

## Maundy Thursday 2020



*Love one another as I have loved you*

Maundy Thursday this year is different in all sorts of ways, as it takes place during this extraordinary time of 'Lockdown' and so we cannot gather as we would usually gather at the table in Tyndale. Still, we can participate in this act of worship, in the following ways -

This Maundy Thursday communion service is provided as a complete script and is accompanied by a video clip of communion, following the words in this script (beginning at the Peace). You might like to read the script through and share in the act of communion during Maundy Thursday evening.

A reflection by Keith Clements for Maundy Thursday is also provided – this year's Maundy Thursday coincides with the anniversary of the death of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

### Call to Worship

Maundy Thursday begins in this most extraordinary of times, as the themes that swirl around that last supper – betrayal, bewilderment, confusion, impending doom – are not far from our experience. Yet in such an atmosphere we are called to worship, with our weaknesses and fears, our all-too-human frailties *and* our hopes of-a-piece with the faith that frames our hearts and lives at this time. We worship in trembling and holy fear at the presence of God in the midst of such a time; all are welcome as we look through and beyond present suffering towards the future that is in God’s hands.

### Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Lord God on this night, in the dark atmosphere of Maundy Thursday yet still with hope, we worship you – for your gift of Christ, for the challenge of his way, for the surety of your promises in Him. Tonight, ahead of tomorrow, there’s a sense of an ending, but it’s not quite the end; so also in our frailty, all too aware of our failings and need, we are not completely without hope -

We praise & thank you that the way of Christ is a royal way; that the road of pain is hallowed, that beyond even the fears of this night and the terrors of tomorrow, your endless light in Christ is rising.

Help us now, receive our worship, forgive our frailty and prepare us to continue to serve and follow in a needy world, for Christ’s sake, Amen.

### The Lord’s Prayer

*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 forever. Amen*

#### Reading – John 13:21-38

After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, ‘Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.’ The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, ‘Lord, who is it?’ Jesus answered, ‘It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.’ So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, ‘Do quickly what you are going to do.’ Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, ‘Buy what we need for the festival’; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

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,<sup>[1]</sup> 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.’

Simon Peter said to him, ‘Lord, where are you going?’ Jesus answered, ‘Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterwards.’ Peter said to him, ‘Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.’ Jesus answered, ‘Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.’

**'This is the night'**

This is the night of bread and betrayal  
 This is the night of wine and fear  
 Like Judas, like Peter, like all there  
 We do not understand  
 What Christ has done for us;  
 We do not understand;  
 We do not comprehend;  
 We cannot grasp where he will go for us,  
 The Lord who is our friend.

This is the night of bread and yearning,  
 This is the night of wine and peace;  
 As bread is broken, wine poured, these  
 Gathered pray and yearn  
 For someone to atone for us,  
 They take the bread and turn  
 And drink the wine and learn  
 Of Christ who dies alone for us  
 And hope in his return.

This is the night of bread and brokenness,  
 This is the night of suffering and wine  
 Like the disciple Jesus called 'mine'  
 We wonder, 'is it me?'  
 The one who eats the bread..  
 We think 'who can it be?'  
 We pray, 'surely, not me?'  
 The one who leaves Christ for dead  
 Who is like you and me.

This is the night of bread and giving,  
 This is the night of wine and love.  
 Commanded by the Lord of love,  
 'Just as I have loved you' -  
 - loved by the Son of Man -  
 'Love one another, too'  
 By this all shall know that you  
 Are followers of the Galilean,  
 Who, betrayed, still loves you.

This, with bread and wine and betrayal  
 Is the night we come to know  
 What love means, what love will do  
 For us. And though the world's light  
 Ways shun the glory of Christ,  
 Betray him by the sight  
 Of other glories, the right  
 Glory of the dying Christ  
 Is ours - this is the night.

**The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with us all, Amen.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Leader** O Lord we have tried so hard to live better lives;  
**All** **To be good tempered, considerate and thoughtful**  
**Leader** To put the interests of others alongside our own  
**All** **To watch our tongues and not speak hastily**  
**Leader** To be cheerful even when things go wrong  
**All** **To act well towards people we find it hard to like.**  
**Leader** But, always, trying is not enough.  
**All** **Help us, that the Spirit's fruit will grow in us, to your glory**  
**PAUSE**  
**Leader** Lord have mercy upon us  
**All** **Christ have mercy upon us**  
**Leader** Lord have mercy upon us, Turn again O Lord, and quicken us  
**All** **That your people may rejoice in you**  
**Leader** Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**All** **And renew a right spirit within me**

