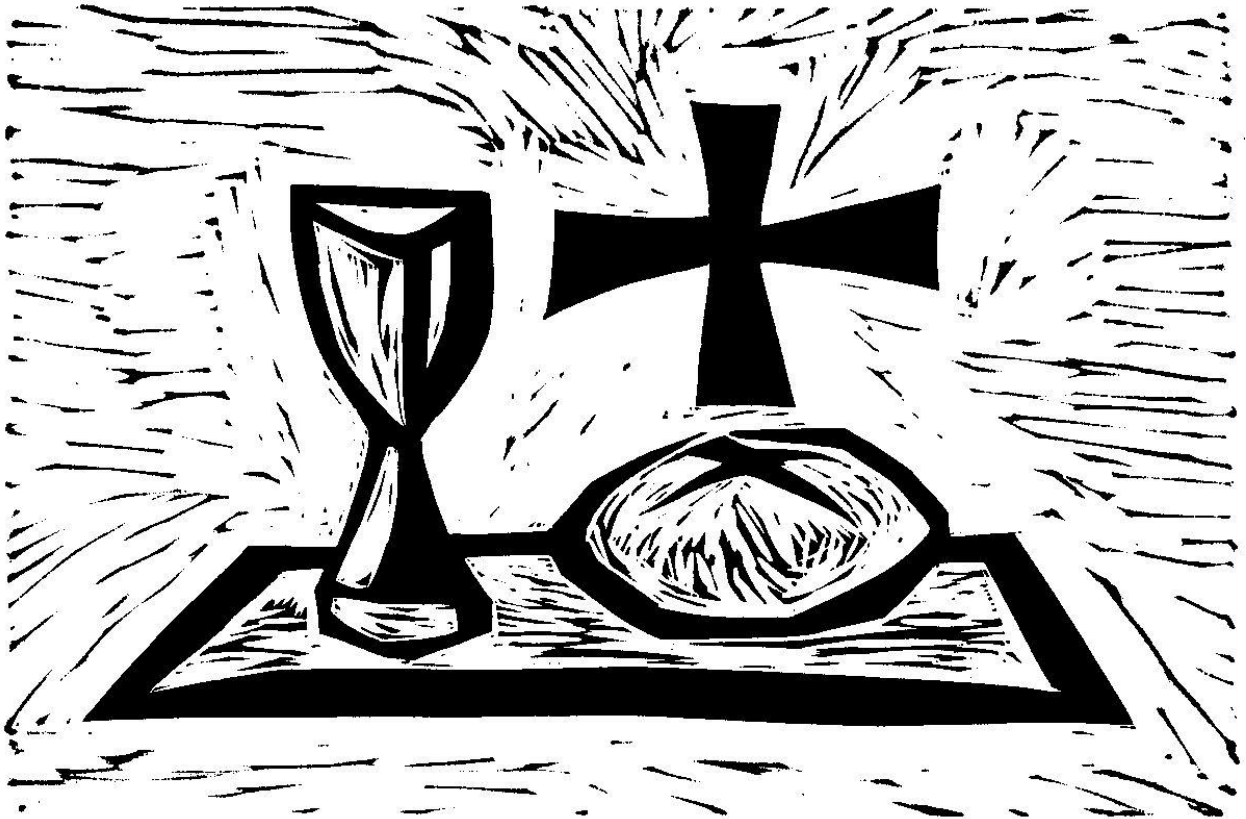


St. Christopher's Church, Hinchley Wood



MAUNDY THURSDAY EUCHARIST

6th April 2023

8pm

Brothers & sisters, on this most holy night we enter into the three days of the celebration of our Lord's paschal victory, his death and resurrection. Let us spend a moment in silence making ourselves aware of God's presence with us.

GATHERING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you
and also with you.

HYMN 38 An upper room

CONFESSION

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.'

Silence is kept

Have mercy on us, O God, in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion
blot out our offences.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Against you only have we sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean;
wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

May the Father forgive *you* by the death of his Son
and strengthen *you* to live in the power of the Spirit
all *your* days.

Amen.

GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people
on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and
Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise
you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have
mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the
Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with
the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

COLLECT

Let us pray that we may love one another as Christ
has loved us.

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.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

After each reading:

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

GOSPEL John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John

Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**

TALK

WASHING OF FEET

After the washing of feet this prayer is said

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:

give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Amen

INTERCESSIONS

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father
through Christ the saviour of the world.

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 his disciples' message.

We pray for the mission of your Church.

Lord, hear us

and renew our zeal.

On this night, he commanded his disciples 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 his disciples 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.

On this night, he accepted the cup of death and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom.

We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ.

Lord, hear us

and welcome all your children into paradise.

Merciful God,

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

THE PEACE

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

We exchange a sign of peace

HYMN 29 Amazing Grace

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

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.

**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.

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here

God's 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

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 praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.**

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he come.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
 who takes away the sin of the world.
 Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
 but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

HYMN 926 Eat this bread

Post Communion Prayer

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

The reserved sacrament is carried in silence to the Altar of Repose. The holy table is stripped. The president disrobes

We all move into the Lady Chapel for the Watch

The Gospel of the Watch

Luke 22:31-62

No words are used at the conclusion of the Gospel.

We remain in silence to watch until 9.30pm and leave in silence