

Putnoe Heights and St Mark's Church



Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

Remembrance and Servanthood

Infinite, intimate God;
this night you kneel before your friends
and wash our feet.
Bound together in your love,
trembling, we drink your cup
and watch.

New Zealand Prayer Book

Gathering together

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

An Opening Prayer

Long ago, at this season, a people set out on a journey.
On such a night as this, Israel went forth from
degradation to joy. We give thanks for the liberations of
days gone by. And we pray for all who are still bound, still
denied their human rights.

**All: Eternal God, may all who hunger come to rejoice in a
new Passover. Let all the human family sit at your table,
drink the wine of deliverance, and eat the bread of
freedom:**

**Freedom from bondage and freedom from oppression,
Freedom from hunger and freedom from want,
Freedom from hatred and freedom from fear,
Freedom to think and freedom to speak,
Freedom to teach and freedom to learn,
Freedom to love and freedom to share,
Freedom to hope and freedom to rejoice,
Soon, in our days,
Amen.**

Hymn: It is a thing most wonderful

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.

The minister will declare the words of forgiveness

Offering

All stand as the offering is presented and say or sing:

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

Hymn: Man of sorrows, what a name

The Ministry of the Word

Collect

Everlasting God,
Your Son Jesus Christ Girded Himself with a towel
and washed His disciples 'feet;
grant us the will to be the servant of others
as He was the servant of all,
who gave up His life and died for us
yet lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit;
one God now and for ever.
Amen

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12 v 1 – 14

At the end of the reading

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 11 v 23 – 29

At the end of the reading

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

John 13 v 1 – 16

When the Gospel is announced

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

At the end of the reading

This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to Christ our Lord.

The Sermon: The Revd Canon Charles Royden

Prayers of Intercession

A Prayer from the Passover Haggadah

Rabbi Gamaliel used to say, "He who does not explain the following three things on Seder night has not done his duty."

Why did our forefathers eat the Passover lamb when the Temple was standing? They ate it because the Holy One, blessed be He, passed over and spared the homes of the people of Israel on the night when He smote the Egyptians.

Why do we eat unleavened bread? We eat it because of the time when the supreme King of Kings, the Holy One, blessed be He, rescued our forefathers. They were in such a hurry that there was no time for their dough to rise.

And why do we eat bitter herbs? We eat them because the Egyptians embittered the lives of our fathers in Egypt.

All: Therefore it is our duty to thank, praise, glorify, exalt, honour, bless, extol, and adore him who performed all these miracles for us and for our forefathers. He brought us from slavery to freedom, from anguish to rejoicing, from mourning to feasting, from darkness to light, from bondage to redemption. Let us therefore sing a new song to him, Hallelujah.

Our prayers continue

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

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 Lord's Prayer

Hymn: O sacred head, surrounded

The Peace

Jesus says, 'Peace I leave with you: my peace I give you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be
afraid.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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.

The Lord be with you

All: 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 our thanks and praise

It is indeed right, it is our joy and salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Through Him you have created all things and made us in
your own image. Through His death on the cross and
resurrection you freed us from sin and opened the way to
everlasting life.

Through Him you have sent your Holy Spirit,
calling us to be your people, a community of faith.
Nothing can separate us from you love.

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 the 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

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever 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 comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise you Lord God, creator and sustainer of the universe. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, who on the night He was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying

‘Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.’

In the same way, after supper, He took the cup and gave you thanks, and gave it to them, saying:

'This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me'

**All: Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Send down your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of Christ. Unite us with Him for ever and bring us with the whole creation to your eternal kingdom.

**All: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you in songs of everlasting praise.
Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ

**All: Though we are many, we are one body
because we all share in one bread.**

Therefore, heavenly Father as he has commanded us, we do this in remembrance of your dear Son Jesus Christ. We give you thanks and praise that through faith in him we receive forgiveness of all our sins.

**All: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy upon us
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy upon us
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

**All: Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under
your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse us and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that He may live in us and we in Him;
so that we, and the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your Kingdom. Amen**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, and His blood which was shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

After Communion

**All: 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: Praise to the holiest in the height

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. Go in his peace.

Blessing

The Service of Holy Communion

The Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is my body, which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This is the new covenant in my blood; do this whenever you drink it in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11 v 23