



## CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA



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A detailed illustration of the Last Supper. Jesus is seated at the center of a table, surrounded by his twelve apostles. They are in a room with a window in the background. The scene is lit by a small lamp on the table.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

"I give you a new commandment:  
Love one another as I have loved you."

- John 13:34

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## Online Liturgy for Maundy Thursday

<https://youtu.be/kpgVp6y2fow>

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE:      *Ubi caritas et amor – Gerald Near (b.1942)*  
                  *(Where dwelleth charity and love, there God is found)*

OPENING SENTENCE      *sung by cantor*

'I give you a new commandment, that you love one another', says the Lord.  
*Jn.13:34*

INVOCATION

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins  
**whose mercy endures for ever.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Tonight we begin the Great Three Days of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection, the journey from the supper table to the cross, from the cross to Easter dawn. We are followers in his way, exploring his truth, encountering his life.

This is the night when Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would betray him.

This is the night when Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the night when Christ our Lord gave us this holy feast, that as we break the bread and drink the cup we may here proclaim his holy sacrifice, and come at the last to his table in heaven.

This is the night when Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, showing us how to honour and serve one another in love.

This is the night for watching and prayer.

We give ourselves freely to the demands of these great days, confident that those who die in Christ will surely live with him.

## THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**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.**

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**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  
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 Collect**

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. 1-14*

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. 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 first-born in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: 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 the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** 116.1-2, 11-18

*sung by cantor*

*Setting - C.Wrench*

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

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.

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

## The Gospel Reading

*John 13. 1-17, 31b-35*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

*Cantor:* Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*ALL:* **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**



*Cantor:* I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.

*ALL:* **Glory and praise 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, put on his robe, and returned to the table, Jesus 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 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.'

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

**THE SERMON**      The Rev'd Bill Crossman

*Cantor:                      Ubi caritas et amor (plainsong)*

Where there is charity and love, God is present  
By the love of Christ we have been brought together:  
Let us find in him our gladness and our pleasure;  
May we love and revere God, the living;  
and in love respect each other with true hearts.

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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.  
God of grace,  
**Hear our prayer.**

On this night the Lord Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one.  
We pray for the unity of your Church.  
God of grace,  
**Hear our prayer.**

On this night, the Lord Jesus prayed for those who were to believe through  
the disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your Church.  
God of grace,  
**Hear our prayer.**

On this night, the Lord Jesus commanded his followers to love,  
but himself suffered rejection. We pray for the rejected and unloved.  
God of grace,  
**Hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus reminded his people that, if the world hated them,  
it had hated him first. As we face our own fears, we pray for those who are  
persecuted for their faith; give us your peace.  
God of grace,  
**Hear our prayer.**



On this night, Jesus loved his friends to the very end. As we open our hearts to all who face darkness tonight, we pray for the sick, those who mourn, those trapped by violence, addiction, or pain: give healing and hope.

God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, these are the prayers of your Church. We offer them trusting and hoping in your son Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to 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.**

**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 PEACE**

Now in union with Christ Jesus we who were once far off

have been brought near

through the shedding of Christ's blood;

for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Holy God, source of all love,  
on this night of betrayal  
Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment,  
write this commandment in our hearts  
and 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.**

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross  
set us free to serve him with joy. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

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