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**The Parish Church of  
All Saints  
Wokingham**



**The Eucharist of  
Maundy Thursday**

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Based on Common Worship Order One

**Welcome!**

Welcome to All Saints Church Wokingham and today's principal celebration of The Eucharist (Holy Communion) on Maundy Thursday.

Maundy Thursday marks a new beginning, the beginning of the Triduum, or three great days of paschal celebration.

There are several themes of this service reflected in its ceremonies.

There is the theme of love and service. "Maundy" derives from the Latin "Mandatum novum do vobis" - "A new commandment I give you" (that you love one another) from John 13:34. This theme is demonstrated in the washing of the feet.

Also, Maundy Thursday is a commemoration of and thanksgiving for the institution of the Lord's Supper. It makes this Eucharist a prefiguring of the Eucharist on Easter Day.

The procession originally had a functional purpose of carrying the reserved sacrament to a place, or altar, of repose. For us it is a symbolic enactment of the going with Jesus to Gethsemane to watch with him there.

The stripping of the sanctuary may also have had functional origins in the pre-Easter cleaning of the church; whereas now it symbolises the desolation of the passion.

The service ends with a symbolic "keeping" of the Watch, recalling the desolating events in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Please note that for your assistance if you use a hearing aid, the church is fitted with an inductive loop system.



*Psalm 54 (omitting v. 5)*

1st V. Save me, O God, by your name \*  
and vindicate me by your power.

2nd V. Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
give heed to the words of my mouth.

1st V. For strangers have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless seek after my life; \*  
they have not set God before them.

**All Behold, God is my helper; \*  
it is the Lord who upholds my life.**

2nd V. An offering of a free heart will I give you \*  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is gracious.

1st V. For he has delivered me out of all my trouble, \*  
and my eye has seen the downfall of my enemies.

**All Behold, God is my helper; \*  
it is the Lord who upholds my life.**

*We keep silence*

*The church lights are extinguished.*

*The Gospel of the Watch is read without ceremony  
and followed by silence.*

- A Luke 22: 31-62
- B Matthew 26: 30 - end
- C Mark 14: 26 - end

*After the Gospel of the Watch everyone leaves the  
church in silence and without ceremony.*



## The Watch

2nd V. The Lord will grant his loving-kindness in the daytime; \*  
through the night his song will be with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.

1st V. I say to God my rock, 'Why have you forgotten me? \*  
and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresses me?'

2nd V. As they crush my bones, my enemies mock me; \*  
while all day long they say to me,  
'Where is now your God?'

*All* **Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?**

**O put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give him thanks,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.**

### *Psalm 43*

1st V. Give judgement for me, O God,  
and defend my cause against an ungodly people; \*  
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

2nd V. For you are the God of my refuge;  
why have you cast me from you, \*  
and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresses me?

1st V. O send out your light and your truth,  
that they may lead me, \*  
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling,

2nd V. That I may go to the altar of God,  
to the God of my joy and gladness; \*  
and on the lyre I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

*All* **Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?**

**O put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give him thanks,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.**

## Common Worship Order One for the celebration of The Eucharist on Maundy Thursday (Holy Communion)

### Structure

*In this service we will:*

- greet each other in the Lord's name
- confess our sins and be assured of God's forgiveness
- keep silence and pray a Collect
- proclaim and respond to the word of God
- conduct the ceremony of the Washing of Feet
- pray for the Church and the world
- exchange the Peace
- offer gifts
- prepare the altar table
- pray the Eucharistic Prayer
- break the bread
- receive communion
- strip the sanctuary of all ornaments
- hear the Gospel of the Watch and depart in silence

## Words of Welcome

*The presiding priest welcomes us informally before the service starts and adds any necessary explanation of the ceremonies. After the welcome, we keep a time of silent prayer before the first hymn.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

*We stand for the opening hymn.*

*At the end of the hymn and after the ministers have taken their places on the platform, the presiding priest may say:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*We remain standing for the greeting.*

## The Greeting

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

## Prayer of Preparation

*We all join in this prayer for purity.*

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleans 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.**

## The Gathering

*During the stripping of the sanctuary the following psalms are read*

## The Watch

### Psalm 42

1st V. As the deer longs for the water brooks, \*  
so longs my soul for you, O God.

2nd V. My soul is athirst for God,  
even for the living God; \*  
when shall I come before the presence of God?

1st V. My tears have been my bread day and night, \*  
while all day long they say to me,  
'Where is now your God?'

2nd V. Now when I think on these things,  
I pour out my soul: \*  
how I went with the multitude  
and led the procession to the house of God,

1st V. With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \*  
among those who kept holy day.

*All*    **Why are you so full of heaviness,  
O my soul, \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?**

**O put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give him thanks,  
who is the help of my countenance,  
and my God.**

2nd V. My soul is heavy within me; \*  
therefore I will remember you  
from the land of Jordan,  
and from Hermon and the hill of Mizar.

1st V. Deep calls to deep in the thunder of your waterfalls; \*  
all your breakers and waves have gone over me.



receive a Blessing as appropriate for you.

