

**St James' Anglican Church**  
**Maundy Thursday, 9 April 2020, 6.30 pm**

**Reflection**

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

This is the day  
that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the day  
that Christ took a towel  
and washed the disciples' feet,  
giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

This is the day  
that Christ our God gave us the Holy Eucharist,  
that we who eat the bread  
and drink the cup  
may thus proclaim his Holy Sacrifice  
and be partakers of his resurrection,  
and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

**Collect**

Holy God,  
source of all love,  
on the night of his betrayal  
Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment,  
to love one another as he loved them.  
Write this commandment 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.

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

*1 Corinthians 11.23-26*

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est...*

Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.  
Let us fear and let us love the living God.  
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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.'

*John 13.1-15*

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  
**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 his disciples' message.  
We pray for the mission of your Church.  
Lord, hear us  
**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  
**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  
**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  
**and welcome all your children into paradise.**

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,  
For thy flesh is meat indeed;  
Ever may our souls be fed  
With this true and living bread,  
Day by day with strength supplied  
Through the life of him who died.

Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies  
This blest cup of sacrifice;  
'Tis thy wounds our healing give;  
To thy cross we look and live:  
Thou our life! O let us be  
Rooted, grafted, built on thee.

*Josiah Conder*

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.

### **The Watch**

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.'

*If you are able, spend some time later this evening, watching with Jesus in his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. Join your prayer with his, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Pray for our world and all its needs in this time of pandemic.*

Christ was obedient unto death. Abide in his peace.

Visit <https://thecathedral.ca> this evening at 7:30 pm for Gospel, Homily (Fr Matthew) and Prayers for Maundy Thursday from Christ Church Cathedral; tomorrow at 3.00 pm for the Liturgy of the Passion.

St James' "Cross Prayers for Good Friday," tomorrow at 6:30 pm. See NEWS on [www.stjames.bc.ca](http://www.stjames.bc.ca) for Zoom access details.

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