

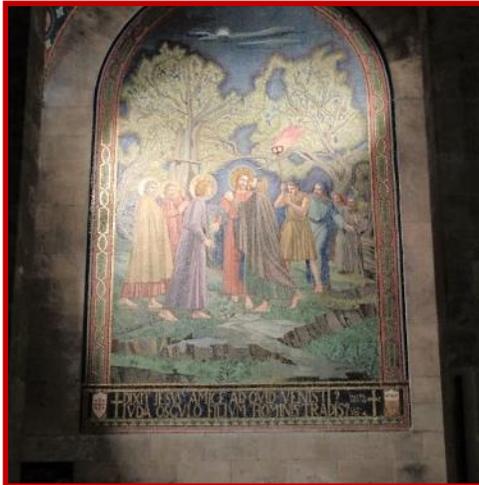


**HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH  
WILLIAMSTOWN**

**9 April 2020**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**PRAYER AND REFLECTION**



*Photo taken in Chapel next to Gethsemane garden in Jerusalem*

*Holy Trinity has been a faithful Christian presence in Williamstown since 1854. Holy Trinity welcomes everyone regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or background. Thank you for being part of our faith community.*

*There will be a Live YouTube video reflection at 7pm Thursday 9 April.*

*A video vigil will available on our YouTube channel  
from Thursday afternoon.*

*If you would prefer to participate in a live stream Eucharist please go to  
[www.htw.org.au/services](http://www.htw.org.au/services) for a list of recommendations.*

## **ABOUT HOLY WEEK**

It is still uncertain when Christians first began to make an annual memorial of the death and resurrection of Christ. This *Pascha* (a word derived indirectly from *pesach*, Hebrew 'Passover') was at first a night-long vigil, followed by the celebration of the Eucharist at cock-crow, and all the great themes of redemption were included within it: incarnation, suffering, death, resurrection, glorification. Over time, the *Pascha* developed into the articulated structure of Holy Week and Easter with which we are familiar. Through participation in the whole sequence of services, the Christian shares in Christ's own journey, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the empty tomb on Easter morning. The procession with palms was already observed in Jerusalem in the fourth century. Maundy Thursday (from *mandatum*, 'commandment', because of the use of John 13:34 in the Antiphon) contains a rich complex of themes: humble Christian service expressed through Christ's washing of his disciples' feet, the institution of the Eucharist (Holy Communion), and the Christ's loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane.

After keeping vigil ('Could you not watch with me one hour?') Thursday passes into Good Friday with its two characteristic episodes. The veneration of the Cross is older; the sequence of meditations and music known as the Three Hours' Devotion was introduced into the Church of England in the nineteenth century. The first is now sometimes incorporated into the structure of the second. It is a widespread custom for there not to be a celebration of the Eucharist on Good Friday. The church remains stripped of all decoration. It continues bare and empty through the following day, Holy Saturday, which is a day without a liturgy: there can be no adequate way of recalling the being dead of the Son of God, other than silence and desolation. But within the silence there grows a sense of peace and completion, and then rising excitement as Easter Day draws near.

## **AN INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND REFLECTION**

If safe to do so, you are invited to light a candle as you enter into this time of prayer and reflection that you have set aside as sacred.

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## **HYMN – TIS 536**

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.

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.

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.

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.

*Words: Fred Pratt Green 1903-2000.  
Music: O Waly Waly, English trad.*

## **THE SENTENCE**

'I give you a new commandment,' says the Lord, 'that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.' *John 13.14*

*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 his 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 this holy feast, that as we break the bread and drink the cup 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 washed the disciples' feet, showing us how to honour 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.*

## **CONFESSION**

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace we have been saved. Ephesians 2: 4-5*

God desires that none should perish, but that all should turn to Christ, and live. In response to God's call, we acknowledge our sins. God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel. Therefore, we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, your love was embodied in Jesus Christ, who washed the disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal: wash us from the stain of sin, so that, in hours of danger, we may not fail, but follow your Son through every trial, and praise him always as Lord and Christ, to whom be glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**The First Reading:** Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am

the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

For the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 116:1-2, 11-18**

- <sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
- <sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- <sup>3</sup> The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
- <sup>4</sup> Then I called on the name of the LORD: 'O LORD, I pray, save my life!'
- <sup>5</sup> Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.
- <sup>6</sup> The LORD protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.
- <sup>7</sup> Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
- <sup>8</sup> For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
- <sup>9</sup> I walk before the LORD in the land of the living.
- <sup>10</sup> I kept my faith, even when I said, 'I am greatly afflicted';
- <sup>11</sup> I said in my consternation, 'Everyone is a liar.'
- <sup>12</sup> What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?
- <sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,
- <sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.
- <sup>15</sup> Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.
- <sup>16</sup> O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid. You have loosed my bonds.
- <sup>17</sup> I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.
- <sup>18</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people

### **The Second Reading** 1 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.

For the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

### **The Gospel** according to Saint John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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.'

When he had gone out, 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**THE SERMON**     Rev Elizabeth Murray

*A recording of the sermon will be available from Thursday afternoon.*

## **THE PRAYERS**

*You are welcome to pray as you wish, these prayers are offered as a suggestion.*

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. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one. As we grieve for the divisions in the church, unite us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, these are the prayers of your Church. **We offer them trusting and hoping in you. Hear and help us, challenge and change us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*This time of prayer concludes with the Lord's Prayer.*

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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 forever. Amen**

*A time of silent reflection on Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet, and Jesus' gift of the Eucharist, the enduring symbols of bread and wine.*

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of betrayal Jesus commanded his disciples to love one another as he loved them. Give us the will to serve others as he was servant of all. **Amen.**

*While a recording of Psalm 22 plays, the altar and church will be stripped of decoration in observance of the death of Christ, and remain bare until Easter Day. A Vigil video is available on the parish YouTube channel.*

*Photo taken in  
Gethsemane  
Garden in  
Jerusalem.  
E Murray.*



*Psalm 22*

- <sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?
- <sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent.
- <sup>3</sup> Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup> In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.
- <sup>5</sup> They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.
- <sup>6</sup> But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.
- <sup>7</sup> All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads:
- <sup>8</sup> "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."
- <sup>9</sup> Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast.
- <sup>10</sup> From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.
- <sup>11</sup> Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.
- <sup>12</sup> Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.
- <sup>13</sup> Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me.
- <sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.
- <sup>15</sup> My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.
- <sup>16</sup> Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.
- <sup>17</sup> I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.
- <sup>18</sup> They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.
- <sup>19</sup> But you, O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.
- <sup>20</sup> Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.
- <sup>21</sup> Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.
- <sup>22</sup> I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you.
- <sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honour him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!
- <sup>24</sup> For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.
- <sup>25</sup> From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you will I fulfil my vows.
- <sup>26</sup> The poor will eat and be satisfied; they who seek the LORD will praise him-- may your hearts live forever!
- <sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,
- <sup>28</sup> for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.
- <sup>29</sup> All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him-- those who cannot keep themselves alive.
- <sup>30</sup> Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.
- <sup>31</sup> They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn-- for he has done it.