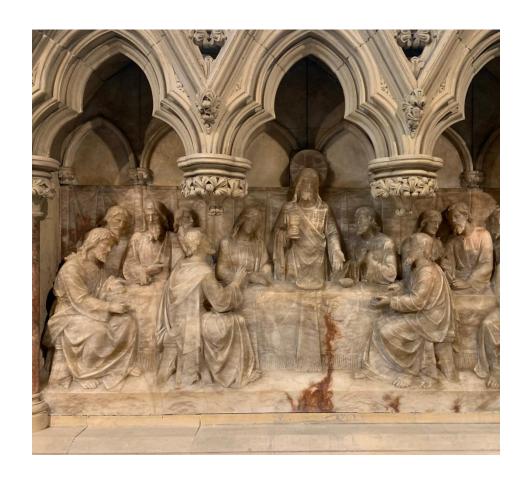
ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR



Maundy Thursday

Welcome to St John's - it's good to see you!

You will find most of what you need for the service in this booklet. Please join in with the text in **bold**. Hymn numbers can be found on the pew sheet or on the hymn boards at the front.

Communion

We are the family of God and all are welcome at his table. If you are used to receiving communion you are welcome to do so here.

If you do not wish to receive communion but would like to receive a blessing, please indicate this by bringing this leaflet up to the altar step with you.

You may wish to use this prayer as part of your preparation for worship:

Lord Jesus, I receive your love poured out for me in bread and wine.
Accept this gift of my life, brought to the altar without conditions.
Do your work in me, and let me be, like you, taken, blessed, and given for others; for, in spite of my failings, you know that I love you.
Amen



Hymn

The Greeting

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.

Invitation to 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.

Choir Asperges me:

Thou shalt sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall become whiter than snow. Ps. 50. Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.

Absolution

The Collect

Readings

Hymn

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.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Washing of Feet

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.

Land have us

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. Lord, hear us

All and welcome all your children into paradise.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn

All

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 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.

All Blessed be God for ever.

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

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

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.

The president praises God and the choir sings:

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 president recalls the Last Supper

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

The prayer continues and ends as we say

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

As the bread is broken

Choir Agnus Dei

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The president and people receive communion.

Motet

Prayer after Communion

The Stripping of the Sanctuary

Choir Psalm 22

My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me : and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not: and in the night-season also I take no rest.

And thou continuest holy: O thou worship of Israel.

Our fathers hoped in thee: they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

They called upon thee, and were holpen: they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded. But as for me, I am a worm, and no man: a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.

All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot our their lips, and shake their heads, saying,

He trusted in God, that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, if he will have him.

But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb: thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

I have been left unto thee ever since I was born: thou art my God, even from my mother's womb.

O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand: and there is none to help me.

Many oxen are come about me: fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.

They gape upon me with their mouths: as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums : and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.

For many dogs are come about me : and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.

They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones: they stand staring and looking upon me.

They part my garments among them: and casts lots upon my vesture.

But be not thou far from me, O Lord : thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.

Deliver my soul from the sword: my darling from the power of the dog. Save me from the lion's mouth: thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.

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 sinful men.

Come, let us go.'

Christ was obedient unto death. Go in his peace.

The ministers and people depart.

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