



MAUNDY THURSDAY EUCHARIST

As we enter the Cathedral you are invited to have your feet or hands washed and the opportunity continues during the hymn. We gather together in quietness reflecting on this Holy night.

On Maundy Thursday we remember the events of the Last Supper. Jesus gathered with his disciples, shared a meal and when saying the Jewish grace over the bread and wine, he added the words “This is my body”, “this is my blood” ... “do this to remember me”.

The Church ever since has followed the pattern set down for us and the Eucharist has become the prime focus of our worship.

Jesus also taught the disciples about service in a dramatic way. The task of washing feet was that of the lowest slave but Jesus insisted on washing the feet of his disciples to give them an example of service. We re-enact that scene tonight to remind ourselves of the need to serve others and to allow others to serve us.

The word “Maundy” comes from the Latin “mandatum novum”, the new commandment which Jesus gave at the Last Supper “to love one another, just as I have loved you”. We follow Jesus’ commands to love, to serve, and to break bread together.

At the end of the service we strip the altar and the church of all adornment as we prepare for the emptiness, and the sorrow, of tomorrow, Good Friday.

E te whanau a te Karaiti, this is the night that Christ the Son of Man gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the night that Christ our Lord and Master took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, calling us to love one another as he has loved us.

This is the night that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his perfect sacrifice.

This is the night that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

Opening Hymn

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet;
Master who acts as a slave to them.

Refrain

*Ye-su, Ye-su, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.*

2 Neighbours are wealthy and poor,
varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near us and far away.

Refrain

3 These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all who are neighbours to us and you.

Refrain

4 Loving puts us on our knees,
serving the way that you serve;
This is the way we should live with you.

Refrain

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**

Confession We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed
to be and do as members of Christ's body.

Please sit or kneel as the choir sing the Kyries

Silence

In God there is forgiveness
**Loving and all-seeing God,
forgive us where we have failed to support one
another and to be what we claim to be.
Forgive us where we have failed to serve you;
and where our thoughts and actions have been
contrary to yours we ask your pardon.**

The presiding priest says

God the creator brings you new life, forgives and
redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness and live
your life in the Spirit of Jesus.
Amen.

Sentence Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment, that
you love one another. Just as I have loved you,
you also should love one another.' John 13:34

Collect **Gracious and loving God,
As you invite us to share in this supper
that your Son gave to his Church to proclaim his
death until he comes; inspire us by his service,
and unite us in his love, who lives and reigns with
you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world
without end.**

Readings **Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14**

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Hymn *We process to the front of the Cathedral as we sing.*

1 An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there,
to celebrate their Risen Friend.

2 A lasting gift Jesus gave his own,
to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
He by his Cross shall lift us up.

3 And after supper he washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In him our joy shall be made complete
sent out to serve, as he was sent.

4 No end there is! We depart in peace.
He loves beyond our uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house
He will be there, as Lord and host.

Fred Pratt Green Tune: O Waly Waly

Gospel **John 13: 1-17, 31b-35**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Praise and glory to God

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word

We are seated, and pause to reflect in silence on the Gospel reading.

The intercessions

Let us pray in God's Spirit.

God, our God, 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.

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,

and unite us.

On this night, he prayed for those who were
to believe through the message.
We pray for the mission of your Church.

Lord hear us,

and renew our zeal.

On this night he commanded them to love
but suffered rejection himself.
We pray for the rejected and unloved.

Lord hear us,

and fill us with your love.

On this night, he reminded them
that if the world hated them, it hated him first.
We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, hear us.

and give us your peace.

As Christ the Servant has taught us, we pray,

**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.**

The Peace The peace of Christ be always with you
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn *during which we move to the Aotearoa Chapel*

1 This is my body, broken for you,
bringing you wholeness, making you free.
Take it and eat it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

2 This is my blood, poured out for you,
bringing forgiveness, making you free.
Take it and drink it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

3 Back to my Father soon I shall go.
Do not forget me; then you will see
I am still with you, and you will know
you're very close to me.

4 Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!
You are my branches; I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know
you are alive in me.

5 Love one another; I have loved you,
and I have shown you how to be free;
serve one another, and when you do,
it in love for me.

Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New #674
Jimmy Owens / Damian Lundy

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.
God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is truly right to give you thanks,
it is fitting to give you glory,
most holy and loving God,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

For on this very night, he wrapped himself with a towel
and, taking the place of a servant, washed his disciples' feet.
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 holy meal 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 the angels and archangels and sing:

**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.**

On this very night before he died
he took bread and gave you thanks.
He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup,
and when he had given you thanks,
He gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you, for 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
to remember me.

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,
we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life
and this cup of salvation.

Send your Holy Spirit,
that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive
may be to us the body and blood of Christ,

and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power,
may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere,
now and forever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the bread, saying

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.
Christ is the bread of life.

The priest lifts the cup

His blood was shed for our forgiveness.
Christ is risen from the dead.

Haere mai e te kahui a te Atua,
tangohia enei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.

Prayer after Communion

**Holy God, source and well-spring of all love,
on the night of his betrayal
Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment,
to love one another as he had loved them.**

**Write this commandment anew 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.**

Final words

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.

You are invited to be seated as the choir sing Psalm 22, during which the church is "stripped". This involves reverently removing all the adornments from the church to prepare for the emptiness of Good Friday.

After the choir have left, you are invited to remain for as long as you wish. A Vigil will be kept until 10pm.



We welcome you to join our
GOOD FRIDAY, HOLY FRIDAY AND EASTER SERVICES

Good Friday, 29 March

10.00 - 11.00am for the family

12.00 - 3.00pm Three Hour Vigil - The Stations
including the Seven Last Sayings of our
Saviour from the Cross, with
Last Words - a Sacred Cantata by Michael
Myrick, sung by the Cathedral Choir with
the Cathedral Strings.

Holy Saturday, 30 March

7.00pm The great vigil of Easter.
Eucharistic liturgy of new fire
and Renewal of Baptism

Easter Sunday, 31 March

8.00am Eucharist

9.00am Eucharist, at Ormond Chapel

10.00am Choral Eucharist

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