

The Church of St James the Greater

Evening Prayer on Maundy Thursday 1st April 2021 – 7:30pm



Please join in the responses in **bold type**, but ensure your microphone is muted.

Preparation

○ God, make speed to save us

All: **○ Lord, make haste to help us.**

Let your ways be known upon earth

All: **your saving power among the nations.**

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

As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross,
stir up in us the fire of your love,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins,
and walk with you in newness of life
singing the praise of him who died
for us and our salvation.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Were You There When They Crucified Our Lord
(traditional arr. Batten)

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Psalmody:

Psalm 22

Exodus 12. 1-4, 11-14

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. 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 judgements: 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.

Canticle

Refrain:

All: **God's love was revealed among us
so that we might live through Jesus.**

1. Beloved, let us love one another,
 for love is of God;
 everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
2. Whoever does not love does not know God,
 for God is love.
3. In this the love of God was revealed among us,
 that God sent his only Son into the world,

- so that we might live through him.
4. In this is love,
not that we loved God but that he loved us,
and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.
 5. Beloved, since God loved us so much,
we ought also to love one another.
 6. For if we love one another, God abides in us,
and God's love will be perfected in us.

1 John 4. 7 – 11, 12b

**All: Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All: God's love was revealed among us
so that we might live through Jesus.**

John 13. 1 – 17, 31b – 35

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.'

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
All: **by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

Christ committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips.
All: **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
All: **By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

By his wounds you have been healed.
All: **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

cf 1 Peter 2

Gospel Cantic

The Magnificat is said,

Refrain:

All: **Christ humbled himself for us,
and in obedience accepted death.**

1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
2. From this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.
3. He has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

4. He has shown strength with his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
5. Casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.
6. He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
7. He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,
8. The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

**All: Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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and in obedience accepted death.**

Ubi Caritas

(Durufle)

The Sermon

Prayers

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

The Collect of the day is said

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said
Standing at the foot of the cross,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All: 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.**

The Conclusion

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,
set us free to serve him with joy.

All: Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Worship for Good Friday

SEVEN LAST WORDS Paul Jenkins and the Knighton String Quartet will be performing 'Seven Last Words', a meditation on Good Friday in words and the music of Joseph Haydn. Their performance will be recorded in church tomorrow and be available to watch on our Facebook page and YouTube channel later in the day.

LEICESTERSHIRE AT THE CROSS 2021 On Good Friday, many churches and denominations from around Leicestershire, along with the Bishop

of Leicester, are coming together for 'Leicestershire at the Cross'. This will be an amazing event, with many people involved. We are invited to come and enjoy powerful music, words and performances, as we celebrate and remember the cross of Jesus Christ. Everyone is welcome to join, as we celebrate Jesus as a county this Good Friday. The event will be streamed on the **Praying for Leicestershire YouTube channel** on Friday 2nd April (streaming from 5.45pm, with the event beginning at 6pm).

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