



Maundy Thursday

9TH APRIL 2020

**6:30PM CHORAL EUCHARIST
with THE WASHING OF FEET,
STRIPPING OF ALTARS, and VIGIL**



**Acts of Worship from
St Peter's Cathedral
in Extraordinary Times**

St Peter's Cathedral strives to be a Christ-centred, sacramental, inclusive, thinking, mission-oriented, faith community.
The Cathedral resides on the lands of the Kaurna people
whom we acknowledge as the original custodians of the Adelaide Region.

[Click here to watch a video introduction to this service from the Dean](#)

When the handbell rings please stand to sing the Introit Hymn

Hymn: #436 [Webbe's St Thomas]

Christians, lift your hearts and voices

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins, **whose mercy endures for ever.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Tonight we begin the Great Three Days of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection, the journey from the supper table to the cross, from the cross to Easter dawn. We are followers in his way, exploring his truth, encountering his life.

This is the night when Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would betray him.

This is the night when Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the night when Christ our Lord gave us this holy feast, that as we break the bread and drink the cup we may here proclaim his holy sacrifice, and come at the last to his table in heaven.

This is the night when Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, showing us how to honour and serve one another in love.

This is the night for watching and prayer.

We give ourselves freely to the demands of these great days, confident that those who die in Christ will surely live with him.

Let us pray (*please kneel or sit*)

God shows great love for us, in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

The Choir sings the Kyrie

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy

Christe eleison

Christ, have mercy

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy

Silence is kept

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand as the Choir sings the Gloria

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them: write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit for the first reading: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

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.

'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.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

All sing:



THE MAUNDY CEREMONY (WASHING OF FEET)

We have heard the dramatic story of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. In a simple re-enactment of that act, members of the congregation are invited to come forward and have their feet washed by Cathedral clergy. Simply come forward, sit on a chair, and remove your footwear from one foot. After your foot is washed, go quietly back to your seat, allowing another to take your place. While this is happening the choir will sing, and then, kneeling or seated, we will sing a hymn together. You may like to reflect on Jesus, whom we call Lord and Master, doing the work of a servant.

Friends in Christ, I invite you to come forward, that we may recall whose servants we are and remember his teaching, that what is done for us is also to be done for others.

The Choir sings the motet:

Richard Shephard (b.1949) – *A new commandment*

A new commandment I give unto you:

that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all men know that you are my disciples if you have love,
if you have love for one another.

At the conclusion of the foot washing, we kneel or sit to sing

Hymn: #604 [*Servant Song*]

Brother, sister, let me serve you

Please remain seated or kneeling

The Dean leads the Prayers of the People

Merciful God, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. As we commit ourselves to following his example of love and service, teach us humility.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one. As we grieve for the divisions in the church, unite us.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus prayed for those who would come to believe through the disciples' message. As we take up the mission of the church, renew our zeal.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus commanded his friends to love, but he suffered rejection himself. As we open our hearts to the rejected and the unloved, fill us with your love.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus reminded his people that, if the world hated them, it had hated him first. As we face our own fears, we pray for those who are persecuted for their faith; give us your peace.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus loved his friends to the very end. As we open our hearts to all who face darkness tonight, we pray for the sick, those who mourn, those trapped by violence, addiction, or pain: give healing and hope.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, these are the prayers of your Church.

We offer them trusting and hoping in you. Hear and help us, challenge and change us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music for reflection: [Taizé - O, Lord Hear My Prayer](#)

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace. The Archbishop says:

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

During the Hymn the Altar Party moves to the High Altar. No collection will be taken.

Please stand to sing the Offertory Hymn

Hymn: #460 [Song 1]

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray

Please remain standing

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. **Blessed be God for ever.**

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the Priest, with lyrics: 'The Lord be with you. And also with you.' The second staff is for the Priest, with lyrics: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff is for the Priest, with lyrics: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff is for the People, with lyrics: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. He offered the one true sacrifice for sin, and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

When his hour had come, in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples, that we might proclaim his death, and feast with him in his kingdom.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

The Choir sings the Sanctus & Benedictus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

You are the Saviour of the world.

