

# Holy Week and Easter at All Saints



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Good Friday

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## ***An introduction to the Liturgy of Maundy Thursday***

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday brings us to the heart of Holy Week. It marks the beginning of the Triduum, or sacred three days, by which the church enters into the mystery of Jesus' last days. The Service is made up of three main elements.

**The Washing of Feet** At the Last Supper on the night before he died, Jesus knelt down and washed the feet of his disciples. The ritual of footwashing is a moving and powerful symbol and all are invited to participate. It reminds us of the humility shown by Jesus and the community of service that he has founded.

**The Institution of Holy Communion** Dwelling on the last meal of Jesus and his disciples we are reminded of the Jewish origins of Christian worship in the form of the Passover. From context of the Jewish feast emerge several layers of Christian meaning and significance. We look back to the Last Supper, dwell in the reality of Christ's presence in broken bread and anticipate the future of the heavenly banquet. As we prepare for communion an icon of Gethsemane showing Jesus taking the cup of suffering that has been prepared for him, will be placed in front of the altar. After the communion, while the choir sings a psalm of lament and desolation, all decorations are taken out of the Sanctuary and the sacrament is taken to the Chapel of Repose which recalls the withdrawal of Jesus to Gethsemane. The beauty of the altars is stripped away leaving the church looking empty and forlorn.

**Gethsemane** The abandonment of Jesus in the garden is recalled in the reading of the Gospel of the Watch which ends with the disciples forsaking him. At this point some of the congregation will leave the church in silence. Others will go to the chapel of repose for a time of meditation and prayer, recalling the words of Jesus to his disciples in Gethsemane; 'Could you not stay awake with me one hour?'

# The Gathering

*Processional Hymn Praise to the holiest in the height*



1. 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.
2. O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.
3. O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe,  
should strive and should prevail;
4. And that the highest gift of grace  
should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence and his very self,  
and essence all-divine.
5. O generous love! that he, who smote  
in Man for man the foe,  
the double agony in Man  
for man should undergo;
6. And in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.
7. 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.

Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890)  
Music: Gerontius, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)  
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## **The Greeting**

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 and absolution**

*Sit or kneel*

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.*

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.**

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to  
live in the power of the Spirit all our days.

**Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*Please stand to sing the Gloria.*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
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 washing of feet**

### **Collect**

*Please sit or kneel*

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the mind to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

**Gospel reading John 13.1-20**

*Please stand*

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.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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. 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. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But

it is to fulfil the scripture, “The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.” I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

### ***The washing of feet and hands***

*This will be explained during the service – please follow the guidance.*

The Choir sings a setting of *Ubi caritas* by Ola Gjeilo (b.1978)

*Where there is charity and love, God is there.*

*The love of Christ has gathered us into one.*

*Let us rejoice and be pleased in him;*

*let us fear and love the living God,*

*and let us love one another with a sincere heart.*

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

***Hymn And did you know?***

1. And did you know that on that very night  
on which you washed your own disciples’ feet,  
one whom you loved would leave the upstairs room  
and scurry through the dark to price your head?

2. And did you know that those you trusted most,  
who tried your patience and enjoyed your love,  
who knew the fondest stories off by heart  
would soon desert you in the dead of night?

3. And did you know that while it yet was dark  
your fiercest enemies would rub their hands,  
and scoundrels who were game for any bribe  
would lie and lie again to seal your fate?

4. Did you know this when, with your healing hands,  
you broke the bread and shared the cup of wine,  
and feasted in the face of certain death  
that we in this place may do again?

5. Then, Jesus, on your fearless faith we lean.  
Here let us taste the food and drink of heaven,  
and in it own the brokenness we cause,  
and through it know that all can be forgiven.

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Tune: Eventide (Ancient and Modern 10 – Abide with me)*

## The Institution of Holy Communion

### **Collect**

*Sit or kneel*

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 fruits of your redemption;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **Gospel Reading** Matthew 26.26-30

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.' When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

"I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered."

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.' Peter said to him, 'Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.' Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' Peter said to him, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And so said all the disciples.

## **The Peace**

*Please stand*

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.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **Offertory Hymn** *Christ bids us break the bread*

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| 1. Christ bids us break the bread<br>and share the cup he gave,<br>in token of the blood he shed<br>for those he died to save. | 2. It was for us he came,<br>to bear, by human birth,<br>a crown of thorn, a cross of<br>shame,<br>for every child of earth. |
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3. The Saviour crucified  
in glory rose again:  
we here remember him who died,  
ascended now to reign.

4. Our hearts his word obey,  
in thankfulness and love:  
we feed on Christ by faith today  
and feast with him above.

5. O Christ, once lifted up  
that we might be forgiven,  
we take the bread and drink the cup  
and share the life of heaven.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)

Music: Eastville, Kenneth Naylor (1931-1991)

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*During the hymn the bread and wine will be brought to the altar,  
together with an icon of Christ in the garden of Gethsemane.*

### **Eucharistic Prayer (A)**

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.**

*The Thanksgiving continues, ending with*

*.....we too join with the 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 the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The bread and the wine are blessed and the words of Jesus at the last  
Supper are used ending with*

*..... Great is the mystery of faith:*

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues ending with*

..... Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power,  
be yours for ever and ever. 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.**

### ***Breaking of the Bread***

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

### ***The Agnus Dei***

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **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 who are baptised are welcome to receive the bread and wine at the altar rail. If you would like a blessing, please come to the altar rail, holding a copy of your service book.*

