



The Parish Eucharist
with the virtual
Washing of the Feet
Maundy Thursday 2020

Welcome to this Service.

We hope you will be able to join in with the Hymns via the resources available on our website and everything that is in **bold** type. Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, or you are a regular member of the congregation, you are most welcome on this most holy night.

The posture directions in this order of service are optional. Please stand, sit, or kneel as you prefer. Normally a collection is received during the service. Due to the restrictions this is not possible. You might like to set aside your gift and bring it when the restrictions have lifted. UK tax payers are encouraged to complete a GiftAid envelope to enhance the value of your giving.

Explanatory Note:

Our Eucharist this evening, Maundy Thursday, will be celebrated at the Vicarage due to the current restrictions. It commemorates the Last Supper at which Jesus gave us the new commandment (Latin *mandatum*, from which we derive the word *Maundy*) that we love one another. He demonstrated his loving service by washing his disciples' feet and distributing bread and wine in token of his death and of his abiding presence. In him, people scattered over centuries and continents are made into the body in Christ through his presence in the Eucharist.

After the Sermon I invite you, following Christ's command, to wash each others feet/hands to show that leadership in the Christian context is to be displayed through the humility of serving others. To do this please have a bowl, water, and a towel to hand.

At the end of the Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament will remain on the Altar where a Vigil of prayer will be kept until 10.30pm. In all our churches the Altar hangings will have been stripped to acknowledge and symbolise how Christ's life was stripped bare as he surrendered his life.

Worship resources, music, etc can be found at <https://stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/suspended-services-resources/>

The cover illustration, of Jesus washing the disciples' feet, is a detail from a fresco in Cappella Scrovegni (Arena Chapel), Padua, by Giotto di Bondone (1267–1337).

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

GOOD FRIDAY:

All Age Stations of the Cross

A great way to worship as a family. It can be used throughout the day.

Resources can be found under the Junior Church tab on the Website.

<https://stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/junior-church>

2.00pm

An Hour at the Cross

said at the Vicarage

(Devotional Service of Hymns, Readings, and Prayers before the Cross)

Resources can be found under Services - suspended services tab.

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EASTER SUNDAY:

9.30am

Parish Easter Eucharist

said at the Vicarage

Resources can be found under Services - suspended services tab.

<https://stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/suspended-services-resources/>



5 They called upon thee / and were / holpen :
they put their trust in thee / and were / not con/founded.
6 But as for me, I am a worm and / no / man :
a very scorn of men and the / outcast / of the / people.
7 All they that see me / laugh me to / scorn :
they shoot out their lips and / shake their / heads / saying,
8 He trusted in God that / he would de/liver him :
let him de/liver him / if he will / have him.
9 But thou art he that took me out of my / mother's / womb :
thou wast my hope, when I hangèd yet u/pon my / mother's / breasts.
10 I have been left unto thee ever since / I was / born :
thou art my God / even 'from my / mother's / womb.
11 O go not from me, for trouble is / hard at / hand :
and / there is / none to / help me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen

The Watch

The President says:

Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and his disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, 'Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.' Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, 'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.'

Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, 'Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.'

St Luke 22: 39-46

A silent Vigil of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is kept until 10.30pm.

At 10.30pm the President says:

Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!'

St Luke 22: 52-53

All lights are extinguished.

As the Choir and Clergy enter, all stand to sing

The Hymn

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise,
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against their foe,
should strive and should prevail;

and that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

O generous love! that he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;

and in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise,
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

Gerontius 117i AMNS

The President gives

The Welcome

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you:

and also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: 'If you love me, keep my commandments.'
'Unless I wash you, you have no part in me.'

As the Lord welcomes us into his presence in word and sacrament,
let us confess to almighty God our sins against his love,
and ask him to cleanse us.

All kneel or sit to say:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All stand to sing

The Gloria

♪ **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth. (* Repeated as a refrain)**
**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. ***
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer. ***
**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. ***
Amen.

The Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose

This year, the Blessed Sacrament will remain on the Altar while we will watch and wait with Christ, remembering his time of prayer and agony in the Garden of Gethsemane

We sit or kneel to sing

The Hymn

Of the glorious body telling,
O my tongue, its mysteries sing,
and the blood, all price excelling,
which the world's eternal King,
in a spotless womb once dwelling,
shed for this world's ransoming.

Given for us, for us descending,
of a virgin to proceed,
man with man in converse blending,
scattered he the gospel seed,
till his sojourn drew to ending,
which he closed in wondrous deed.

At the last great supper lying
circled by his chosen band,
duly with the law complying,
first he finished its command,
then, immortal food supplying,
gave himself by his own hand.

Word-made-flesh, by word he maketh
bread his very flesh to be;
man in wine Christ's blood partaketh:
and if senses fail to see,
faith alone the true heart waketh
to behold the mystery.

