

# Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

Thursday 1 April 2021 at 12 noon and 10pm

Led by the Rev David Senior

## OPENING HYMN: MEEKNESS AND MAJESTY

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  
For this is your God, this is your God.

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

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

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

## 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.

From all evil and mischief;  
from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;  
from envy, hatred, and malice;  
and from all evil intent,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

From sloth, worldliness and love of money;  
from hardness of heart  
and contempt for your word and your laws,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

From sins of body and mind;  
from the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

Give us true repentance;  
forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance  
and our deliberate sins;  
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit  
to amend our lives according to your holy word.  
**Amen**

## GLORIA

**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.**

## COLLECT FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

## READINGS

Philippians 2: 1-11  
John 13: 1-17

## SERMON

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## PRAYERS

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 day, he prayed for his disciples to be one.  
We pray for the unity of your Church.  
**Lord, hear us and unite us.**

On this day, 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 day, 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 day, 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 day, 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.**

## THE PEACE

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.**

## TIME FOR REFLECTION

'God shall wipe away all tears'

## EUCCHARISTIC 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 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 in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest**

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To  
the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of  
hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean. This  
is his story. **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate  
the freedom of your people. This is his story. **This is our song: Hosanna in  
the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke  
it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for  
the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you  
all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.  
**This is our story. This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on  
which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with  
you to plead for us and all the world. **This is our story. This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with  
opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer  
ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all  
creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.  
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.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave  
for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance  
that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, broken for you, keep you in eternal life.  
The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, shed for you, keep you in eternal life.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your  
Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a  
living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to  
your praise and glory. **Amen.**

## HYMN: LOVE DIVINE ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art.  
Visit us with thy salvation;  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive.  
Suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore they temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
true and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

## BLESSING AND CLOSE

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