

St John the Evangelist Great Stanmore



**Maundy Thursday
Commemoration of
the Last Supper**

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday

Introduction and Hymn

The priest welcomes the people and introduces the service.

Priest 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.

Prayers of Penitence

Priest 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.

Priest 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.

Priest Against you only have we sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Priest 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.

Priest May the Father forgive you
 by the death of his Son
 and strengthen you
 to live in the power of the Spirit
 all your days.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

**All Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

Priest Let us pray that we may love one another
as Christ has loved us.

Silence is kept.

Priest 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.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

New Testament Reading

I Corinthians 11:23-26

At the end the reader will say:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 13.1-17, 31b-35

The following acclamation heralds the Gospel reading:

Priest Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:
Love one another as I have loved you.

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel Reading:

Priest This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Washing of Feet

<https://www.jesufilm.org/watch/life-of-jesus-gospel-of-john.html/last-supper/english.html>

Reflection

Prayers of Intercession

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

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 LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

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

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Priest Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn

The Offertory Prayer

Priest 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.

All **Until the kingdom of God comes**
let us celebrate this feast.

Priest Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,
you bring forth bread from the earth.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,
you create the fruit of the vine.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Priest It is indeed right to give you thanks,
Father most holy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For on this night he girded himself with a towel
and, taking the form of a servant,
washed the feet of his disciples.
He gave us a new commandment
that we should love one another as he has loved us.
Knowing that his hour had come,
in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples
to be a memorial of his passion,
that we might proclaim his death until he comes again,
and feast with him in his kingdom.

Therefore earth unites with heaven
to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end:

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.**

Priest

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in this same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom
and teach us to pray:

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Priest Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

All **Lamb of God,**
 you take away the sin of the world,
 have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Priest Draw near with faith.
 Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
 which he gave for you,
 and his blood which he shed for you.
 Eat and drink
 in remembrance that he died for you,
 and feed on him in your hearts
 by faith with thanksgiving.

The priest and people receive communion.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Priest Lord Jesus Christ,
we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament
you have given us the memorial of your passion:
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries
of your body and blood
that we may know within ourselves
and show forth in our lives
the fruit of your redemption,
for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Priest 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 peace.

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