

# The United Benefice of Mount's Bay



Said Eucharist for Maundy Thursday  
in the time of isolation due to  
COVID-19

The priest will say everything written in light type; you are invited to join in with the words in **bold type** in your own homes.

Here is the source of every sacrament,  
The all-transforming presence of the Lord,  
Replenishing our every element  
Remaking us in his creative Word.  
For here the earth herself gives bread and wine,  
The air delights to bear his Spirit's speech,  
The fire dances where the candles shine,  
The waters cleanse us with His gentle touch.  
And here He shows the full extent of love  
To us whose love is always incomplete,  
In vain we search the heavens high above,  
The God of love is kneeling at our feet.  
Though we betray Him, though it is the night.  
He meets us here and loves us into light.

*Maundy Thursday* by  
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## *The Gathering*

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

**All** **Amen.**

## **The Greeting**

### ***The president greets the people***

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

**All** **and also with you.**

### ***Words of welcome and introduction***

## **Prayers of Penitence**

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.

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

Lord, have mercy.

**All** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**All 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.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

***The president says***

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.

**All Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**All 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.**

## The Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words '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.

**All** Amen.

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

### Old Testament Reading

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

### New Testament Reading

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

### Gospel Reading

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

## ***The Gospel is announced***

The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

## ***After the Gospel***

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Short Talk**

***We keep a short period of quiet for personal reflection***

## **The Washing of Feet**

***This is the point in the service where traditionally the priest would wash the feet of twelve people, representing the twelve disciples. As we are unable to do this today, we recall this act as we say together the traditional anthem 'Ubi Caritas' in a translation by James Quinn SJ***

**All God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.**

**Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling;**

**Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting;**

**let us all revere and love him, God eternal.**

**Loving him, let each love Christ in all his brothers.**

***God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.***

**When we Christians gather, members of one Body,  
let there be in us no discord, but one spirit;  
banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel.  
Christ our God be present always here among us.**

***God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.***

**Grant us love's fulfilment, joy with all the blessed  
when we see your face, O Saviour, in its glory;  
shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,  
be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises.**

***God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.***

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.

***All*** Amen.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

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

**All 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

**All 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

**All 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

**All 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

**All 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, especially those who have died in the

current pandemic.

Lord, hear us

**All and welcome all your children into paradise.**

## *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### **The Peace**

***We stand***

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.'

**All and also with you.**

Let us offer a visual sign of peace in our own homes.

### **Preparation of the Table**

***The altar prepared, with bread and wine placed upon it.***

### **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

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.

**All Heaven and earth shout their praise.**

Blessed are you, Son of David; born to rule, you receive gifts from the wise.

**All Heaven and earth shout their praise.**

With all the voices of heaven we celebrate the coming of our God.

**All Heaven and earth shout their praise.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

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

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All 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:

**All 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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that 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.

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All** **Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;

rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary, Mother of God, and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All** **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All** **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 president breaks the consecrated bread*

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,

**All we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

**All 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 president says*

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

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

## Spiritual Communion

*The term 'Spiritual Communion' has been  
used historically to describe the means of  
grace by which a person, prevented for some  
serious reason from sharing in a celebration*

***of the Eucharist, nonetheless shares in the communion of Jesus Christ.***

***The prayers below offer you the opportunity to give thanks for your communion with Jesus, even though you are prevented from receiving the bread and wine of this Eucharist. Please join in with them while the priest is receiving communion on behalf of the whole community.***

**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.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'.  
Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.  
Hear my prayers for others and for myself,  
and keep me in your care. Amen.**

**O God,  
help me to trust you,  
help me to know that you are with me,  
help me to believe that nothing can separate me from your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Lord, in these days of mercy, make us quiet and prayerful; in these days of challenge, make us stronger in you;**

**in these days of emptiness,  
take possession of us;  
in these days of waiting,  
open our hearts to the mystery of your cross.  
Amen.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

### ***The 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.

***All*** Amen.

***All*** **Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood  
of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

## ***¶ The Conclusion***

### **The Stripping of the Sanctuary**

***This is the point in the service where  
traditionally the altar and the sanctuary are  
stripped bare. During the stripping, the***

***following verses from Lamentations are often read, so please imagine the stripping as the priest reads these verses, and join in as indicated:***

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people!  
How like a widow she has become,  
she that was great among the nations!  
She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks;  
among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her.

***All*** **Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals;  
all her gates are desolate, her priests groan;  
her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.  
Her children have gone away, captives before the foe.  
Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?  
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.

***All*** **Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

From on high he sent fire; it went deep into my bones;  
he spread a net for my feet; he turned me back;  
he has left me stunned, faint all day long.  
For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears;  
for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage;  
my children are desolate, for the enemy has prevailed.

***All*** **Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

All who pass along the way clap their hands at you;  
they hiss and wag their heads at daughter Jerusalem;  
'Is this the city that was called the perfection of beauty,  
the joy of all the earth?'  
The thought of my affliction and homelessness is wormwood and gall.

**All Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.  
'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,  
'therefore I will hope in him.'  
The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

**All Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.  
It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,  
to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it,  
to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),  
to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.  
For the Lord will not reject for ever.

**All Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

**The Dismissal**

***Again, traditionally this service ends with a Watch in the Garden of Repose, when we try to do what the disciples could not do when Jesus said in Gethsemane, "Could you not keep awake one hour?" After the dismissal, we might wish to take some time to watch with Jesus as he awaits the inevitable events of Good Friday.***

When the disciples had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prayed to the Father, 'If it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me.' He said to his disciples, 'How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me for one hour? The hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinners.'

Christ was obedient unto death. Go in his peace.

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