

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.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Hymn

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart
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When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died, my sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace
One with my Lord I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Saviour and my God
With Christ my Saviour and my God

Good Friday

10.30 am: An Hour at the Cross - St Mary's

We are invited to relive the last hours of Jesus' life in readings, hymns, anthems and reflections. There will be provision for children in the vestry if you come as a family.

2.45 pm-3.15 pm: Silent Prayer at St Mary's

The church will be open to mark the time of Jesus' death in silent prayer.

Easter Sunday

9 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Big Easter Egg Hunt around St Mary's

10.30am Easter Day All-Age Celebration

followed by a short service of Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion 6 April 2023

Jesus says:

*I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another.*

*Just as I have loved you,
you also should love one another.*

(John 13:34)



Hymn

Come down, O love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it,
Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round,
the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings
weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling
Nor can we guess its grace,
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit
makes his dwelling.

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

Confession

Silence is kept.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

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.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Gospel Reading

John 13.1-17, 31b-35

Reflection

Hymn

An upper room did our Lord prepare | For those He loved until the end
And His disciples still gather there | To celebrate their risen friend

A lasting gift Jesus gave His own | To share His bread His loving cup
Whatever burdens may bow us down | He by His cross shall lift us up

And after supper He washed their feet | For service too is sacrament
In Him our joy shall be made complete | Sent out to serve as He was sent

No end there is we depart in peace | He loves beyond our uttermost
In every room in our Father's house | He will be there as Lord and host

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
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
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
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
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
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
and strengthen our hope in eternal life.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

At this Lord's supper 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.
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.
Blessed be God for ever.

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

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

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As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.