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**COMMUNION FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**Thursday 1 April 2021**  
**with Rev DAVID PAYNE**  
**& Reader GILLIAN KERN**

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**WELCOME & GREETING**

**Prayer of Preparation**

**All: Almighty God,**  
**unto whom all hearts be open,**  
**all desires known,**  
**and from whom no secrets are hid:**  
**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**  
**by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,**  
**that we may perfectly love thee,**  
**and worthily magnify thy holy name;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;  
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,  
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,  
and with all thy strength.  
This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this:  
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.  
There is none other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments hang all the law  
and the prophets.

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us,**  
**and write all these thy laws in our hearts,**  
**we beseech thee.**

**THE COLLECTS**

*This prayer for the Queen is said:*

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite; Have mercy upon the whole Church, and so rule the heart of thy chosen servant Elizabeth, our queen and governor, that she (knowing whose minister she is) may above all things seek thy honour and glory, and that we, and all her subjects (duly considering whose authority she hath) may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey her, in thee and for thee, according to thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*followed by the collect of the day:*

God our Father,  
who hast invited us to share in the supper  
which thy Son hath given to his Church  
that it may proclaim his death until he comes:  
may he nourish us by his presence,  
and unite us in his love;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE WORD OF GOD

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26** Read by Maggie Jeeves

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you: That the Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, that is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## The GOSPEL

The holy Gospel is written in the 13th chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

**All: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**John 13:1-17 & 31b-35** Read by Gillian Kern

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.'

*(Additional verses may be read)*

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.'

**ADDRESS – Gillian Kern**

## **THE CREED**

**All: I believe in one God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man,  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried,  
and the third day he rose again  
according to the Scriptures,**

and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.  
And he shall come again with glory  
to judge both the quick and the dead:  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who spake by the prophets.  
And I believe one catholic and apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **INTERCESSION**

### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your  
sins, and are in love and charity with your  
neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following  
the commandments of God, and walking from  
henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith,  
and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and  
make your humble confession to almighty God.

**All: Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:  
we acknowledge and bewail  
our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we, from time to time,  
most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word and deed,  
against thy divine majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath  
and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us;  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honour and glory of thy name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
who of his great mercy  
hath promised forgiveness of sins  
to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith  
turn unto him:  
have mercy upon you;  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins;  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;  
and bring you to everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith  
unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all that travail and are heavy laden,  
and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11.28*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten  
Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not  
perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:  
This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.  
*1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith:  
If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ the righteous;  
and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2.1,2*

### THE PREFACE

Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**All: It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty,  
that we should at all times, and in all places,  
give thanks unto thee,  
O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God.

**All: Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,  
evermore praising thee, and saying:  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**All:** We do not presume to come to this thy table,  
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in thy manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.  
But thou art the same Lord,  
whose property is always to have mercy:  
grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again;

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we, receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood:

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

**All: Amen.**

## THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

*Words of invitation are spoken and the priest and people receive communion.*

*This prayer of thanksgiving is said:*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
we thank thee that in this wonderful sacrament  
thou hast given us a memorial of thy passion:  
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries  
of thy body and blood  
that we may know within ourselves  
and show forth in our lives  
the fruits of thy redemption;  
for thou livest and reignest, now and for ever. **Amen.**

May the peace of God which passes all understanding  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God  
and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord

And the blessing of God Almighty  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be amongst you and remain with you always  
**Amen**

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