

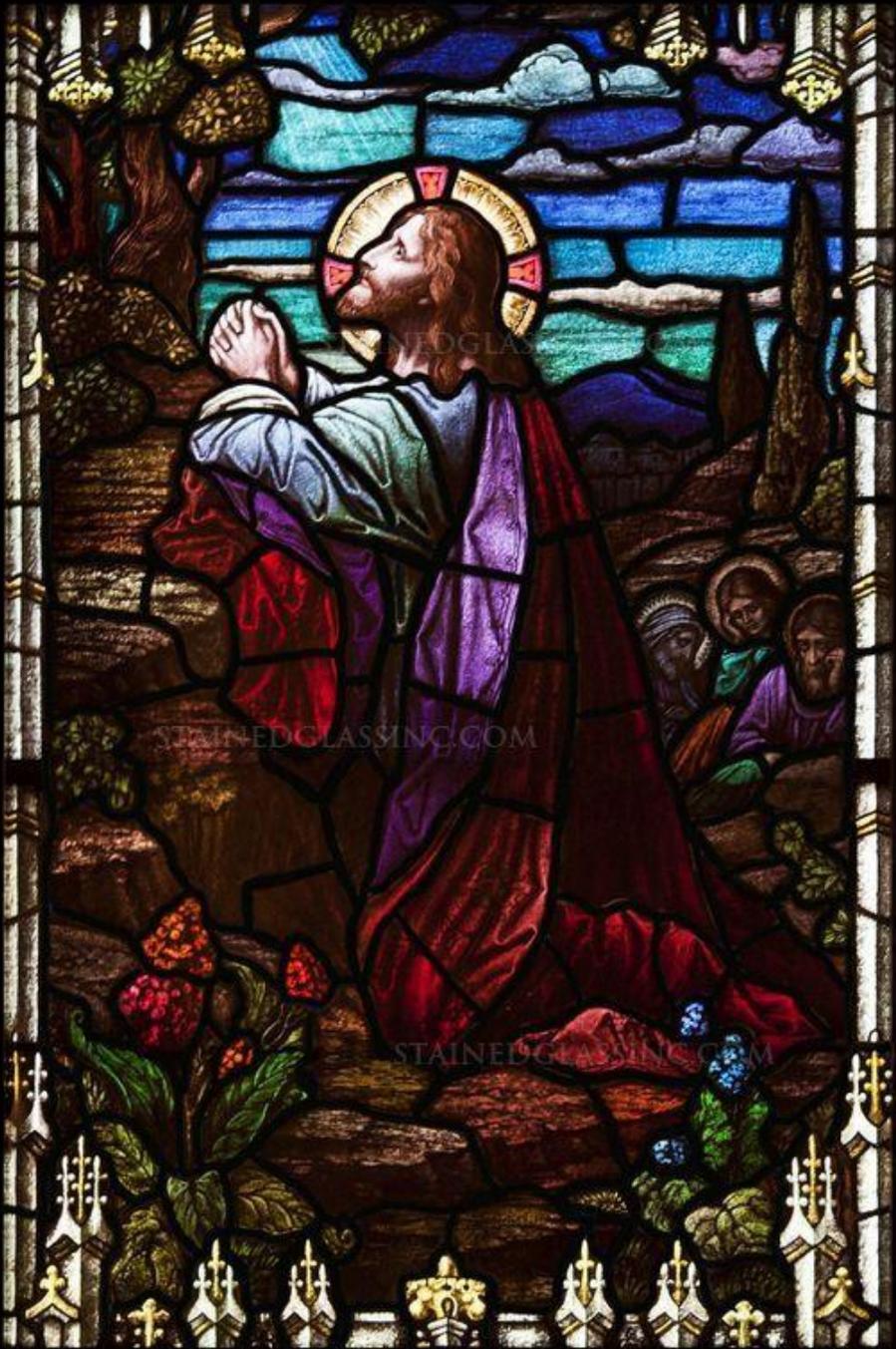


Welcome to St. George's Service of Evening Prayer for Maundy Thursday.

At the end of the service there will be an invitation to light a candle and turn off your lights if you are able to do so safely. Please have a candle and matches or lighter ready next to you if you would like to do this. The service will end in silence and we will extinguish our candles in turn.

Please introduce yourself as you arrive and feel free to chat with others. When the service begins, please mute yourself or our tech assistant will help mute you.

There will be welcome and a brief introduction at 7:25pm. Then there will be a prelude to begin our service at 7:30pm.



Evening Prayer For Maundy Thursday

April 9th, 2020- 7:30pm

PRELUDE: Herzlich tut mich verlangen BWV 727

(My heart is filled with longing)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Played by Helmut Walcha (1907-1991)





Opening Responsaries

Book of Alternative Services, pg 66

- Officiant:** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. *John 13.34*
- Officiant:** O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
People: **Hear my voice when I cry to you.**
- Officiant:** Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
People: **The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**
- All:** **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

O Gracious Light

Said by all

O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.



The Readings

Psalm 116:10-17

Book of Alternative Services pg. 865

Read in unison

10 How shall I repay the Lord *

for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *

and call upon the name of the Lord.

12 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord *

in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *

is the death of his servants.

14 O Lord, I am your servant; *

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

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *

and call upon the name of the Lord.

16 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord *

in the presence of all his people.

17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *

in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

A Reading from First Corinthians

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.

First Corinthians 11:23-26

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn
CP 500

Servant Song

A Reading from the Gospel of John

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**



A brief time of silence is observed to reflect on the readings.

Sermon: The Rev. Deacon Maylanne Maybee



The Apostles' Creed

Book of Alternative services p.53

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Hymn

CP 553

Ubi Caritas

Prayers of the People

Worship

From Common

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

All 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

All 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

All 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

All 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

All 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

All and welcome all your children into paradise.

Prayer:

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 people are invited to turn off the lights at their homes and light a candle if they are able to do so safely.

Psalm 88 is read.

The Lords Prayer

Officiant: As our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray:

All **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.**

Matthew 26.30-46 is read

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."

Conclusion:

Officiant: Almighty God, who has shown us in the life and teaching of your Son that the path of love may lead to the cross, and the reward of faithfulness may be a crown of thorns. Grant us grace to take up our cross and follow Christ in the strength of patience and the constancy of faith, and to have such fellowship with him in his sorrow that we may know the secret of his strength and peace. **Amen.**

Deacon: Christ was obedient unto death. Go in his peace.

The service ends. The participants blow out their candles one by one, close their connections and leave in silence.