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
- ¹³ they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.
- ¹⁴ I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;
- ¹⁵ my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.
- ¹⁶ For dogs are all around me;
a company of evildoers encircles me.
My hands and feet have shrivelled;
- ¹⁷ I can count all my bones.
They stare and gloat over me;
- ¹⁸ they divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.
- ¹⁹ But you, O Lord, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!

As we begin the watch we sing together:

**Stay with me,
remain here with me,
Watching and praying,
watching and praying.**



Please stay and keep watch by the Altar of Repose

At the conclusion of the watch

When the disciples had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prayed to the Father,

‘If it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me.’

He said to his disciples,

‘How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me for one hour? The hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinners.’

Christ was obedient unto death. Go in his peace.

We depart in silence



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followed by Heart of Welcome Café 10am-12pm

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