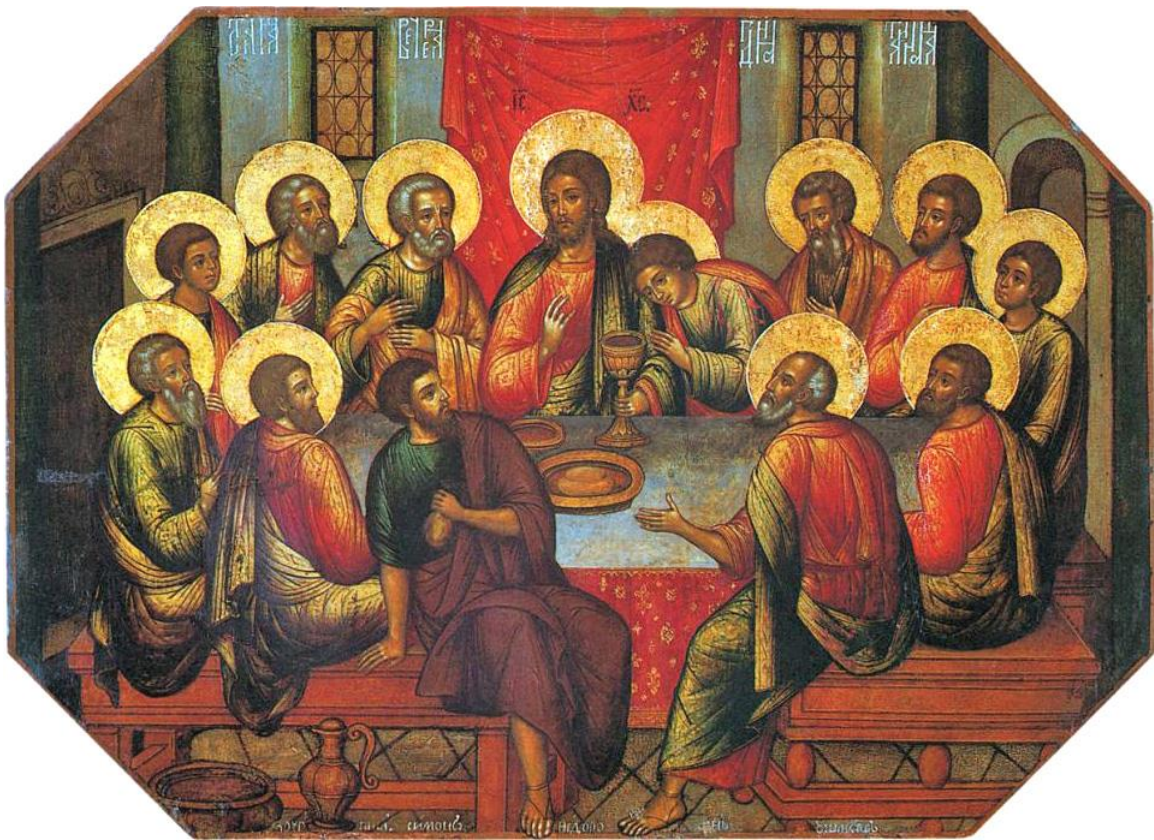




## The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday



*Icon by Simon Ushakov, 1685, 'The Last Supper'*

The Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene with St Paul in the Bail and St Michael on the Mount

## About this Service

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday is also sometimes known as the Eucharist of the Last Supper, since its focus is the events of the last evening that Jesus spent with his disciples. On it he showed them love and service by washing their feet. Later, he instituted the central act of Christian worship, the Eucharist, taking bread and wine and commanding them to eat and drink in remembrance of him.

These two events, the washing of feet, and the Last Supper, are the focus of this evening's service. They remind us vividly of Christ's sacrificial, self-giving love, and call us to show the same love to one another and to the world.

The singing of *Gloria in Excelsis* for the first time since the Sunday before Lent can be seen as marking the joyful conclusion of the Lenten fast and the beginning of the *Triduum*. *Gloria in Excelsis* is not sung again until the first Eucharist of Easter.

