

Together in the Spirit  
St Mark's worship for 9th April 2020



## Maundy Thursday

### General Helps

Red letters like this are instructions and hints on how to use the service order.

You can follow this order through for yourself individually. If a few people are gathered you can ask one to lead (or share it among you) and everyone joins in the congregation's parts.

If you have difficulty using this page, please contact the office and we will arrange for someone to help you during the week.

How to use this service order (technical help)

Follow along here option

You can follow the service order on this page.

You can listen to the music by using your right mouse button to click on the embedded links and then following the words on this page. (Don't forget to stop it before the next video starts.)

OR most of them have the words on screen in the YouTube video. Just follow along there and hit your browsers "back" button (it will be near the top and looks like an arrow pointing the left) when you are ready.

Download option

You can also download this service order by clicking on the links to the word and pdf files.

If you are printing this service, this file is laid out in A4 paper size but you could change the font sizes to suit you or print it "2 pages per sheet" or "as a booklet" if your printer does that.

## Maundy Thursday – special practices

There are two traditions that are particular to Maundy Thursday – the washing of feet and the stripping of the altar. You might like to adapt these for use in the home.

Please be aware of hygiene. For the washing of feet, you could use a small pourer to pour water over feet without touching them with your hands. Make sure you protect the floor and your clothes.

You may like to set up an altar area with a cloth, a Bible, a cross if you have one and 6 candles or other lights if you have them. Light the candles at the start of the service.

## We begin

Jesus said: 'A new commandment I give to you:

**Love one another, as I have loved you.'** (John 13:34)

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**Amen.**

## We sing: Nothing but the Blood (Plainfield)

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Robert Lowry (1876)

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aGJwAENQuk>

### Verse

What can wash away my sin  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

### Chorus

O precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*Verse*

Nothing can for sin atone  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Not of good that I have done  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*Verse*

This is all my hope and peace  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
This is all my righteousness  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*Chorus*

O precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*Verse*

Glory, Glory this I sing  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
All my praise for this I bring  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can wash away my sin  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

## We confess our sin and God forgives us

With confidence in the blood of Jesus, let us confess our sins to God our Father, and ask him to forgive us.

*Psalm 52 (NIV) may be read responsively or all together.*

Be merciful to me, O God, because of your constant love.

**Because of your great mercy wipe away my sins!**

Wash away all my evil

**and make me clean from my sin!**

I recognise my faults;

**I am always conscious of my sins.**

I have sinned against you - only against you

**and done what you consider evil.**

So you are right in judging me;

**you are justified in condemning me.**

I have been evil from the day I was born;

**from the time I was conceived, I have been sinful.**

Sincerity and truth are what you require;

**fill my mind with your wisdom.**

Remove my sin, and I will be clean;

**wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**

Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness;

**and though you have crushed me and broken me, I will be happy once again.**

Close your eyes to my sins

**and wipe out all my evil.**

*-Silent confession-*

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins.

**Amen.**

## We prepare to hear the word of God

Let us pray.

Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
thank you for giving your followers your holy supper  
to commemorate your suffering and death.

Through your body and blood,  
revive our faith in you  
and increase our love to others.

For you live and reign  
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (ESV): The Institution of the Lord's Supper

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, 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.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## John 13:1-17 (NRSV): Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

This will be read with the sermon.

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise be to you, O Christ**

## Hymn/Song

A choice of hymn and/or song is given here.

### Hymn: Our God is love, and all His saints

Lutheran Hymnal #344

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Our God is love, and all His saints  
His image bear below;  
The heart with love to God inspired  
With love to man will glow.

Teach us to love each other, Lord,  
As we are loved by Thee;  
None who are truly born of God  
Can live in enmity.

Heirs of the same immortal bliss,  
Our hopes and fears the same,  
With bonds of love our hearts unite,  
With mutual love inflame.

So may the unbelieving world  
See how true Christians love;  
And glorify our Saviour's grace,  
And seek that grace to prove.

## Song: Reckless Love

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### Verse 1

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me  
You have been so so good to me  
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me  
You have been so so kind to me

### Chorus

(And) O the overwhelming never-ending reckless  
Love of God  
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found  
Leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it  
Still You give Yourself away  
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless  
Love of God yeah

### Verse 2

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me  
You have been so so good to me  
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me  
You have been so so kind to me



### *Chorus*

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless  
Love of God  
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found  
Leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it  
Still You give Yourself away  
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless  
Love of God yeah

### *Bridge*

There's no shadow You won't light up  
Mountain You won't climb up  
Coming after me  
There's no wall You won't kick down  
Lie You won't tear down  
Coming after me  
(X4)

### *Chorus*

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless  
Love of God  
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found  
Leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it  
Still You give Yourself away  
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless  
Love of God yeah

## [We dwell in the word \[Sermon\]](#)

See the link below. If you are using this service order as a document, go to St Mark's website <https://www.stmarksmtgravatt.org.au/online-community> to find the link to the sermon for the day.

# We sing: The Servant Song

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Richard Gillard

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Brother sister let me serve you  
Let me be as Christ to you  
Pray that I may(might) have the grace to  
Let you be my servant too

We are pilgrims on a journey  
We are brothers (family) on the road  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile(s) and bear the load

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the night time of your fear  
I will hold my hand out to you  
Speak the peace you long to hear

I will weep when you are weeping  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you  
I will share your joy(s) and sorrow(s)  
Till we've seen this journey through

When we sing to God in heaven  
We shall find such harmony  
Born of all we've known together  
Of Christ's love and agony

(So) Brother sister let me serve you  
Let me be as Christ to you  
Pray that I may(might) have the grace to  
Let you be my (thy) servant too

## We wash each other's feet

Remembering that Jesus humbled himself to wash the feet of his disciples, you might like to take turns washing each other's feet. Or you may choose to move over this part of the service.

Please be aware of hygiene. You could use a small pourer to pour water over feet without touching them with your hands. Make sure you protect the floor and your clothes.

## We pray

Loving heavenly Father,  
lead us to follow the example of humble service  
given by your Son.  
Strengthen us through his body and blood  
to give ourselves to you  
and to those in need.

**Amen.**

## We pray the Lord's Prayer

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## We read Psalm 22 as the altar is stripped

Listen as Psalm 22:1-11 is read slowly. As that happens progressively extinguish candles and take the symbols off your family altar if you have one. (If you have six candles you extinguish it at the start and then after each paragraph.)

You can also listen and watch at <https://youtu.be/44qe4dLBUmE> , as you do your own thing at home.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from saving me,  
so far from my cries of anguish?  
My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,  
by night, but I find no rest.

Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;  
you are the one Israel praises.  
In you our ancestors put their trust;  
they trusted and you delivered them.  
To you they cried out and were saved;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by everyone, despised by the people.  
All who see me mock me;  
they hurl insults, shaking their heads.  
“He trusts in the Lord,” they say,  
“let the Lord rescue him.  
Let him deliver him,  
since he delights in him.”

Yet you brought me out of the womb;  
you made me trust in you, even at my mother's breast.  
From birth I was cast on you;  
from my mother's womb you have been my God.

Do not be far from me,  
for trouble is near  
and there is no one to help.

After the Psalm finishes, you may like to sit in silence for a few minutes.

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