

Thursday 9th April
Maundy Thursday



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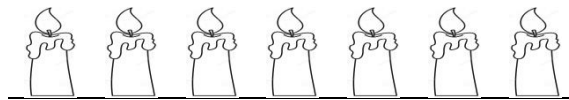
Community, Worship, Culture

Welcome to the Cathedral – at home!

You will be aware that the Bishop has asked us to close the doors of our beautiful Cathedral for the time being, so Dean Nigel has put together a simple form of Liturgy for Maundy Thursday which you may use in your homes:

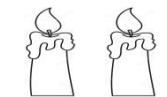
Things you need to think about in advance:

Prepare a makeshift Menorah at the centre of the Table (7 unlit Tea lights or candles). You might like to use this worship during supper. Active instructions are always in Italics.



Welcome to the Cathedral at home on Maundy Thursday

It gets its name from the Latin *mandatum*, 'commandment', because Jesus said: *'I give you a new commandment, that you love one another, Just as I have loved you'* (John 13.34).



TAKE 5 minutes

1.) Jesus **Last Supper** with his disciples

Light 2 Candles

During the Passover Seder meal (normally shared by Jews in family groups), Jesus shared his **Last Supper** with his disciples. He took bread, giving it to his disciples saying: 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. (Luke 22. 19-20)

This event forms the basis of the Eucharist (a Greek word that means Thanksgiving). Today we are prevented from celebrating this together because of Covid 19.

Have you thought of just taking space before meals to give thanks to God for what his creation provides?

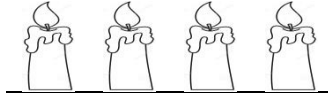
An optional accompanying musical clip can be listened to here:

'The Cross and kitchen table' sung by Choral Scholar, Sarah James.

This can be found at on the Cathedral website in the 'Cathedral at home' section.

Let's say a simple Grace:

Lord, thank You for the food before us,
for family and friends beside us
and the love between us. **Amen.**



BLESS 10 minutes

2.) Jesus **washing his disciples' feet.**

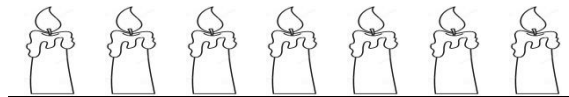
Light 2 more candles

During the meal **Jesus washed his disciples' feet.** Here Jesus set an example, (John 13.15) for us to follow, demonstrating how Christians are to love one another through humble service. The distribution of Royal Maundy money by the Sovereign on Maundy Thursday has the same roots. [In 2011 people from Sodor and Man were recipients of the Royal Maundy Money]

The Collect

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.**

Light the remaining candles



John 13.1-17, 31b-35 Read this passage, [or feel free to view a version on Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xyz_jTB32pk]

¹Now 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' ⁷Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' ⁸Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' ⁹Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' ¹⁰Jesus 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.' ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.' ¹²After 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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." ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

³⁶ Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, where are you going?' Jesus answered, 'Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterwards.' ³⁷Peter said to him, 'Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.' ³⁸Jesus answered, 'Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.'

Saying Sorry

So as we reflect on Jesus' conversation with Peter, let us say sorry for what we have done as: individuals, as a community, as the world, asking for God's forgiveness. Allow yourself to be cleaned by God.

BREAK 5 minutes

3.) The **stripping of the altars**

Towards the end of the service the **altars in the Cathedral are normally stripped**. The stripping of the altar symbolises that after the Last Supper Jesus was arrested in the Garden and deserted by his disciples.

Please extinguish a candle after each prayer



The Stripping of the Sanctuary

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.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.



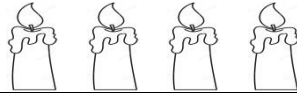
The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals;
all her gates are desolate, her priests groan;
her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.
Her children have gone away, captives before the foe.
Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.

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.

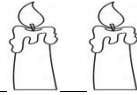
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.



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



In your prayers think of what you and the world have been stripped of through Covid 19.

What are the really important things to look forward to when the crisis has past, what things might you change in your life?

SHARE 5 minutes

4.) The **Watch** and Dismissal

Lastly a **Watch** is usually kept where the Eucharist is reserved. Here we are reminded of Jesus agony in the Garden Matt 26.40.

The 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.'

Spend time just being in God's presence, as though you were alongside Jesus in Gethsemane.