



**St. Thomas' Cardiff & All Saints Boolaroo**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**9TH APRIL 2020**

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

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.

### CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we confess to you our fears, our worries, and our anxieties. You have given us your perfect love which casts out all fear and your peace which transcends all understanding, but even still we feel dislodged, displaced, untethered, and uncertain during these times.

*We believe, Lord; help our unbelief.*

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

O God, make speed to save us.  
*O Lord, make haste to help us.*

### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1-4,11-14

A Reading from the book of Exodus

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

I love the Lord, because he heard my voice: the voice of my supplication;  
 Because he inclined his ear to me: in the day that I called to him.  
 How shall I repay the Lord: for all his benefits to me?  
 I will take up the cup of salvation: and call upon the name of the Lord.  
 I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people.  
 Grievous in the sight of the Lord: is the death of his faithful ones.  
 O Lord, I am your servant, your servant and the child of your handmaid:  
 you have unloosed my bonds.  
 I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving: and call upon the name of the Lord.  
 I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people.  
 In the courts of the house of the Lord: even in your midst, O Jerusalem, Praise the Lord.  
 Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as in the beginning so now and forever. Amen

New Testament Reading:

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from Paul's first letter 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**

Gospel Reading:

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John chapter 13 beginning at the first verse.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon [Maundy Thursday](#)

Let us affirm the faith of the Church

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
 of one being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
 and the virgin Mary and became truly human.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again  
 in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
 and his kingdom will have no end.  
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

For he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my  
 helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Hebrew 13:5-6

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, on this, the night he was betrayed.  
 your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciple's 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 his 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.

As our Saviour Christ taught us, we are confident to 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.  
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." May  
 the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

### SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
 Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
 Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you  
 have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my  
 heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,  
 and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of betrayal  
 Jesus commanded his disciples to love one another as he loved them .  
 Give us the will to serve others as he was servant of all. Amen

May the Lord Jesus Christ be with us to protect us. May he go before us to guide us, and stand behind us to  
 give us strength. May he look upon us, to keep us, and bless us. Amen

### Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me:  
 why are you so far from helping me and from the words of my groaning?  
 My God, I cry to you by day, but you do not answer:  
 and by night also I take no rest.  
 But you continue holy: you that are the praise of Israel.  
 In you our forebears trusted: they trusted, and you delivered them;  
 To you they cried and they were saved:  
 they put their trust in you and were not confounded.  
 But as for me, I am a worm and no man:  
 the scorn of all and despised by the people.  
 Those that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out their lips at me  
 and wag their heads, saying,  
 'He trusted in the Lord—let him deliver him: let him deliver him, if he delights in him.'  
 But you are he that took me out of the womb:  
 that brought me to lie at peace on my mother's breast.  
 On you have I been cast since my birth: you are 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.  
 Many oxen surround me: fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.  
 They gape wide their mouths at me: like lions that roar and rend.  
 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint:  
 my heart within my breast is like melting wax.  
 My mouth is dried up like a potsherd: and my tongue clings to my gums.  
 My hands and my feet are withered: and you lay me in the dust of death.  
 For many dogs are come about me: and a band of evildoers hem me in.  
 I can count all my bones: they stand staring and gazing upon me.  
 They part my garments among them: and cast lots for my clothing.  
 O Lord, do not stand far off: you are my helper, hasten to my aid.  
 Deliver my body from the sword: my life from the power of the dogs;  
 O save me from the lion's mouth: and my afflicted soul from the horns of the wild oxen.  
 I will tell of your name to my companions: in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.  
 O praise the Lord, all you that fear him: hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob,  
 and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.  
 For he has not despised nor abhorred the poor man in his misery:  
 nor did he hide his face from him, but heard him when he cried.  
 From you springs my praise in the great congregation:  
 I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;  
 The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied:  
 and those who seek the Lord shall praise him - may their hearts rejoice for ever!  
 Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord:  
 and let all the families of the nations worship before him.  
 For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he shall be ruler over the nations.  
 How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage:  
 or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?  
 But he has saved my life for himself: and my posterity shall serve him.  
 This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation:  
 and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn,  
 that he has done it.



One day just before Easter Eddie pulled into the supermarket car park. His wife Brenda had picked up a few things and was waiting for him. "Hi, honey," Eddie cheerfully said as Brenda got into the car. "How was your day?" "I can't believe it," Brenda said. "It looks like our bank is in trouble." "What?" Eddie asked. "It's closing at the end of the week," Brenda replied. That can't be right," Eddie said. "It's a national bank!" "Well it's true," Brenda came back. "I have seen the sign in the window." "What sign?" Eddie asked. "Drive pass the bank and you'll see," Brenda replied. Eddie headed in the direction of the bank. "Right there," Brenda said as they drove by the bank. "See the sign? It says, 'We Will Be Closed for Good Friday!'"

### WALKING THE DOG

A woman was flying from Melbourne to Brisbane. Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sydney along the way. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes. Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind. A man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her guide dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight. He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by name, said, 'Kathy, we are in Sydney for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?' The blind lady replied, 'No thanks, but maybe Buddy would like to stretch his legs.' Picture this: All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill. When they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a guide dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses.