

Maundy Thursday 9th April 2020 "Watching and Waiting"

Greeting

On this night, as darkness falls, we gather to remember the events of the evening when Jesus shared his last supper with his friends.

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An upper room did our Lord prepare for those he loved until the end: and his disciples still gather there to celebrate their risen friend.

A lasting gift Jesus gave his own: to share his bread, his loving cup. Whatever burdens may bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.

And after supper he washed their feet, for service, too, is sacrament. In Christ our joy shall be made complete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.

No end there is! We depart in peace, he loves beyond the uttermost: in every room in our Father's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

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John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Silence

A thought from Keith

Prayer of Confession

God's love for the world has been revealed in Jesus Christ, who certainly loved us to the uttermost; Jesus - Saviour and Lord - who at his last meal with his disciples gave them - and us that new commandment - "*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.*"

Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak when we have failed to serve as Jesus served; **forgive us.**

When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us; **forgive us.** When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then

denied him by our actions; **forgive us.**

Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Assurance of forgiveness

Jesus said: "I came not to judge the world, but to save the world " and "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end". The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

The peace

After Jesus had shared the meal with his disciples and washed their feet, he said to them, "I have set you an example that you also should do as I have done to you...Love one another, as I have loved you"... He also said "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you."

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The peace of the Lord
Jesus Christ be with
you.

And also with you.

*You are invited to
share a sign of peace
with those who are with
you and by waving at
one another.*

The Service Of Shadows

*After each reading a
candle is extinguished.*

Readings

1. The shadow of
betrayal Matthew
26:20-25

*Refrain: "Stay with me,
remain here with me,
watch and pray, watch
and pray"*

2. The shadow of inner
agony Luke 22:40-44

Refrain

3. The shadow of
loneliness Matthew
26:40-45

Refrain

4. The shadow of
desertion Matthew
26:47-50,55,56

Refrain

5. The shadow of
accusation Matthew
26:59-67

Refrain

6. The shadow of
Mockery Mark 15:12-20

Refrain

7. The shadow of death
Luke 23:33-46

*Only the Christ candle
remains.*

Final reading

John 1:1-4

*The Christ candle is
extinguished*

Departure

We leave this service in
silence