*It can help the minister if you show your wish for a Blessing by holding this booklet in your hands when you kneel at the communion rail.*

### Prayer after Communion

*When everyone has received Holy Communion we remain kneeling or sitting in silence.*

*The presiding priest says*

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.**

*We pray together*

**God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water.  
Refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*The ministers, choir and congregation process.*

*When the ministers return to the chancel The Watch, including the stripping of ornaments, begins.*

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*If either or both of the consecrated elements are likely to prove insufficient, the priest returns to the altar table and adds more, saying:*

Father, having given thanks over the bread and the cup according to the institution of your Son Jesus Christ, who said, 'Take, eat; this is my body'  
[and/or 'Drink this; this is my blood' ],  
we pray that by the power of your Holy Spirit this *bread/wine* also may be to us his *body/blood*, to be received in remembrance of him.

## Prayers of Penitence

*The deacon invites us to confess our sins.*

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.

**Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us  
from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore to us the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*We sing or say the Kyrie Eleison  
(Lord have mercy)*

Lord, have mercy / Kyrie eleison.  
**Lord, have mercy / Kyrie eleison.**  
Lord, have mercy / Kyrie eleison.

Christ, have mercy / Christe eleison.  
**Christ, have mercy / Christe eleison.**  
Christ, have mercy / Christe eleison.

Lord, have mercy / Kyrie eleison.  
**Lord, have mercy / Kyrie eleison.**  
Lord, have mercy / Kyrie eleison.

## The Gathering



*The presiding priest says*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon *you*,  
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,  
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,  
and keep *you* in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **The Collect**

*The presiding priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words*  
**'Let us pray'** or a more specific bidding.

*The Collect of the day is said.*

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.

*and we respond*

**Amen.**

## **The Gathering**

*Ideas for silent prayer here:*

seek God's word  
for you in this  
service

pray for those  
around you

*We sing or say the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) as the bread is broken.*

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

### **Giving of Communion**

*The presiding priest says:*

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*Before receiving Holy Communion we pray:*

**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.****

*The presiding priest and the people receive Holy Communion.*

*You are welcome to share in the Holy Communion or*

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **Alternative form of Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the  
sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the  
sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the  
sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**



## The Lord's Prayer

*The priest invites us to join in the Lord's Prayer, using these or similar words.*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

*We kneel.*

**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

*The presiding priest breaks the consecrated bread:*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## Readings

*We sit for the first readings and psalm.*

*The **Old Testament reading**, read by a member of the congregation.*

**A psalm may replace or follow the Old Testament reading.**

*The **New Testament reading**.*

*At the end of each reading the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord

*We reply:*

**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN OR ANTHEM

*We either stand for a hymn or remain seated to hear the choir sing an anthem.*

*As announced*

## Gospel Reading

*We stand for the Gospel read by the deacon or other person appointed.*

*This acclamation or similar is said or sung before the Gospel is announced.*

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

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.**

*To announce the Gospel the reader says*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## The Liturgy of the Word



## The Washing of Feet

*After the sermon those taking part move to their places.*

*It has become customary in All Saints for each of those taking part including the presiding priest both to receive the washing of feet and to wash the feet of another.*

*Anthems, psalms, and /or other music will accompany the washing of the feet.*

*The washing of the feet ends with this prayer to be said by the presiding priest.*

Almighty Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for him:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as he was the servant of all,  
who gave up his life and died for us;  
but is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## The Washing Of Feet

*The deacon invites us to proclaim the mystery of faith.*

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**To you be glory and praise for ever**

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*We keep silence*

*The service continues with the Lord's Prayer on page 11 ►*

**Eucharistic  
Prayer  
(CW Prayer A)**



*Eucharistic Prayer (CW Prayer A)*

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 form of a servant, 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:

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

*We remain standing*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;  
who, in this night when 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.

**To you be glory and praise for ever**

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.

**To you be glory and praise for ever**

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

**Eucharistic  
Prayer  
(CW Prayer A)**

**Prayers of Intercession**

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 their message.  
We pray for the mission of your Church . . .

Lord, hear us  
**and renew our zeal.**

On this night, he commanded them 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 them 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.**

Hasten, Lord, the day when people will come  
from east and west, from north and south,  
and sit at table in your kingdom  
and we shall see your Son in his glory.

**Merciful Father accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

**The Liturgy  
of the Word**



## The Peace

*We stand.*

*The presiding priest says these or other suitable words:*

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.'

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We now greet our neighbours with a handshake and these or similar words:*  
**Peace be with you.**

## Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*The presiding priest uses this introduction.*

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.

*And we reply:*

**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.**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*During the offertory hymn, representative members of the congregation take up our offerings of bread, wine and water for the Communion, and also the collection is taken. The bread and the wine are placed on the altar by the deacon.*

*and*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,  
you create the fruit of the vine.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The presiding priest takes the bread and cup into his/her hands and replaces them on the holy table.*

*Then we say together:*

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness,  
the power, the glory, the splendour,  
and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*The presiding priest offers the thanksgiving of the people over the bread and wine which consecrates them for Communion.*

**We remain standing through the whole prayer.**

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.**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

