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# **MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP**

from the Community  
of Leicester Cathedral



**Thursday 9 April 2020**  
**Maundy Thursday**

*The Revd Canon Paul Rattigan, Canon Chancellor, welcomes all and leads the service.*

## **The Greeting**

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.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

Our Lord Jesus Christ says:  
'If you love me, keep my commandments.'  
'Unless I wash you, you have no part in me.'  
Let us confess to almighty God our sins against his love,  
and ask him to cleanse us.

*Silence is kept.*

Have mercy on us, O God,  
in your great goodness;  
according to the abundance of your compassion  
blot out our offences.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Against you only have we sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ have mercy.**

Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean;  
wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father forgive you  
by the death of his Son  
and strengthen you  
to live in the power of the Spirit  
all your days.  
**Amen.**

## The Collect for Maundy Thursday

Let us pray that we may love one another as Christ has loved us.

*Silence is kept.*

God our Father,  
you have invited us to share in the supper  
which your Son gave to his Church  
to proclaim his death until he comes:  
may he nourish us by his presence,  
and unite us in his love;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## The First Reading

John 13.1–17, 31b–35

*Read by Neill Addison*

A reading from the Gospel 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. 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.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Revd Canon Karen Rooms, Canon Missioner, leads*

## **Washing of Feet – a Meditation**

*The Cathedral Choir sings*

In olden time and distant land

In olden time and distant land  
a man stretched forth his healing hand,  
to him they brought the sick and lame,  
to hear his Truth the people came;  
at Holy tide he wept full sore:  
“Jerusalem – God mourneth at thy door.”

Who is this man the ass hath brought,  
who cleansed God’s house and daily taught,  
who broke the bread and blessed the cup,  
who was betrayed whilst he did sup,  
who bore his cross, who loudly cried?  
It is our Lord – our Lord they crucified.

O Saviour mild, God’s blessed Son,  
how dearly was your vict’ry won,  
how cruel you found life’s bitter bloom,  
the stripes, the thorns, the cross, the tomb;  
but ris’n again, you reign on high,  
Lord Jesus Christ, whose name we glorify!

*Words and musical arrangement by Simon Mold (b.1957)  
from the CD The Beatific Vision [on the Herald Label]*

*Canon Karen Rooms prays:*

Lord Jesus Christ  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## The Second Reading

### I Corinthians 11.23–26

*Read by Anne Rattigan*

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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Reflection

The Revd Canon Paul Rattigan, Canon Chancellor

*David Cowen, Associate Organist, plays the following Voluntary:*

Chorale Prelude on 'Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele'  
(*'Adorn yourself, O dear soul'*)

*Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)*

## Prayers of Intercession

*The following response may be used*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with The Lord's Prayer*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## The Hymn

1. **My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I,  
that for my sake  
my Lord should take  
frail flesh, and die?**
2. **He came from his blest throne,  
salvation to bestow;  
but men made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know.  
But O, my Friend,  
my Friend indeed,  
who at my need  
his life did spend!**
3. **Sometimes they strew his way,  
and his sweet praises sing,  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King.  
Then 'Crucify!'  
is all their breath,  
and for his death  
they thirst and cry.**
4. **They rise, and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save,  
the Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he  
to suffering goes,  
that he his foes  
from thence might free.**
5. **Here might I stay and sing:  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine!  
This is my Friend,  
in whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
could gladly spend.**

LOVE UNKNOWN (AM 147)  
John Nicholson Ireland (1879–1962)

Samuel Crossman (c.1624–1683)



## The Dismissal

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.'

Christ was obedient unto death. Go in his peace.

## The Watch

*During the time you spend at your 'garden', you might like to read passages from the Bible. The following are particularly suggested:*

Reading the story on from John 13.16 to the end of Chapter 17

Psalm 54

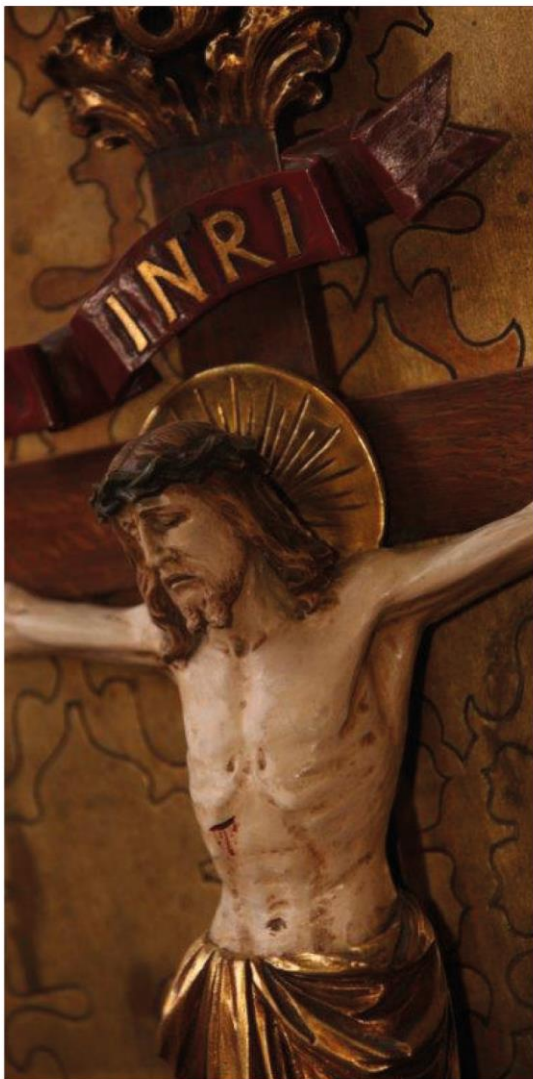
Luke 22.31–62

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### **Monday – Wednesday**

Services of Compline with Morna Simpson

### **Maundy Thursday | 7.30pm**

Remembering the Last Supper; watching and praying

### **Good Friday | hourly at 12.00, 1.00, 2.00pm**

Salvation in the Cross: Meditation and Music

### **Holy Saturday | 8.00pm**

Heralding Easter in Two Parts: Part One: Vigil - Listening and Waiting; Part Two: Service of Light - Proclaiming the Resurrection

### **Easter Sunday | 10.30am**

Eucharist on Easter Day from the Cathedral Community featuring Bishop Martyn and Bishop Guli

## GIVING

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THE COSTS OF running and maintaining Leicester Cathedral are substantial and continuing. However, as a result of the coronavirus emergency giving by collection during services has ceased. Visitor income has also now entirely dropped but we continue to incur costs. This will cause very real financial pressures. Please consider supporting us through a donation or by regular giving during this difficult and uncertain time so that we can continue to be a Beating Heart for City and County. Many thanks for your kind support.  
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