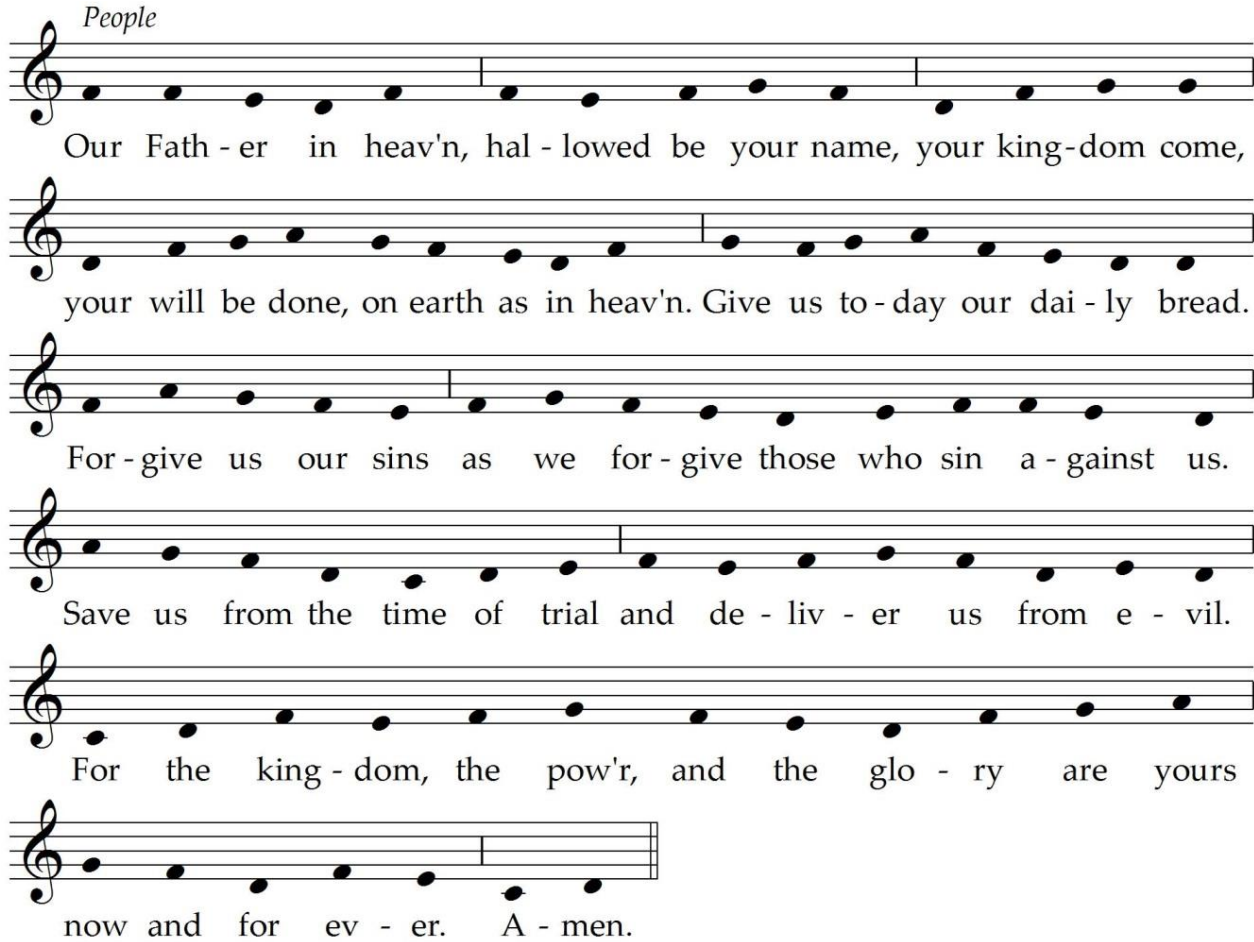
Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

All sing: 
Bless-ing and hon-our and glo-ry and power are yours for ev-er and ev-er, A - men.

The Lord's Prayer (all sing)

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

People



Our Fath - er in heav'n, hal - lowed be your name, your king-dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heav'n. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours
now and for ev - er. A - men.

Unless a grain of wheat falls in the ground and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies it bears much fruit.

If we have died with him, we shall live with him.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Please kneel/sit as the Choir sings the Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. (x2)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Baptised and communicant Christians of all denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communion will be administered at the nave platform. Please follow the guidance of stewards and servers. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you may like to come forward and receive a blessing (simply bow your head as a signal).

Gluten free bread is available; please ask for this from the priest giving communion.

Music for reflection: [Taizé – Eat This Bread](#)

During the administration of Holy Communion the Choir sings the motet:

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978) – *Ubi caritas*

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice in Him and be glad.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.*

Please kneel/sit

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of betrayal Jesus commanded his disciples to love one another as he loved them. We thank you for feeding us in this supper. Give us the will to serve others as he was servant of all.

Please stand to sing the Post-Communion Hymn

During the Hymn the Sacrament reserved for Communion on Good Friday is placed reverently in the Lady Chapel.

[Click here for video from the Aumbry](#)

Hymn: #452 [Picardy]

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

The Clergy and Servers then return to the Sanctuary for the Stripping of the Altar, during which the Choir sings Psalm 22. Please kneel/sit.

The Choir sings Psalm 22.1-21 (BCP) (Chant: Plainsong)

My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me?:
and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?
O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not:
and in the night season also I take no rest.
And thou continuest holy: O thou Worship of Israel.
Our fathers hoped in thee: they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.
They called upon thee, and were holpen:
they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.
But as for me, I am a worm, and no man:
a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.

All they that see me laugh me to scorn:
they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,
He trusted in the Lord, that he would deliver him:
let him deliver him, if he will have him.
But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb:
thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.
I have been left unto thee ever since I was born:
thou art my God even from my mother's womb.
O go not from me: for trouble is hard at hand, and there is none to help me.
Many oxen are come about me: fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.
They gape upon me with their mouths: as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.
I am poured out like water and all my bones are out of joint:
my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.
My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums:
and thou bringest me into the dust of death.
For many dogs are come about me:
and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.
They pierced my hands and my feet: I may tell all my bones:
they stand staring and looking upon me.
They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.
But be not thou far from me, O Lord: thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.
Deliver my soul from the sword: my darling from the power of the dog.
Save me from the lion's mouth:
thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.

[Click here for video from the Lady Chapel](#)

*Jesus said to his disciples "Could you not watch with me for one hour?"
The service ends in chaos. There is no procession. Lights are dimmed.
Members of the congregation are encouraged to spend some time in silent vigil in the
Lady Chapel.*

Music for reflection: [Taizé - Stay With Me](#)

Please leave the Cathedral and environs in silence.