

Saint John's Anglican Church, Ancaster

Order of Service

Sunday Reflections and Prayers of the People

Maundy Thursday ~ April 1, 2021

Hymn # 201

People Draw Near to God in Their Distress

Tune – Sursum Corda

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant

This is the day that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him. This is the day that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room. This is the day that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us. This is the day that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Celebrant

All

O God,
your Son Jesus Christ has left to us this meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and his blood. May we who celebrate this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Gospel

Celebrant

People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Celebrant
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Celebrant

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.’

John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Homily/
Reflection The Reverend Canon Richard Dentinger

Chorale Prelude Vater Unser im Himmelreich *setting - Dietrich Buxtehude*
(Our Father, in Heaven)

Prayers of the People

Celebrant Loving, listening God, ever-attentive to the voices of those in need, we call on your name so that we might live.

Celebrant For the church that bears Christ’s name, that the world may know we are his disciples by the love that we have for one another.

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

Celebrant For leaders of nations and all persons in positions of authority, that their lives may be marked by Christ-like service and love.

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

Celebrant For all who are oppressed and living in captivity, that they may escape from evil and death to find the land of freedom you have promised.

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

Celebrant For those who are hungry and thirsty this day and for those who have too much, that we may learn to share your generous gifts, O God.

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

Celebrant For those who are dealing with loss or facing death, that the presence of Christ may bless and keep them.

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

Celebrant Answer us in the day of trouble, O God, so that we may lift up the cup of salvation in the presence of your people, giving thanks for all your goodness to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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.**

Blessing

Celebrant Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; and the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
All **Amen.**

Dismissal

Leader
People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.