**Communion Anthem** Ave verum  
William Byrd (1539/4—1623)

*After communion, all decoration will be removed from the Sanctuary and altar. The consecrated bread and wine and the Gethsemane icon will be taken to the Holy Trinity chapel.*

## **Psalm 88** sung by the Choir

- 1 O Lord God of my salvation,  
I have cried day and | night be- | fore thee :  
O let my prayer enter into thy presence,  
incline thine | ear — | unto · my | calling.
- 2 For my soul is | full of | trouble :  
and my | life · draweth | nigh un-to | hell.
- 3 I am counted as one of them that go | down into · the | pit :  
and I have been even as a | man that | hath no | strength.
- 4 Free among the dead,  
like unto them that are wounded and | lie in · the | grave :  
who are out of remembrance,  
and are | cut a- | way from · thy | hand.
- 5 Thou hast laid me in the | low-est | pit :  
in a place of | darkness · and | in the | deep.
- 6 Thine indignation lieth | hard up- | on me :  
and thou hast | vex'd me · with | all thy | storms.
- 7 Thou hast put away mine ac- | quain-tance | far from me :  
and | made me · to | be ab- | horr'd of them.

8 I am so | fast in | pri-  
son | that I | cannot · get | forth.  
9 My sight faileth for | ve-ry | trouble :  
Lord I have call'd daily upon thee,  
I have | stretch'd forth · my | hands un-to | thee.  
10 Dost thou shew wonders a- | mong the | dead :  
or shall the dead rise | up a- | gain and | praise thee?  
11 Shall thy loving-kindness be | shew'd in · the | grave :  
or thy | faithful-ness | in des- | truction?  
12 Shall thy wondrous works be | known in · the | dark :  
and thy righteousness in the land  
where | all things | are for- | gotten?  
13 Unto thee have I | cried O | Lord :  
and | early · shall my | prayer come · be- | fore thee.  
14 Lord why ab- | horrest thou · my | soul :  
and | hid-est | thou thy | face from me?  
15 I am in misery, \* and like unto him that is at the | point to | die:  
even from my youth up,  
thy terrors have I | suffer'd · with a | troub-led | mind.  
16 Thy wrathful displeasure | go-eth | over me :  
and the | fear of · thee | hath un- | done me.  
17 They came round about me | daily · like | water :  
and compass'd me to- | gether · on | ev-ery | side.  
18 My lovers and friends hast thou | put a- | way from me :  
and hid mine ac- | quain-tance | out of · my | sight.  
Glory | be · to the | Father,  
and to the | Son and · to the | Ho-ly | Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning is | now and · ever | shall be :  
world | with-out | end, A- | men.

# Gethsemane

1 O sacred head, sore wounded,  
defiled and put to scorn;  
O kingly head surrounded  
with mocking crown of thorn:  
What sorrow mars thy grandeur?  
Can death thy bloom deflower?  
O countenance whose splendor  
the hosts of heaven adore!

2 Thy beauty, long-desired,  
hath vanished from our sight;  
thy power is all expired,  
and quenched the light of light.  
Ah me! for whom thou diest,  
hide not so far thy grace:  
show me, O Love most highest,  
the brightness of thy face.

All 5 My days are few, O fail not,  
with thine immortal power,  
to hold me that I quail not  
in death's most fearful hour;  
that I may fight befriended,  
and see in my last strife  
to me thine arms extended  
upon the cross of life.

## **Hymn** *O sacred head, sore wounded*

3 I pray thee, Jesus, own me,  
me, Shepherd good, for thine;  
who to thy fold hast won me,  
and fed with truth divine.  
Me guilty, me refuse not,  
incline thy face to me,  
this comfort that I lose not,  
on earth to comfort thee.

## *Choir*

4 In thy most bitter passion  
my heart to share doth cry,  
with thee for my salvation  
upon the cross to die.  
Ah, keep my heart thus moved  
to stand thy cross beneath,  
to mourn thee, well-beloved,  
yet thank thee for thy death

*Words: Paul Gerhardt 1607-76 from a 14thC Latin hymn,  
tr. Robert Bridges (1844-1930)*

*Music: from Bach's Passion according to St Matthew (1729)  
(New English Hymnal, 90)*

*Please sit.*

God our Father,  
your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end  
and drank the cup prepared for him:  
may we who share his table  
watch with him through the night of suffering  
and be faithful.

**Amen**

**Reading** *Matthew 26.36-46*

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Again he went away for the second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.' Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.' At once he came up to Jesus and said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him. Jesus said to him, 'Friend, do what you are here to do.' Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand

on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, 'Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?' At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.' Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

*All depart in silence, or move to the Trinity Chapel where the Watch will be kept till 9.30pm.*

Tomorrow:

**10am Morning Prayer for Good Friday**, at St John and St Anne, followed by the Walk of Witness along the High Street to the Buttercross where there will be a service led by a member church of Churches Together in Oakham.

**12 noon Good Friday Liturgy and Holy Communion**

**7.30pm Good Friday Compline** on Oakham Team Ministry Facebook page

Holy Saturday

**7.30pm Vigil Readings** on Oakham Team Ministry Facebook page

Easter Day

**5.30am Easter Liturgy and Holy Communion**

**8am Holy Communion**

**10.30am Holy Communion with Healing Prayer**



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