

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another
as I have loved you.” (John 13:34)*

Welcome

The Rector

Opening Hymn (CP 184)

My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me;
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow;
but all made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know:
but O my friend, who at my need
his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King;
then “Crucify!” Is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

Why, what has my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
themselves displease,
and 'gainst him rise.

They rise and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
to suffering goes
that he his foes
from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

The Address

This is the day
that Christ the Lamb of God
gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

This is the day
that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the day
that Christ took a towel
and washed the disciple' feet,
giving us an example that we should do unto others
as he has done to us.

This is the day
that Christ our God gave us this holy feast,
that we who eat this bread
and drink this cup
may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice
and be partakers of his Resurrection,
and at that last day may reign with him in heaven.

As we remaining standing, let us pray;

O God,
your Son Jesus Christ
has left us this meal of bread and wine
in which we share his body and blood.
May we who celebrate this sign of his great love
show in our lives the fruits of his redemption;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gail Sulpher

Psalm 116:12-19

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his servants.

O Lord, I am your servant;
**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

In the courts of the Lord's house;
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

**Eternal God, faithful in your tender compassion, you give us hope
for our life here and hereafter through the victory of your only Son.
When we share his cup of salvation, revive in us the joy of this
everlasting gift. We ask this in his name. Amen.**

Holy Gospel

The Rector

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 13:1-17; 34-35

Reader: The gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Deacon Derek Waddingham

THE CEREMONY OF THE WASHING OF FEET

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ,
on the night before his death,
Jesus set an example for his disciples
by washing their feet, an act of humble service.
He taught that strength and growth
in the life of the kingdom of God
come not by power, authority or even miracle
but by such lowly service.

Therefore, I invite you
who share in the royal priesthood of Christ,
to come forward,
that I may recall whose servant I am
by following the example of my Master.

But come remembering his admonition
that what will be done for you
is also to be done by you to others,
for "a servant is not greater than his master,
nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him.
If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

A basin of water is placed in front of the altar. The celebrant proceeds to wash the feet of those seated before him.

The Prayers of the People

Shirley Underhill

Let us pray to Jesus our Master and Teacher saying; “Lord Jesus, help us to follow you and serve.”

Jesus said; “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.”

Master, we hear your call;

Lord Jesus, help us to follow you and serve.

Jesus said; “Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all. For the Son of Man himself has not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life to set many others free.”

Master, we hear your call;

Lord Jesus, help us to follow you and serve.

Jesus said; “Unless you change your whole outlook and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Master, we hear your call;

Lord Jesus, help us to follow you and serve.

Jesus said; “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”

Master, we hear your call;

Lord Jesus, help us to follow you and serve.

Jesus said; “You must love your enemies, and do good without expecting any return and without giving up hope; so will you be children of the Most High, because God indeed is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be compassionate, as your heavenly Father is compassionate.”

Master, we hear your call;

Lord Jesus, help us to follow you and serve.

Jesus said; “Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.”

Master, we hear your call;

Lord Jesus, help us to follow you and serve.

Jesus said; “This is my Father's glory, that you may bear fruit in plenty and so be my disciples. If you dwell in me, as I dwell in you, you will bear much fruit; for apart from me, you can do nothing.”

Master, we hear your call;

Lord Jesus, help us to follow you and serve.

Jesus said; “There is no greater love than this, that you should lay down your life for your friends. This is my commandment; love one another, as I have loved you. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Master, we hear your call;

Lord Jesus, help us to follow you and serve.

Jesus said; “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.”

Master, we hear your call;

Lord Jesus, help us to follow you and serve.

Jesus said; “I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you.”

Master, we hear your call;

Lord Jesus, help us to follow you and serve.

Almighty God, we pray you accept these prayers, that we being strengthened by the death and resurrection of your beloved Son, may serve you with a quiet mind and a joyful hope; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ
God is steadfast in love
and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,
**All: we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Offertory The Servant Song

Won't you let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant, too

We are pilgrims on a journey
We are friends upon the road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night time of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you
Speak the peace you long to hear

I will weep when you are weeping
When you laugh I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony

Won't you let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant, too

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer over the Gifts

Father, we spread this table
to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ, your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day.
Bind us together in his love
and in the love he has commanded us to bring one another;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is indeed right to thank and praise you,
Holy and gracious God,
Creator of all things,
Ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life.
For you are the source of all goodness,
rich in mercy and abounding in love.
You are faithful to your people
in every generation, and your Word endures for ever.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
with the fellowship of saints
and the company of heaven,
we glorify your holy name,
evermore praising you and saying;

**All: 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.**

Celebrant: We praise you, merciful Father
not as we ought, but as we are able,
because in your tender love,
you gave the world your only Son,
in order that the world might be saved through him.
He made you known
by taking the form of a servant,
healing the sick, liberating the oppressed,
reaching out to the lost.
Betrayed, reviled and nailed to the Cross
He confronted the power of sin,
and disarmed it for ever.
In his offering of himself,
he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sin of the world.
Redeemed by Christ,
we have been adopted as your children.

By your pardon,
you have made us worthy to praise you.

On this very night,
when he was handed over to suffering and death,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood, which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins,
whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts,
we approach your holy table,
remembering our Saviour's sacrifice,
and rejoicing in his victory.
Confident in his sovereign purpose,
we declare our faith:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: Send your Holy Spirit on us,
that as we receive this bread and this wine,
we may partake of the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and feed on him in our hearts,
by faith with thanksgiving.
May we be renewed in his risen life,
filled with love,
and strengthened in our will to serve others.

Make our lives, we pray,
a pure and holy sacrifice,
acceptable to you,
knitting us together as one
in your Son, Jesus Christ,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to pray:

**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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread.

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.

**All: If we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

The Communion

*All those who love Jesus and are in relationship with Him
are welcome to share in Communion with us this evening.*

Communion Songs

How Beautiful

How beautiful the hands that served
The wine and the bread
And the sons of the earth
How beautiful the feet that walked
The long dusty roads
And the hill to the cross

Chorus: How beautiful how beautiful
How beautiful is the body of Christ

How beautiful the heart that bled
That took all my sin
And bore it instead
How beautiful the tender eyes
That chose to forgive
And never despise

And as He laid down His life
We offer this sacrifice
That we will live just as He died
Willing to pay the price
Willing to pay the price

How beautiful the radiant Bride
Who waits for her Groom
With His light in her eyes
How beautiful when humble hearts give
The fruit of pure lives
So that others may live

How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news
And the love of the King
How beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread
And the sons of the earth

Amazing Love

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died
And rose again

Chorus: Amazing love
 How can it be
 That You my King
 Would die for me
 Amazing love
 I know it's true
 It's my joy to honour You
 In all I do I honour You

You are my King
You are my King
Jesus You are my King
Jesus You are my King

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, source of all love,
on the night of his betrayal
Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment,
to love one another as he loved them.
Write this commandment in our hearts;
give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life for us,
yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Stripping of the Altar

Matthew 26:30-46

Please remain seated during the readings, and as the ornaments and altar cloths are removed. Once completed, the clergy and congregation leave in silence.

Psalm 22

Holy Week and Easter Services

Good Friday

Friday, March 25, 2016

11:00 AM - Good Friday Liturgy

Resurrection Sunday

Sunday, March 27, 2016

10:00 AM - Holy Communion