Leader Give us again the joy of your promised presence  
**All And with your spirit of freedom sustain us**

**SILENCE**

Leader When the time was right, God sent the Son.  
**All Sent Him and suckled him, reared Him and risked Him, filled him with laughter and tears and compassion, filled him with anger and love and devotion**

Leader Unwelcomed child, refugee and runaway,  
**All Christ is God's own son**

Leader Villager, tradesman and traveler  
**All Christ is God's own son**

Leader Feeder and teacher, healer, rebel and fool -  
**All Christ is God's own son**

Leader Lover of the unlovable, toucher of the untouchable, forgiver of the unforgivable  
**All Christ is God's own son**

Leader Loved & feared by many & few; befriended & despised by weak & strong; deserted & denied by followers & friends, bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh, speaking and living the life of God.  
**All Christ is God's own son**

Leader The Word became flesh  
**All And lived among us, full of grace and truth**

**SILENCE**

Leader He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief  
**All For us he grieved**

Leader He was summoned to the judgment hall, an enemy of the state and a danger to religion  
**All By us he was judged**

Leader Lashed with tongues and with whips;  
**All By his stripes we are healed**

Leader He was nailed to the cross by human hands  
**All Bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh**

Leader He died, declaring God's forgiveness, fearing he was forsaken, yet trusting in the hand of God.  
(Pause)

And by the power of God's hand all that was lost was restored; the life of earth was lifted up, renewed, and taken up into the life of heaven, by the Spirit's power. Before us God sets bread and wine, invites to his Table, and asks us to choose life, that all may be well.

**All And all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well**

Leader For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world,  
**All But that the world through him might be saved.**

### Invitation

The table of the Lord is spread, it is for those who will come and see in broken bread and poured out wine – not mere symbols, but the very substance of his life shed for us on the Cross and raised again the third day. The risen Christ is present among his people and it is here that we meet him. It is for those who know him a little and long to know him more - the invitation is for all those who are seeking him and who are weary of their sin and doubt to come and share the feast.

### Words of Institution

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you; the Lord Jesus on the night he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and said, take, eat, this is my body which is for you, do this in remembrance of me. IN the same way after supper he took the cup saying this cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this whenever you drink it in memory of me – for whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### Thanksgiving

Lord we thank you for every moment of awareness of your life in us and in all the world; we thank you for the pleasures of each day, the challenges of each hour, the promises of a future filled with your love. But more than that we thank you for the constant and regular signs that are more than signs – in worship and in service – and supremely here at this table – where bread and wine become more than things of earth as we break them and pour them out and take them to ourselves together with one another; we thank you for your life here – and because here, in every place, and in every place because in Christ you came to that one most terrible place of all, and carried us through.to the glorious hope of his reign life – and gave us his Spirit- Easter Day

Leader Lift up your hearts,  
**All We lift them to the Lord**  
 Leader Let us give thanks to God  
**All It is right to give him thanks and praise**

### Silent prayer

**Leader** Here is bread  
**All For us to feed on Christ**  
**Leader** Here is wine  
**All For us to refresh our souls.**  
**Leader** Our suffering Lord calls us to his table  
**All In Lent we come in brokenness**  
**Leader** Our dying Lord calls us his friends  
**All In Lent we come with faithless hearts**  
**Leader** How shall we eat?  
**All Weeping with those who weep,**  
**Leader** How shall we drink?  
**All Mourning with those who mourn.**  
**Leader** The Christ who dies gives us his body and blood  
**All We eat and drink in faith**

### Bread & Wine

Leader O Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world  
**All O Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world**  
 Leader Have mercy, have mercy upon us  
**All Grant us, grant us your peace**

### Silence

Leader In the end, as at the beginning, God is God  
**All Loved by us or denied by us; praised by us or ignored by us; served by us or scorned by us; yet by the Spirit making us whole for the good of the earth.**  
 Leader For bread and wine, this place and time  
**All Thanks be to God**

Leader For all I crave that is not mine

**All Thanks be to God**

Leader For the peace I am promised that the world cannot destroy

**All Thanks be to God**

Leader For the hope of life forever through Christ's death and resurrection's joy

**All Thanks be to God**

Leader For all God has done without me, for all God wants to do with me, for all Christ loves around me,  
for all Christ loves within me

**All Thanks be to God**

Leader For all the Spirit wants to bring me, for where the Spirit wants to send me, for all the Church has  
been despite us, for what the world might yet be through us

**All Thanks be to God**

### **Benediction**