



Maundy Thursday

Foot Washing and The Institution of the Lord's Supper

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ST. CUTHBERT'S, LEASIDE

Maundy Thursday — The Book of Alternative Services in-person worship and online via YouTube Live

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Prelude

Come Sweetest Death - J.S. Bach, arr. Virgil

Welcome & Introduction to Maundy Thursday

Tonight we observe Maundy Thursday, which is Jesus's final night. He gathers with his disciples and washes their feet, shares his last supper with them, and gives them a new commandment "to love one another as I have loved you." The word "maundy" comes from the latin word maundate meaning "commandment" and that is why tonight is known as Maundy Thursday.

Opening Hymn CP 190

Go To Dark Gethsemane

Text: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
ye that feel the tempter's power.
Your Redeemer's conflict see;
watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away,
learn of Jesus Christ to pray.*

*2 Follow to the judgement hall;
view the Lord of life arraigned.
O the wormwood and the gall!
O the grief his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
learn of him to bear the cross.*

*3 Calvary's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time -
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished," hear him cry;
learn of Jesus Christ to die.*

The Gathering of the Community

Prologue

Dearly Beloved in Christ,
this is the day that Christ, the Lamb of God,
gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

This is the day
that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the day
that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet,
giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

This is the day
that Christ our God gave us this holy feast,
that we who eat the bread of life and drink the cup of salvation
may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection,
and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: O God,

**People: your Son Jesus Christ has left to us this meal of bread and wine
in which we share his body and his blood.**

**May we who celebrate this sign of his great love
show in our lives the fruits of his redemption;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord.

The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116: 1, 10-17

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,* because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

How shall I repay the Lord * for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation * and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord * in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord * is the death of his servants.

O Lord, I am your servant; * I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving * and call upon the name of the Lord. R

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord * in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the Lord's house, * in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

For 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Now That Evening Falls

vs 1-3 before; v 4 after

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1 *Now that evening falls,
gently fades the light;
moon replaces sun and
day takes leave of night.*

2 *Gratitude we raise
for the day that's done
and for what, tomorrow,
waits to be begun.*

3 *Gladly we commit
to God's gracious care
those we love and long for,
those whose lives we share.*

4 *Glory be to God,
glory to God's son,
glory to the Spirit
ever three in one.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 13:1-17, 31b-35

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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. 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."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: Janet+

Silent Reflection

Invitation to Humility: Foot Washing

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that I may recall whose servant I am by following the example of my Master. But come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for "a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."



Ceremony of Foot Washing

All those who wish to have their feet washed are invited to remove their footwear and come forward and sit on one of the chairs.

Musical Interlude

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ - Bach/Busoni

The Prayers of the People (adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book)

Leader: On this holy night we gather together as the body of Christ,
and commit ourselves to love and serve one another.
On this holy night, then, let us pray for the church and all humankind,
Saying "God of love, hear our prayer."
God of love,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God our provider, you feed us with the bread of life and
lift for us the cup of salvation, on this night Jesus gave us this holy feast:
may all who gather in your name receive a foretaste of the eternal banquet.
God of love,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Servant God, on this night Jesus washed his disciples' feet: may we follow this
example of love and service. God of love,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God of compassion, on this night Jesus prayed for those who would believe
through the message of the disciples: may we be strengthened to show forth the
love of Christ in all that we do and say. God of love

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God of peace, we pray for all nations and people who are torn by war or civil
unrest, for those who do not experience peace in their homes or on the streets:
sow in our hearts, and in the hearts of all those who exercise power, a true love
of peace and strengthen us to uphold the sacred dignity of every human being.
God of love,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God of renewal and hope, we pray for all those who are in need of healing, for
those who are sick or in any need: We remember all those who have asked for
our prayers (weekly petitions are added). *Please name all those known to you,
either silently or aloud.* [Pause] may they, and all those who care for them, be
strengthened and comforted. God of love,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God our companion, we pray for those unable to eat at the Lord's Table or at any
other table, for those who betray and for those who are betrayed, and for all
innocent victims. God of love,

All: Hear our prayer.

The Peace—*During the Peace, you are invited to turn to your neighbours and shake their hand. If you are not comfortable shaking hands, please do a slight bow or raise your hand as a greeting.*

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The Offertory—An Invitation

During the Offertory, we offer many things to God —our cares and concerns, our joys and sorrows, our time, our talent, and our treasure. Like every Anglican Parish, St. Cuthbert's is called to be financially self-sustaining. To make a monetary offering to support our ministry and mission, please place your donation in the Offertory Plate at either the front or back of the Church. You may also place your offering in the plate as members of the Welcome Team slowly process down the centre aisle during the Offertory Hymn. Offerings may also be sent via e-transfer to stcuthbertleaside@toronto.anglican.ca or by visiting the Donate tab of the website ([click here](#)) or by scanning the QR code. St. Cuthbert's is also grateful to receive donations via The United Way. For more information, please contact the Church Office.



Offertory Hymn CP 74

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Text: Louise Fitzgerald Benson (1855-1930) alt. Music: Melody Gross Catholicisch Gesangbuch, Nürnberg, 1631 arr. William Smith Rockstro (1823-1895)

*1 For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.*

*2 By these pledges that love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to realms above us,
consecrate our lives, O Lord.*

*3 In your service, Lord, defend us,
help us to obey your word;
In the world to which you send us,
let your kingdom come, O Lord.*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Said by All: **Father, we spread this table to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ, your Son. Accept all we offer you this night. Bind us together in his love and in the love he has commanded us to bring one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Sursum Corda today is said

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory singing:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
CP 689 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.**

Celebrant: Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near.

His head anointed for burial by a woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him and those who would betray and deny him.

On this very night, He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

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

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread,

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

The Communion

Celebrant: This is the table at which God is host and all are welcome guests. These are the gifts of God for the whole People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

CP 689 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.

The Administration of Communion

Please note that the bread being used tonight is gluten-free.

Please wait until the Choir has returned to their pews before proceeding to the communion rail.

The Welcome team will direct you to the communion rail. Please proceed to the rail in a clockwise motion around the table and return to your pew following the same clockwise motion.



Everyone is welcome to receive communion.



You may receive both bread and wine, or just the bread, if you wish.



We have GF-free wafers available on request.



Cross your arms to receive a blessing instead.



Communion can be brought to you if needed: just ask a sidesperson.

Motet

Ubi Caritas - Durufle

sung by the choir

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.

Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Amen.

English Translation:

Where charity and love are, God is there.

The love of Christ has gathered us into one.

Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.

Let us fear, and let us love the living God.

And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Said by All: Holy God, source of all love,

on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment,
to love one another as he loved them.

Write this commandment in our hearts; give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

During the hymn, the Sanctuary is stripped of all adornments. This is done not only to remember and symbolize how Jesus will be stripped and handed over to death but also as a symbol of our grief. After the Stripping of the Church, the lights will be turned off and the Gospel will be read. After a time of silence, a few lights will be turned back on to allow a safe departure. There is no Dismissal or Postlude.

HYMN CP 194

Stay With Us

Text: Taizé Community (France) Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ, night will soon fall.

Then stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ, light in our darkness.

READING: MATTHEW 26: 30-46

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters because of me this night. Peter said to him, 'Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.' Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' Peter said to him, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Again he went away for the second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.' Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

The Service ends in silence. Those who wish to remain for a time of personal reflection and prayer are invited to do so.

*Please exit the church via the doors into the Gathering Space.
Thank you for your prayers and presence.*



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