

## Maundy Thursday at home - 9th April 2020



*This liturgy is probably best used just before you sit down to eat your main meal this evening. Perhaps you can begin sat at a dining table. You will need your soap so that you can join in the washing of hands.*

*This liturgy can be done by an individual or a small group with people sharing the prayers and words amongst them. It follows the liturgy that happens in churches on Maundy Thursday.*

✠ In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out our offences.  
Lord, have mercy.

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

Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean; wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.  
Lord, have mercy.

✠ May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days.  
Amen

*Silence is kept for a few moments*  
God our Father,  
your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end  
and drank the cup prepared for him:  
may we who share his table  
watch with him through the night of suffering  
and be faithful .Amen

## **Reading: John 13.1-17 & 31-35**

*In church it is usual at this point to wash people's feet. We don't encourage you to do this at the moment, but we want you to go and wash your own hands. As you do think about how that has become a sign of love for others as we protect them and ourselves from infection. Reflect on the doctors, nurses and carers constantly washing their hands and working to save lives. Remember how Christ showed his love, humility and service by washing the disciples feet.*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.  
Amen

## **Prayers**

*At the end of each petition spend a few moments in silence before progressing to the next.*

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 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 humble 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 and humble us

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

Lord hear us and humble us

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 and humble us

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 and humble us

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.

## **Act of Reception**

In Union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you art truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me

never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in your servant in the fulness of your strength, and in the perfection of your ways, and in the holiness of your spirit, and rule over every hostile power in the might of your Spirit, and to the glory of your Father, Amen.

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

### **Closing Prayers**

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. Amen.

*There is no dismissal or blessing as Good Friday is a continuation of this service. simply finish with that closing prayer.*

*At this point you might want to have your supper. When you have finished you are encouraged to follow the ritual that is seen in church in preparation for Good Friday. Remove all religious pictures and icons, if you don't have any you are encouraged to remove ornaments, pictures and other decorations from your main room so that it looks stark and bare.*