



Liturgy for Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 9, 2020



Wait for the Lord,
whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord:
be strong, take heart.
(repeat)

Poem

It was on the Thursday – Iona Community



Prologue

This is the day that Christ the Lamb of God
gave himself into the hands of those
who would slay him.

This is the day that Christ gathered
with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the day that Christ took a towel
and washed the disciples' feet,
giving us an example that we should
do to others as he has done to us.

This is the day that Christ our God
gave us this holy feast,
that we who eat this bread and drink this cup
may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice
and be partakers of his resurrection,
and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

Let us pray,

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 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 and died for us,
yet is alive and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The bell calls us to a brief silence

Exodus 12.1-14

Reader: Rachel Sunda



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.

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight.

They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116.1, 10-17

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

because he has inclined his ear to me
whenever I called upon him.

How shall I repay the Lord

for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation

and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord

in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord

is the death of his servants.

O Lord, I am your servant;

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord

in the presence of all his people.

In the courts of the Lord's house

in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Hallelujah!

The bell calls us to a brief silence



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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

A Hymn on the Crucifixion – Ephrem of Syria

Hymn: *Who Would Ever Have Believed It* (199)



1. Who would ever have believed it?
Who could ever have conceived it?
Who dared trace God's hand behind it
when a servant came among us?
2. Like a sapling in dry soil,
he was rooted in our presence;
lacking beauty, grace, and splendour,
no one felt attracted to him.
3. We despised him; we disowned him,
though he clearly hurt and suffered:
we, believing he was worthless,
never turned our eyes towards him.

4. Yet it was the pain and torment
we deserved which he accepted,
while we reckoned his afflictions
must have come by heaven's instruction.
5. Though our sins let him be wounded,
though our cruelty left him beaten,
yet, through how and why he suffered,
God revealed our hope of healing.
6. We, like sheep despite our wisdom,
all had wandered from God's purpose;
and our due in pain and anger
God let fall on one among us.
7. Who would ever have believed it?
Who could ever have conceived it?
Who dared trace God's hand behind it
when a servant came among us?

John 13.1-17, 31b-35



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.**

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.

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.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

The Reverend Mike Stuchbery

Musical Reflection

If Ye Love Me - Thomas Tallis



Intercessions

Leader: Greg Lane

On this holy day, Christ invites us to dine together at the table and to love and serve one another. On this holy day, then, let us pray for the church and the world, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the whole church of God, that it may grow in unity and servanthood: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For our congregation here at St. Philip's, that in these holy days we may grow in love for one another and for all people: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For all those in the worldwide church who will be baptized at Easter, that they may rejoice in their passage through death into new life: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For all the leaders of the world, especially at this time of global crisis, and for all people, that reconciliation, peace and good health may overcome conflict, oppression and disease:
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the hungry in body or spirit, that they may be fed: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the sick and those who live with chronic pain, for those afflicted with the COVID-19 virus and for their families, for the dying and all who mourn, remembering especially the thousands of people who have lost loved ones to this virus, that they may know the full extent of God's love for them:
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the day when social distancing and isolation will be no more, and your church can once gain gather physically around the table to which you invite us this evening: Lord, in your mercy,


hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for the saints and martyrs and for all the faithful departed who join us at your table of grace: Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O God, into your love we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.



Waiting in prayer with Christ
on this holy evening
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

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 bell calls us to a brief silence

Matthew 26.30-46



When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered." But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.'

Peter said to him, 'Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.' Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' Peter said to him, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.'

Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Again he went away for the second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.'

Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words.

Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'



Stay with me, remain here with me,
Watch and pray, watch and pray.
(repeat)

*A final bell calls us to remain with Jesus
in our prayers throughout this night.*

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