



Worship with Communion Maundy Thursday

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Welcome! We're glad you chose to worship with us today!

♪ **The Night You Were Arrested**

The night you were arrested, you told us to recall
the bread, your body broken, the wine, poured out for all.
You told them, "Take and eat it," and in that time and place
you gave to all creation the wonders of God's grace.

That night you sat at table and looked around at friends;
you talked about forgiveness and how God's love extends.
You surely tried to teach them, to help them see anew,
the joy of God's salvation that comes to us, through you.

This night we come together to worship and to pray.
We hear your love's commandment; we seek to learn your Way.
May love and grace now give us the strength we need to be
your church, your loving body, in this community.

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Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Celebrant The Lord is here.

People God's Spirit is with us.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Tonight we begin the Great Three Days of our Lord's passion,
death, and resurrection, the journey from the supper table to the

cross, from the cross to Easter dawn. We are followers in Christ's way, exploring his truth, encountering his life.

This is the night when Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would betray him. This is the night when Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room. This is the night when Christ our Lord gave us a holy feast, that we may here proclaim his holy sacrifice, and come at the last to his table in heaven. This is the night when Christ took a towel and basin and showed us how to honor and serve one another in love.

This is the night for watching and prayer. We give ourselves freely to the demands of these great days, confident that those who die in Christ will surely live with him. AMEN!

Gospel

John 13. 1-17, 31b-35

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant 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.

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.'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Maundy Thursday Washing Ritual

Celebrant 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. We invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, that we may recall whose servants we are by following the example of our 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.”

Ritual washing has been a special part of our faith tradition, and at St James we typically wash each other’s hands when we remember Maundy Thursday. I invite all of you watching to take a moment to symbolically wash your own hands or to wash the hands of those you live with, as a representation of our service in Jesus Christ.

Prayers of the People

Reader Merciful God, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples’ feet. As we commit ourselves to following his example of love and service, teach us humility.

People **God of service and humility, hear our prayer.**

Reader On this night, Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one. As we grieve for the divisions in the church, unite us.

People **God of reconciliation and unity, hear our prayer.**

Reader On this night, Jesus prayed for those who would come to believe through the disciples’ message. As we take up the mission of the church, renew our zeal.

People **God of mission and renewal, hear our prayer.**

Reader On this night, Jesus commanded his friends to love, but he suffered rejection himself. As we open our hearts to the rejected and the unloved, fill us with your love.

People **God of love and acceptance, hear our prayer.**

Reader On this night, Jesus reminded his people that, if the world hated them, it had hated him first. As we face our own fears, we pray for those who are persecuted for their faith; give us your peace.

People **God of faith and peace, hear our prayer.**

Reader On this night, Jesus loved his friends to the very end. As we open our hearts to all who face darkness tonight, we pray for the sick, those who mourn, those trapped by violence, addiction, or pain: give healing and hope.

People **God of healing and hope, hear our prayer.**

Reader Faithful God, these are the prayers of your Church.

People **We offer them trusting and hoping in you. Hear and help us, challenge and change us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN!**

Invitation to Communion

from the Iona Community, Scotland

Celebrant The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

♪ Singing Songs of Expectation

Singing songs of expectation, onward goes the pilgrim band,
 through the night of doubt and sorrow, marching to the promised land.
 Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light:
 trusting God we march together stepping fearless through the night.
 One the light of God's own presence, o'er his ransomed people shed,
 chasing far the gloom and terror, brightening all the path we tread:
 one the object of our journey, one the faith which never tires,
 one the earnest looking forward, one the hope our God inspires.
 One the strain the lips of thousands lift as from the heart of one;
 one the conflict, one the peril, one the march in God begun:
 one the gladness of rejoicing on the far eternal shore,
 where the one almighty Father reigns in love forevermore.

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Celebrant Inspire us to always share your love through action, O God:

People **Strengthen us to always be an inviting safe community for all.**

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

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.**

Celebrant Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends

and said: "Take... Eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection, and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All **Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All **Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN!**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All **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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. AMEN!**

Breaking Bread

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

♩ **We Will Take What You Offer**

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The musical score is written on three staves in 2/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "We will take what you of - fer, we will live by your word; we will love one an - oth - er and be fed by you Lord. We will take what you of - fer, we will live by your word; we will love one an - oth - er and be fed by you Lord."

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Celebrant gives the invitation to spiritual communion to all participating near and far.

People In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. AMEN!

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. AMEN!

Stripping of the Altar *The altar is stripped as the following is read:*

All They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

Reader

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress? O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; by night as well, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel. Our forefathers put their trust in you; they trusted, and you delivered them. They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

But as for me, I am a worm and no man, scorned by all and despised by the people. All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying, "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, and kept me safe upon my mother's breast. I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb. Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me. They open wide their jaws at me, like a ravening and a roaring lion. I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax. My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of the grave. Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

Be not far away, O LORD; you are my strength; hasten to help me. Save me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog. Save me from the lion's mouth, my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

I will declare your Name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Praise the LORD, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory. For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;

neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them.

My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!" All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations bow before him. For kingship belongs to the LORD; he rules over the nations. To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him. My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

All **They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.**

Sending

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus, after he ate with his disciples and washed their feet, said to them: Do you know what I have done for you? I have given you an example that you should do as I have done.

People **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

Celebrant I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

People **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

Celebrant By this the world will know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

All **AMEN!**

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