

## *St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham*

### Holy Week and Easter Services

† 19 April – Good Friday †

10am: Walk of Witness  
starting from Church of the Open Door

12 noon: Devotions  
followed by refreshments

2pm: Stations of the Cross

† 21 April – Easter Day †

8am: Lighting of the New Fire & Eucharist

10am: Easter Eucharist

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### Weekly Services

Sunday – 8am Holy Communion

Sunday – 10am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday – 10am Mass



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## MAUNDY THURSDAY



*7pm: Eucharist of the Last Supper*

**Celebrant:** Fr Ray McInnes

**Organist:** Mr Edwin Kwong

152 Years of Witness & Service in Cheltenham

## THE ORDER FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

*The Priest enters in silence. The congregation stands*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

This is the night when Christ the true Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would kill him.

This is the night when Christ gathered his disciples in the upper room.

This is the night when Christ took the towel and washed his disciples' feet, showing us the way to serve others as he himself serves us.

This is the night when Christ gave us this holy meal, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his death until he comes in glory.

*Let us pray*

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

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart,**

**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith,  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Collect*

Loving God,  
your son Jesus Christ has left us this meal  
of bread and wine in which to share his body and 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. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight.

They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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 judgments: 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.

Exodus 12.1-14

Hear the Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 116.1-2, 11-13 (said antiphonally)*

1. I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:  
the voice of my supplication;
2. **Because he inclined his ear to me:  
in the day that I called to him.**
11. How shall I repay the Lord:  
for all his benefits to me?
12. **I will take up the cup of salvation:  
and call upon the name of the Lord.**
13. I will pay my vows to the Lord:  
in the presence of all his people.

*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.

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

Hear the Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn: 280 NEH*

1. Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,  
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
Come into the daylight's splendour,  
There with joy thy praises render  
Unto him whose grace unbounded  
Hath this wondrous banquet founded;  
High o'er all the heavens he reigneth,  
Yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.
2. Now I sink before thee lowly,  
Filled with joy most deep and holy,  
As with trembling awe and wonder  
On thy mighty works I ponder;  
How, by mystery surrounded,  
Depths no man hath ever sounded,  
None may dare to pierce unbidden  
Secrets that with thee are hidden.
3. Sun, who all my life dost brighten;  
Light, who dost my soul enlighten;  
Joy, the sweetest man e'er knoweth;  
Fount, whence all my being floweth;  
At thy feet I cry, my Maker,  
Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven,  
For our good, thy glory, given.

4. Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,  
 Let me gladly here obey thee;  
 Never to my hurt invited,  
 Be thy love with love requited:  
 From this banquet let me measure,  
 Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;  
 Through the gifts thou here dost give me,  
 As thy guest in heaven receive me.

Words: German, Johann Franck, 1638-77;  
 Tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-98  
 The New English Hymnal

*Remain standing for the Gospel Reading*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John  
**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.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## A REMEMBRANCE OF THE FOOT WASHING

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service. We all need to remember his example.

I invite you to remember his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for "a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them." Therefore let us meditate upon these words during the singing of the hymn.

*Hymn: 699 TIS*

1. A new commandment I give unto you  
 That you love one another  
 As I have loved you,  
 That you love one another  
 As I have loved you.  
 By this will others know  
 That you are my disciples  
 If you have love one for another;  
 By this will others know  
 That you are my disciples  
 If you have love one for another.

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 Together in Song

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Let us pray*

Merciful God, 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 teach us humility.**

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 the unloved

Lord, hear us: **and give us your peace.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*All stand*

Once we were far off,  
but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near  
through the shedding of Christ's blood,

**for he is our peace.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace*

*Offertory Hymn: 304NEH*

1. Once, only once, and once for all,  
His precious life he gave;  
Before the Cross in faith we fall,  
And own it strong to save.
2. 'One offering, single and complete,'  
With lips and hearts we say;  
But what he never can repeat  
He shows forth day by day.
3. For as the priest of Aaron's line  
Within the holiest stood,  
And sprinkled all the mercy-shrine  
With sacrificial blood;
4. So he, who once atonement wrought,  
Our Priest of endless power,  
Presents himself for those he bought  
In that dark noontide hour.
5. His Manhood pleads where now it lives  
On heaven's eternal throne,  
Ad where in mystic rite he gives  
Its presence to his own.
6. And so we show thy death, O Lord,  
Till thou again appear,  
And feel, when we approach thy board,  
We have an altar here.

*The gifts of the people having been brought to the Altar*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

[The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.]**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour, be yours now and always,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

He offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

When his hour had come, in his great love  
he gave this supper to his disciples,  
that we might proclaim his death,  
and feast with him in his kingdom.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

Holy and gracious God,  
all creation rightly gives you praise.

All life, all holiness comes from you  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
whom you sent to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us,

to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.

Hear us, merciful Lord;

through Christ accept our sacrifice of praise;  
and, by the power of your Word and Holy Spirit,  
sanctify this bread and wine,  
that we who share in this holy sacrament  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

Who, when his hour had come,  
on the night before he went up to the cross  
to make full atonement for the sins of the whole world,  
offering once for all his one sacrifice of himself,  
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.'

[Let us proclaim the mystery of faith]

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, in obedience to his command,  
we commemorate and celebrate  
his saving passion and death,  
his mighty resurrection and ascension into heaven  
and we eagerly await his coming in glory.

We thank you that by your grace alone  
you have accepted us in Christ;  
and here we offer you a spiritual sacrifice,  
holy and acceptable in your sight.  
Through Christ, receive this our duty and service,  
and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts  
may, by your Holy Spirit,  
be one body in Christ,  
and serve you in unity and peace.

In your grace and mercy,  
bring us to the joy of your eternal kingdom  
with all the company of the redeemed.  
May we praise you in union with them,  
and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father eternal,  
in songs of never-ending praise:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has 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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

*The priest breaks the bread and says*

We who are many are one body in Christ,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

**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**

*The priest says*

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in  
remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with  
thanksgiving.

*The sacrament is given with the following words, after which the  
communicant responds **Amen***

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**  
The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Post Communion Hymn: 302 NEH*

1. O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray  
That all thy Church might be for ever one,  
Grant us at every Eucharist to say  
With longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'  
Oh, may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
One through this Sacrament of unity.
2. For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;  
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;  
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,  
By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;  
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
One through this Sacrament of unity.
3. We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;  
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,

Back to the faith which saints believed of old,  
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:  
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
One through this Sacrament of unity.

4. So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,  
May we be one with all thy Church above,  
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,  
One with thy saints in one unbounded love;  
More blessed still, in peace and love to be  
One with the Trinity in Unity.

Words: William Turton 1856-1938.  
The New English Hymnal

*The Blessing*

## STRIPPING AND WASHING OF THE ALTAR

*Please be seated for the reading*

*Psalm 51 is said by all as the Altar is stripped*

1. **HAVE** mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.
2. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.
3. For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me.
4. Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.
5. Behold, I was shapen in wickedness and in sin hath my mother conceived me.
6. But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts: and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.
7. Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
8. Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness: that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

9. Turn thy face from my sins: and put out all my misdeeds.
10. Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.
11. Cast me not away from thy presence: and take not thy holy Spirit from me.
12. O give me the comfort of thy help again: and stablish me with thy free Spirit.
13. Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked: and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
14. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health: and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.
15. Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord: and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
16. For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee: but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.
17. The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.
18. O be favourable and gracious unto Sion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
19. Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations: then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

*Prayer*

*The Washing*

*The 'Eternal Light' is carried from the church*

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**ALL LEAVE IN SILENCE**