

**Readings, liturgy and song words for**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

*To participate fully in the service you will need a bowl of warm soapy water and towel, a mobile phone (or similar device), a cup or glass and a grape.*

**WELCOME**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you...

**And also with you**

**OPENING PRAYER (collect for purity)**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom  
no secrets are hidden:**

**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the  
inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily  
magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

**SONG<sup>1</sup> Praise is rising**

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to you  
We turn to you.

Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for you,  
We long for you

Cause when we see you,  
We find strength to face the day;  
In your presence all our fears  
Are washed away, washed away.

*Hosanna, hosanna,  
You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises.  
Hosanna, hosanna,  
Come have your way among us,  
We welcome you here, Lord Jesus.*

Hear the sound of hearts returning to you  
We turn to you  
In your kingdom broken lives are made new,  
You make us new

'Cause when we see you,...  
*Hosanna, ....*

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna

**READING: John 13:1-17**

**CONFESSION**

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.

Lord have mery,

**Lord have mercy**

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.

Christ have mercy,

**Christ have mercy**

We often fail to walk the way of the cross.

Lord have mery,

**Lord have mercy**

**READING** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**SONG<sup>2</sup> You chose the cross**

You chose the cross with every breath,  
The perfect life, the perfect death:  
You chose the cross.

A crown of thorns you wore for us,  
And crowned us with eternal life:  
You chose the cross.

And though your soul was  
overwhelmed with pain,  
Obedient to death you overcame.

*I'm lost in wonder, I'm lost in love,  
I'm lost in praise for evermore.  
Because of Jesus' unfailing love,  
I am forgiven, I am restored.*

You loosed the cords of sinfulness,  
And broke the chains of my disgrace:  
You chose the cross.

Up from the grave victorious  
You rose again so glorious:  
You chose the cross.

The sorrow that surrounded you was mine,  
"Yet not my will but yours be done" you said.

*I'm lost in wonder...*

**SONG<sup>3</sup>      *How deep the Father's love***

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That he should give his only Son  
To make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss:  
The Father turns his face away,  
As wounds which mar the chosen one  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon his shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer,  
But this I know with all my heart,  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

**SONG<sup>4</sup>      *What love is this?***

What love is this that took my place?  
Instead of wrath you poured your grace on me.  
What can I do but simply come and worship you?  
*I surrender, I surrender, I surrender all to you*

What love is this that comes to save?  
Upon that cross you bore my guilt and shame.  
To you alone I give my heart and worship you.  
*I surrender...*

A greater love no man has seen;  
It breaks sin's power and sets  
    this prisoner free.  
With all I have and all I am I worship you.  
*I surrender...*

**INTERCESSIONS**

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 their 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.**

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.**

**TAISE CHANT      *Stay with me***

Stay with me, remain here with me  
Watching and praying, watching and praying

**THE WATCH**

*You may like to spend some time in prayer  
following this service. There is a document you can  
download from the website with some suggested  
prayers and readings which you may find helpful to  
use during the Watch*

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