



Maundy Thursday

As often as you eat
this bread
and drink this cup,
you proclaim the Lord's
death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11.26

St. Peter's Anglican Church
Thursday, April 13, 2017
MAUNDY THURSDAY
The Institution of the Holy Eucharist

THE TRIDUUM

'Maundy Thursday' is the first liturgy of the Triduum ("the Great Three Days"), which continues with 'Good Friday' and concludes with the 'Easter Vigil' on Saturday evening. In effect, the Triduum is a single service that is held over three days. As such, there is no dismissal at the end of the 'Maundy Thursday' and 'Good Friday' liturgies, nor is there an opening hymn to begin the 'Good Friday' and 'Easter Vigil' liturgies. All are strongly encouraged to participate in the entire service over these three days.

Opening Hymn: (#500) Sister Let Me Be Your Servant

The Gathering of the Community

The Grace

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The celebrant addresses the congregation with the following words:

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.

Let us pray.

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.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading:

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

Refrain: I will lift up the cup of salvation.

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him. **R** How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. **R** I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants. **R** O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds. I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord. **R** I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gradual Hymn:

(#487) Where Charity & Love Prevail

The Gospel:

John 13:1-17,31 B- 35

Footwashing:

Choir Anthem: *So Must You Do*

Sermon

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The Peace

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Hymn: (#399) Now, Thank We All Our God

Prayer over the Gifts

Father, we spread this table to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ, your Son. Accept all we offer you this day. Bind us together in his love and in the love he has commanded us to bring one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

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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; 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*

The Stripping of the Altar *(Members of the Altar Guild)*

Once the altar is stripped the lights are turned off leaving the worship space in darkness.

There is no blessing or dismissal at the end of the liturgy as the service continues with the Good Friday and Easter Vigil liturgies.

The congregation should leave in silence other than those remaining for the 'Gethsemane Watch'.

To be continued...