

MAUNDY THURSDAY



The Liturgy of the Last Supper & Washing of the Feet

St Eanswythe's Church, Altona

7pm, April 6 2023

Our parish lies on the traditional country of the Yaluk-ut Weelam people within the Boon Wurrung clan, part of the greater Kulin nation. We recognise and honour the Indigenous custodians of this land over countless generations, and we pay our respects to their elders, past and present. We commit ourselves to the path of reconciliation, justice and healing (including to Pay The Rent to local First Nations people).

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN

Lord Christ, at your first eucharist you prayed
that all your church might be for ever one;
may at each eucharist this prayer be made
with longing heart and soul, 'Your will be done.'
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

For all your church, O Lord, we intercede;
make all our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to you, O Prince of Peace:
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

We also pray for wanderers from your fold;
O bring them back, Good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to your church which still that faith must keep:
soon may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease
may we be one with all your church above,
one with your saints in one unbroken peace,
one with your saints in one unbounded love;
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.

Words: William Henry Turton (1856-1938) alt.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins
whose mercy endures for ever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

INTRODUCTION

As we gather, the presider gives a formal introduction to the Liturgy of this holy night.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Everyone is invited to share in an act of penitence. The responses are as follows:

...Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

...Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

...Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The mercy and reconciliation of God is offered, and all respond:

Amen.

THE COLLECT

The prayer of the day is offered to God, all respond:

....now and for ever.

Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

(11.23-26)

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

(116.1-2, 11-18)

Sung response:

My peace be upon you for ever, my love be within your heart, my Spirit will keep you safe all your days.

My peace be upon you for ever, my love be within your heart, my Spirit will keep you safe all your days.

I love the Lord, because he heard my voice: the voice of my supplication;
Because he inclined his ear to me: in the day that I called to him.

How shall I repay the Lord: for all his benefits to me?

I will take up the cup of salvation: and call upon the name of the Lord.

My peace be upon you for ever...

I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people.

Grievous in the sight of the Lord: is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant, your servant and the child of your handmaid:
you have unloosed my bonds.

My peace be upon you for ever...

I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving; and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the house of the Lord: even in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord.

My peace be upon you for ever, my love be within your heart, my Spirit will keep you safe all your days.

THE GOSPEL

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

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.

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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(13.1-15)

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 decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. 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 supper, 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 reclined again, 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, slaves 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.

For the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE WASHING OF FEET

All are invited by the presider to come forward to have one or both feet washed by the sanctuary party, as the first ones' feet were washed by our Lord himself.

During the foot-washing, we sing the following hymns:

A new commandment I give unto you
that you love one another as I have loved you,
That you love one another as I have loved you.
By this will others know that you are my disciples
If you have love one for another;
By this will others know that you are my disciples
If you have love one for another.

Origins unknown, from John 13.34, 35.

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
In God I trust, in God I trust.

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The presider concludes with a prayer. All respond:

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Let us pray.]

All respond as follows:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers:

**Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may by your grace receive
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

The greeting of peace is introduced with words from Jesus. All respond:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

All are invited to turn to those around and offer a greeting of peace in the name of our Lord.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

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.

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.

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.

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

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

As we celebrate the Holy Eucharist, all are invited to join in the following responses:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

....in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, as we pray in the words you gave us:

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies,
it remains just a single grain; but if it dies it bears much fruit.
If we have died with him, we shall live with him.

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Everyone is invited to share communion or receive a blessing. Children who have been baptized are welcome to share communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate when the priest comes to you.

While communion is shared, we sing:

**Wait for the Lord, his day is near;
Wait for the Lord, be strong take heart.**

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The presider leads us in a prayer of thanksgiving after communion. All respond:
Amen.

STRIPPING OF SANCTUARY

All are invited to remain seated as the altar and sanctuary are stripped of linen and ornaments. Psalm 22 is read.

You may follow the sanctuary party to the lady chapel for a time of silent prayer, watching and waiting with our Lord as on the night before he died, or you may depart quietly.

The prayer vigil will conclude at 10pm.

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Please join us in the coming days, as we continue our worship with the celebration of Easter:

Here at St Eanswythe's

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| 1pm Good Friday | Solemn Liturgy |
| 7.30pm Saturday | First Eucharist of Easter with lighting of the new fire |

At St Clement's in Altona Meadows

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| 9:30am Good Friday | All Ages Service, St Clement's |
| 9:30am Sunday | Easter Day Eucharist with renewal of baptism |

At Cherry Lake

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| 11am Good Friday | Ecumenical Walk of Witness |
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