

A Service for Maundy Thursday

From the Church of England

Officiant:

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us remain in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the Glory of your Name. Amen**

The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

People: **O Lord make haste to help us.**

Officiant: 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. **AMEN**

The Readings

Psalm 116: 1, 10-17

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 10 Some sat in darkness and deep gloom, *
bound fast in misery and iron;
- 11 Because they rebelled against the words of God *
and despised the counsel of the Most High.
- 12 So he humbled their spirits with hard labor; *
they stumbled, and there was none to help.
- 13 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 14 He led them out of darkness and deep gloom *
and broke their bonds asunder.
- 15 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 16 For he shatters the doors of bronze *
and breaks in two the iron bars.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.

Sing together *Ubi Caritas*

Ubi caritas et amor
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Where true charity and love abide,
God is dwelling there, God is dwelling there.

Ubi caritas et amor
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

A reading from the Gospel of John 13: 1-15

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.

The Gospel of the Lord

Homily

The Rev. Jean M. DeVaty

Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father through Christ the savior 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.

Silence. 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.

Silence. Lord, hear us

All and humble us.

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your Church.

Silence. 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.

Silence. 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.

Silence. 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.

Silence. Lord, hear us

All and welcome all your children into paradise.

The Stripping of the Sanctuary

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people!
How like a widow she has become,
she that was great among the nations!
She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her.

All Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals;
all her gates are desolate, her priests groan;
her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.
Her children have gone away, captives before the foe.
Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.

All Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

From on high he sent fire; it went deep into my bones;
he spread a net for my feet; he turned me back;
he has left me stunned, faint all day long.
For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears;
for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage;
my children are desolate, for the enemy has prevailed.

All Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

All who pass along the way clap their hands at you;
they hiss and wag their heads at daughter Jerusalem;
'Is this the city that was called the perfection of beauty,
the joy of all the earth?'
The thought of my affliction and homelessness
is wormwood and gall.

All Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore, I will hope in him.'

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

All Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.
It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,
to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it,
to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),
to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.
For the Lord will not reject for ever.

All Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

Ah, holy Jesus

- Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.**
- Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee:
I crucified thee.**
- Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.**
- For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.**
- Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.**

The Dismissal

When the disciples had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prayed to the Father, 'If it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me.' He said to his disciples, 'How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me for one hour? The hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinners.' Christ was obedient unto death. May you go and watch with him in his peace.

The Watch

These Scriptures are to be read, meditated upon, and prayed with each hour of the night as we wait and watch and pray with Jesus. You may choose to participate with as you see best within your spiritual discipline.

Begin with the column on the left then continue with the column on the right.

John 13.16-30

John 15.18-16.4

Psalm 113

Psalm 117

John 13.31-end

John 16.4b-15

Psalm 114

Psalm 118.1-9

John 14.1-14

John 16.16-end

Psalm 115

Psalm 118.10-18

John 14.15-end

John 17.1-19

Psalm 116.1-9

Psalm 118:19-end

John 15.1-17

John 17.20-end

Psalm 116.10-end

holy week at st. james'

All Holy Week services will be held online through live-streaming on our Facebook page. Please check our Facebook page: [St. James, Lake George](#), our website at www.stjameslg.com, and your email inbox for updates to the schedule.

MORNING PRAYER, MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

8:30 am

On Zoom – Contact Mtr. Jean via email to receive an invitation to join on Zoom

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Noon & 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Please check our website for links to Good Friday Liturgy with the Veneration of the Cross & the Solemn Collects

EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 11

8:00 pm

Lighting of the Easter Fire & Easter Vigil

RESURRECTION SUNDAY, APRIL 12

6:30 am

Sunrise Celebration (weather permitting)

9:00 am

Resurrection Celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ

Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.

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