Therefore we, before him bending,
this great sacrament revere:
types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes the inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
honour, might, and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing, who,
from both, with both is one. Amen

Pange Lingua 268 NEH

The Stripping of the Altar

The Altar would normally be stripped at this point to symbolise how Christ's life was stripped bare as he surrendered his life.

All remain seated or kneeling to sing

Psalm 22: 1–11

- 1 My God, my God, look upon me, why hast / thou for/saken me :
and are so far from my health, and from the / words of / my com/plaint?
- 2 O my God I cry in the day-time / but thou / hearest not :
and in the night-season / also I / take no / rest.
- 3 And thou con/tinuest / holy :
O / thou / worship of / Israel.
- 4 Our fathers / hoped in / thee :
they trusted in thee / and thou / didst de/liver them.

During Communion we sing (seated)

The Communion Hymn

Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee,
who in thy sacrament art pleased to be;
both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,
yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
who living bread to men doth here afford!
O may our souls for ever feed on thee,
and thou, O Christ, for ever precious be.

Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,
cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood;
increase our faith and love, that we may know
the hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
may what we thirst for soon our portion be,
to gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face,
the vision of thy glory and thy grace. Amen.

254i AMNS

The Choir sings

The Anthem

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum:
dat panis caelicus figuris
terminum.
O res mirabilis: manducat
Dominum
pauper servus et humilis.

*The bread of angels becomes the
food of humanity:
the heavenly bread brings mere
symbols to an end.
O what marvel: a poor humble
servant consumes the Lord.*

César Franck (1822–90)

All kneel or remain seated. The President prays before the Blessed Sacrament

The Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
we thank you that in this wonderful Sacrament
you have given us the memorial of your passion:
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood
that we may know within ourselves
and show forth in our lives the fruit of your redemption;
for you are alive and reign,
now and for ever.
Amen.

The Collect

God our Father,
you have invited us to share in the supper
which your Son gave to his Church
to proclaim his death until he comes:
may he nourish us by his presence,
and unite us in his love;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

All sit for the Readings.

The Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus.

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 judgments: 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.

Exodus 12: 1–4, 11–14

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

1 Corinthians 11: 23–36

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing

The Gradual Hymn

Ubi caritas et amor.

Where charity and love are

Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

God is there.

Repeat x 5

Taize Community

The Gospel

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

The Lord be with you;

and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

♪ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

All sit or kneel to pray

The Lord's Prayer

As we join our prayers with those of the Church Universal,
let us pray, with confidence, the prayer that Jesus taught us, saying:

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

All remain kneeling or seated to sing

Agnus Dei

♪ **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

All are welcome to come forward to receive Holy Communion.

If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the Sacrament, please indicate this by bringing this booklet with you to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available on request.

In the same way, after supper
 he took the cup and gave you thanks;
 he gave it to them, saying:
 Drink this, all of you;
 this is my blood of the new covenant,
 which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
 rising you restored our life;
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
 his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
 rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
 and looking for his coming in glory,
 we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
 As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
 we bring before you this bread and this cup
 and we thank you for counting us worthy
 to stand in your presence and serve you.
 Send the Holy Spirit on your people
 and gather into one in your kingdom
 all who share this one bread and one cup,
 so that we, in the company of all the saints,
 may praise and glorify you for ever,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord;
 by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
 for ever and ever.
Amen.



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. 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.'

St John 13: 1–17, 31b–35

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

All remain seated for

The Washing of the Feet

As Christ girded himself with a towel to wash his disciples' feet, displaying his humble leadership, you are invited to wash the hands or feet of those in your household as symbol of our corporate calling to be servants of one another and yet exercising specific ministries.

During the Washing of the Feet the following is sung:

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet,
 which brought from heaven the news and Prince of peace.

Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;
 to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
 nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

*Song 46 82 NEH
 Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)*

All kneel or remain seated for

The Prayers of Intercession

These prayers may include the response:

Lord, in your mercy,	or	Lord, hear us
Hear our prayer		Lord, graciously hear us

And at the end:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
 for the sake of your Son,
 our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

All stand. The President says:

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

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

The Peace is shared by shaking hands with other members of the congregation.

All remain standing to sing

The Offertory Hymn

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'
Oh, may we all one Bread, one Body be,
one through this Sacrament of unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:
thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
one through this Sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love:
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.

Song 1 265 AMNS

The Preparation of the Table

Yours Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty:
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you thanks,
Father most holy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For on this night he girded himself with a towel
and, taking the form of a servant,
washed the feet of his disciples.
He gave us a new commandment
that we should love one another as he has loved us.
Knowing that his hour had come,
in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples
to be a memorial of his passion,
that we might proclaim his death until he comes again,
and feast with him in his kingdom.
Therefore earth unites with heaven to sing a new song of praise;
and we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end:

♪ **Holy, 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 Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, that is this night,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke 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.