# The Gathering

*An introit may be sung.*

*At the entry of the ministers, a hymn is sung.*

*The president says*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

## The Greeting

*The president greets the people*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you

**All and also with you.**

*Words of welcome or introduction are said*

## The Reception of Holy Oils

Brothers and sisters, on this most holy night we enter into the three days of the celebration of Lord's paschal victory, his death and resurrection. As we begin, we receive from our bishops, the holy oils blessed and set apart for the sacramental life of our parish.

*A minister says*

The oil of the sick.

*and the president responds*

By the laying on of hands and anointing with this oil,  
and with the prayerful support of this community,  
may those who are sick experience the healing presence of Christ.

*and all the people say*

**Amen**

*A minister says*

The oil of baptism.

*and the president responds*

Anointed with this oil,  
and assisted by the example of this community,  
may those who are to be baptized  
know that Christ calls them by name  
and makes them his own  
and shares with them his victory  
over sin and the power of evil.

*and all the people say*

**Amen**

*A minister says*

The oil of chrism.

*and the president responds*

Anointed with this fragrant oil,  
may all who are baptized and confirmed,  
all who are ordained to the service of God's people,  
and this community whose house of prayer  
is dedicated to God's glory,  
fill the world with the sweet fragrance  
of Christ's gospel  
and be built up as living stones into a temple  
filled with the Holy Spirit.

*and all the people say*

**Amen**

## ***Prayers of Penitence***

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.

*Silence is kept.*

Have mercy on us, O God,  
in your great goodness;  
according to the abundance of your compassion  
blot out our offences.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All**     **Lord, have mercy.**

Against you only have we sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All**     **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.

**All**     **Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father forgive you  
by the death of his Son  
and strengthen you  
to live in the power of the Spirit  
all our days.

**All**     **Amen.**

## ***Gloria in Excelsis***

**All**     **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***

Let us pray that we may love one another as Christ has loved us.

*Silence is kept.*

God our Father,  
you have invited us to share in the supper  
which your Son gave to his Church  
to proclaim his death until he comes:  
may he nourish us by his presence,  
and unite us in his love;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

***All*** Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Word

## ***New Testament Reading***

Beloved: 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.

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God**

## ***Gospel Reading***

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:  
Love one another as I have loved you.

**All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, '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.'

*John 13:1-17*

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

**Sermon**



## ***The Washing of Feet***

*The president washes the feet of some members of the congregation. An anthem is sung After the foot washing the president prays*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

## ***Prayers of Intercession***

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.**

# 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.**

**All**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace*

## **Preparation of the Table**

### **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

*A hymn is sung. The gifts of the people are gathered and presented. The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. These words are used at the preparation of the table*

At the eucharist we are with our crucified and risen Lord.  
We know that it was not only our ancestors,  
but we who were redeemed  
and brought forth from bondage to freedom,  
from mourning to feasting.  
We know that as he was with them in the upper room  
so our Lord is here with us now.

**All**

**Until the kingdom of God comes  
let us celebrate this feast.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,  
you bring forth bread from the earth.

**All**

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,  
you create the fruit of the vine.

**All**

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## ***The Eucharistic Prayer***

**All** The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All** **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All** **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

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:

*SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS are sung*

**All** **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 comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,

these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.

Christ is the bread of life:

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of [N and] all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All**      **Amen**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom,  
and teach us to 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.**

### ***Breaking of the Bread***

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,

**All**      **we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

*AGNUS DEI is sung in this or another language or translation*

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

## **Giving of Communion**

*The president says the invitation to communion*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
Who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All**    **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
But only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*The president and people receive communion. During the distribution anthems are sung.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

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.

**All**    **Amen.**

# The Conclusion

## **The Stripping of the Sanctuary**

*A hymn is sung during which the altar and the sanctuary are stripped bare.*

*After we have finished singing, the ministers process in silence to the Altar of Repose. The blessed sacrament is placed upon it. The choir sing Psalm 22.*

*If you do not intend to stay for the Watch, please leave in silence after the singing of the Psalm.*

## **The Watch**

*The Gospel of the Watch is read*

*Silence is kept*

*At the end of the Watch, the ministers and people depart in silence*

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