



St John the Evangelist Farsley

Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday, 9th April 2020

Service will be uploaded to Youtube (St Johns Church Farsley)

Welcome

Introduction to the service. Welcome to all, in this unusual Holy Week, which we are observing alone or via the internet, rather than meeting in church as we normally would. Maundy derives from the word to command (mandatum), found in John 13.34 'a new command I give you, love one another', so we reflect tonight on how much Jesus loves us, how he showed it in laying his life down for us, and how we should follow his example and love one another

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ 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.**

The leader declares God's forgiveness:

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.**

Collect for Maundy Thursday

God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to
the end and drank the cup prepared for him:
May we who share his table watch with him through the
night of suffering and be faithful. **Amen.**

Hymn 1) if you have online access, you may like to listen
to 'A new commandment I give unto you'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yy7W8avIXIY>

The Liturgy of the Word and the Sermon

1st Reading

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

The Gospel

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

John 13.1-17 and 31b to 35

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

The Sermon: Sue

Hymn 2) *if you have online access, you may like to listen to
'Do not be afraid'*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EAdRk9c1R1o>

Intercessions

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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.

Eucharistic Prayer (prayer E)

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

And now we give you thanks because, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; and on the night before he suffered, sitting at table with his disciples, he instituted these holy mysteries, that we, redeemed by his death and restored to life by his resurrection, might be partakers of his divine nature.

And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you and *saying*:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord.

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.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

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 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed 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.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

The president receives communion on behalf of the people, and says

The body of Christ, keep us in eternal life, &
The blood of Christ, shed for all of us.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The Post Communion prayer is said,

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.**

The Dismissal

We give thanks for the offerings we have made this week, in person, in our practical care for others, and in our financial giving for the work of the church, and ask God to bless it all.

At this simple service for Maundy Thursday we recall how if we were in church, we would now clear the sanctuary of furnishings, candles, and even close the covers over the painting of Christ being taken down from the cross..... then we would dim the lighting, and leave church quietly, scattering to our homes, much as the disciples did that night. Some having stayed for a while to pray in the peace of the empty church, recalling the journey of Holy Week, the betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane, and anticipating the events of Good Friday.

*If you have online access, you may like to listen to
'Gethsemane' by Stuart Townend*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8CIY-OvQBV8>

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