St Matthew's Church, Chichester Road, Croydon

Maundy Thursday

14th April 2022



Love one another as I have loved you

¶ The Gathering

□ Hymn **□**

Love is his word, love is his way, feasting with all, fasting alone, living and dying, rising again, love, only love, is his way.

Richer than gold is the love of my Lord, better than splendour and wealth.

Love is his way, love is his mark, sharing his last Passover feast, Christ at his table, host to the twelve, love, only love, is his mark:

Love is his mark, love is his sign, bread for our strength, wine for our joy, "This is my body, this is my blood' love, only love, is his sign:

Love is his sign, love is his news, 'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood' - love, only love, is his news:

Love is his news, love is his name, we are his own, chosen and called, family, brethren, cousins and kin, love, only love, is his name:

Love is his name, love is his law, hear his command, all who are his 'Love one another, I have loved you' love, only love, is his law.

Love is his law, love is his word: love of the Lord, Father and Word, love of the Spirit, God ever one, love, only love, is his word:

Luke Connaughton (1917-1979)

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.

We remain standing to pray together

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.

Please be seated

The Confession and Absolution

Invitation to confession

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.

cf John 14.15; 13.8

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 us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days.

Amen.

Please stand

The Peruvian Gloria 416

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

To Him be glory for ever.

To Him be glory for ever.

Alleluia, amen,

Alleluia, amen, Alleluia, amen, Alleluia, amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.

To Him be glory for ever.

To Him be glory for ever.

Alleluia, amen,

Alleluia, amen, Alleluia, amen, Alleluia, amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

To Him be glory for ever.

To Him be glory for ever.

Alleluia, amen,

Alleluia, amen, Alleluia, amen, Alleluia, amen.

The Collect

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

A period of silent prayer

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 Liturgy of the Word

Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

Our hearts and minds are open.

Please be seated

New Testament Reading

I Corinthians 11.23-26

Beloved: 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' ²⁵In 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.' ²⁶For 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.

The Gospel

Let us stand to greet the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:
Love one another
as I have loved you.

Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory. cf John
13.34

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 13.1-17, 31b-35

Now before the festival of the Passover. lesus 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper 3 lesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter. who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' 7|esus answered, 'You do

not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' 8Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' 9Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' 10Jesus 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.' 11For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

¹²After 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? 13You call me Teacher and Lord - and you are right, for that is what I am. 14So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. 16 Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. 17lf you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ³¹Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32lf God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the lews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

The Sermon

The Washing of Feet

□ Anthem □

I give you an new Commandment by Peter Aston

□ Hymn **□**

God is love and where true love is God himself is there.

Here is Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling. Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be His greeting. Let us all revere and love Him, God eternal. Let each love Christ in sisters and in brothers all.

When we Christians gather, members of one Body, let there be in us no discord, but one spirit. Banish now be anger, strife and every quarrel. Christ, our God, be present always here among us.

Grant us love's fulfilment, joy with all the blessèd, when we see your face O Saviour, in its glory. Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation, be our bliss while endless ages sing Your praises.

Trans. by James Quinn SJ (1919-2010) based on Ubi caritas et amor (Latin 9th century)

□ Chant □

Ubi caritas et amor. Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Translation: Where there is charity and love, God is there.

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The washing of feet ends with the following prayer

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.

Prayers of Intercession

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.

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand

The Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

cf John 14.27

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

□ Hymn **□**

Now, my tongue, the mystery telling of the glorious body sing, and the blood, all price excelling, which the Gentiles' Lord and King, in a virgin's womb once dwelling, shed for this world's ransoming.

given for us, and condescending to be born for us below, He, with us in converse blending, dwelt the seed of truth to sow, till He closed with wondrous ending His most patient life of woe.

That last night, at supper lying, 'mid the Twelve, His chosen band, Jesus, with the law complying, keeps the feast its rited demand; then, more precious food supplying, gives Himself with His own hand.

Word made flesh, true bread He maketh by His word His flesh to be; wine His blood; which whoso taketh must from carnal thoughts be free: faith alone, though sight forsaketh, shows true hearts the mystery.

Therefore we, before Him bending, this great Sacrament revere; types and shadows have their ending, for the newer rite is here; faith, our outward sense befriending, makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing to the Father and the Son, honour, might and praise addressing, while eternal ages run; ever too His love confessing, who, from both, with both is One. Amen.

St Thomas Aquinas(c.1225-1274) trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), Edward Caswall (1814-1878) and others

We remain standing

At the Eucharist we are with our crucified and risen Lord.
We know that it was not only our ancestors, but we who were redeemed and brought forth from bondage to freedom, from mourning to feasting.
We know that as he was with them in the upper room so our Lord is here with us now.

Until the kingdom of God comes let us celebrate this feast.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe, you bring forth bread from the earth. Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of the universe, you create the fruit of the vine. **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (B)

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you thanks, Father most holy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For on this night he girded himself with a towel and, taking the washed the feet of his disciples.
He gave us a new commandment
that we should love one another as he
has loved us.
Knowing that his hour had come,
in his great love he gave this supper
to his disciples
to be a memorial of his passion,
that we might proclaim his death
until he comes again,
and feast with him in his kingdom.
Therefore earth unites with heaven
to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end:

form of a servant,

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of
your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus come in glory.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;

rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,

and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of St Matthew and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross, as our Saviour taught us, so we 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

We receive Holy Communion

□ Hymn **□**

Let us break bread together on our knees, let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees, let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees, let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

African-American spiritual

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruit of your redemption, for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Amen.

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your
Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our
souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Amen.

¶ The Dismissal

May the Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to his eternal life.

Amen.

May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross.

Amen.

May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace.

Amen.

The ministers return to the vestry to prepare to strip the altar. The congregation is then invited to join with the Taizé chant:

Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.

The Gospel of the Watch is read by candlelight.

The service ends without further ceremony.

Please leave the church in silence.

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