

Good Shepherd with St. Peter's Church, Lee



Maundy Thursday

2nd April 2026

A service of Holy Communion to mark
the events of Maundy Thursday

Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

**Christ, who washes our feet in humble service,
make us ready to follow you:
in word and action,
in service and love,
so that all the world may know
the one we love and serve:
Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen**

HYMN: The Servant King

From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served, but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

Come, see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

Confession

Our Lord Jesus Christ says:

'If you love me, keep my commandments.'

'Unless I wash you, you have no part in me.'

So let us confess to almighty God our sins against his love,
and ask him to cleanse us.

Christ came in humility to share our lives:
forgive our pride.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ came with good news for all people:
forgive our silence.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:
forgive our self-centredness.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and
strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days.

Amen.

Collect for Maundy Thursday

God our Father,

your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end
and drank the cup prepared for him:

may we who share his table

watch with him through the night of suffering
and be faithful.

Amen

First Reading

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Psalm 136:1–16

1 Give thanks to the FOUNT OF LIFE, who is good, for her faithful love is everlasting.

2 Give thanks to the God of gods, for her faithful love is everlasting.

3 Give thanks to the Majesty of Majesties, for her faithful love is everlasting;

4 who alone does great wonders, for her faithful love is everlasting;

5 who through insight made the heavens, for her faithful love is everlasting;

6 to the one who spread out the land upon the waters, for her faithful love is everlasting;

7 to the one who made the great lights, for her faithful love is everlasting;

8 the sun to govern the day, for her faithful love is everlasting;

9 the moon and stars to govern the night, for her faithful love is everlasting;

10 who struck Egypt through their firstborn daughters and sons, for her faithful love is everlasting;

11 and brought Israel out from among them, for her faithful love is everlasting;

12 with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, for her faithful love is everlasting;

13 who cut the Red Sea in two, for her faithful love is everlasting;

14 and made Israel pass over through the midst of it, for her faithful love is everlasting;

15 but churned Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea, for her faithful love is everlasting;

16 who walked her people through the wilderness, for her faithful love is everlasting.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Broken for Me

*Broken for me, broken for you,
the body of Jesus broken for you.*

He offered his body, he poured out his soul,
Jesus was broken that we might be whole:

Come to my table and with me dine,
eat of my bread and drink of my wine:

This is my body given for you,
eat it remembering I died for you:

This is my blood I shed for you,
for your forgiveness, making you new:

*Broken for me, broken for you,
the body of Jesus broken for you.*

We remain standing for the Gospel

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading – John 13: 1-17, 31-35 p1081

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

Sermon – Why Lord? - Revd Chris Henriette

Intercessions

Lord, hear us
and humble us.

Lord, hear us
and unite us.

Lord, hear us
and renew our zeal.

Lord, hear us
and fill us with your love.

Lord, hear us
and fill us with your love.

Lord, hear us
and welcome all your children into paradise.
Amen

Response

There will be an opportunity for you to participate in the events of the Last Supper by having your feet washed. During this time the following chants will be sung. You're invited to join in.

Chant – Wisdom of God

Wisdom of God, Wisdom of God, listen to us;
we bring our troubles.

Wisdom of God, Wisdom of God, listen to us;
we bring our troubles.

Heal us and transform us

Break through our shells

Heal us and transform us

Break through our shells
Cradle our fears stay close
Cradle our fears stay close to us

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.

HYMN: Jesus Christ I Think Upon Your Sacrifice

Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice;
you became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at your gift of life
and I'm in that place once again,
I'm in that place once again.

*And once again I look upon
the cross where you died.
I'm humbled by your mercy
and I'm broken inside.*

*Once again I thank you,
once again I pour out my life.*

Now you are exalted to the highest place,
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow.
But for now I marvel at this saving grace
and I'm full of praise once again,
I'm full of praise once again.

And once again ...

Thank you for the cross,
thank you for the cross,
thank you for the cross, my friend.
Thank you for the cross,
thank you for the cross,
thank you for the cross, my friend.

And once again ...

Eucharistic 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.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,

Lord God of truth,

for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image

and placed us in the garden of your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion

you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.

You gave your people the law and taught us by your
prophets to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,

we echo the song of the angels in heaven,

evermore praising you and saying:

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.

The Minister continues.....

all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

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 forever.

Amen

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**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.**

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.**

Communion is shared

Prayer after Communion

**Lord, we have broken your bread
and received your life.**

**By the power of your Spirit
keep us always in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

HYMN: Jesus Remember Me

Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.

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when you come into your kingdom.

This is sung through several times

Dismissal

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.

The Altar will be stripped. You are invited to remain for as long as you wish in silence if you wish to do so

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