

ST NICOLAS GUILDFORD



MAUNDY *Thursday*

¶ Please **STAND** for the entry of the priest and **HYMN**

Great God, your love has called us here
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined,
yet seeking hope for humankind.

Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own,
not through some merit, right or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.

Words: Brian Wren

The Gathering

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

All **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you:

All **And also with you.**

Brothers and sisters, on this most holy night we enter into the three days of the celebration of our Lord's paschal victory, his death and resurrection. Those of our community who are to be baptized this Eastertide will be made one with Christ, dying to sin and rising to newness of life in him. As we begin, therefore, we receive from our bishop Andrew, the holy oils blessed and set apart for the sacramental life of our parish.

Minister The oil of the sick.

President By the laying on of hands and anointing with this oil,
and with the prayerful support of this community,
may those who are sick experience the healing presence of
Christ.

All **Amen.**

Minister The oil of baptism.

President Anointed with this oil,
and assisted by the example of this community,
may those who are to be baptized
know that Christ calls them by name
and makes them his own and shares with them his victory over
sin and the power of evil.

All **Amen.**

Minister The oil of chrism.

President Anointed with this fragrant oil,
may all who are baptized and confirmed,
all who are ordained to the service of God's people,
and this community whose house of prayer
is dedicated to God's glory,
fill the world with the sweet fragrance of Christ's gospel
and be built up as living stones into a temple
filled with the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

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

Confession

¶ Please 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.

All Lord, have mercy.

Against you only have we sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.

Christ, have mercy.

All 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.

All Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Priest 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.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

All 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 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.

All

The Liturgy of the Word

¶ Please SIT

A reading from the NEW TESTAMENT

At the end of which, the reader says,

Lector This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

¶ Please **STAND** for the **GRADUAL HYMN**

This is the Lord's command, to all who follow him,
the new command that love must be our offering,
and by this love the world shall see
how faithful can his servants be.

Teach me your ways, Lord God,
the way of gentleness, that I may service and love,
and your creation bless,
that in my life, the world shall see
your holy gift of love in me.

Words: J P Kennington (b1961)

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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.

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the Gospel:

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

¶ Please **SIT**

The Homily

The Washing of Feet

The Priest washes the feet from members of the assembled congregation.
The choir sings whilst the choir sings, Latona's Mandatum and Ubi Caritas

Congregational Response:



MANDATUM Peter Latona

I give you a new commandment, that you love
one another as I have loved you.

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Choir:

After the Lord had risen from supper, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the feet of His disciples: He left them this example. Jesus said to His disciples:

Congregational Response

Choir:

The Lord Jesus, after eating supper with his disciples, washed their feet and said to them: Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done for you? I have given you an example, that you should do likewise. Jesus said to His disciples:

Congregational Response

Choir:

Lord, are you to wash my feet?

Jesus said to him in answer:

If I do not wash your feet, you will have no share with me. Jesus said to His disciples:

Congregational Response

Choir:

So He came to Simon Peter and Peter said to hi:
Lord, are you to wash my feet? Jesus said to him in answer:
If I do not wash your feet, you will have no share with me.
What I am doing, you do not know for now,
but later you will come to know.
Lord, are you to wash my feet?
Jesus said to him in answer:
If I do not wash your feet, you will have no share with me. Jesus said to His disciples:

Congregational Response

Choir:

If I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet,
How much more should you wash each other's feet?
This is how all will know that you are my disciples:
If you have love for one another. Jesus said to His disciples:

Congregational Response

Choir:

Let faith, hope, and charity, these three, remain among you,
but the greatest of these is charity.
Now faith, hope, and charity, these three, remain;
but the greatest of these is charity. Jesus said to His disciples:

Congregational Response

At the end of the ministration, this prayer is offered:

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.

All Amen.

The Prayers of the People

¶ Please **SIT OR KNEEL**

Priest In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father through Christ the saviour of the world.
Father,
on this, the night he was betrayed,
your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet.
We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.

All Lord, hear us
and humble us.

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one.
We pray for the unity of your Church.

All Lord, hear us
and unite us.

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message.

We pray for the mission of your Church.

All Lord, hear us
and renew our zeal.

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself.

We pray for the rejected and unloved.

All Lord, hear us
and fill us with your love.

On this night, he reminded his disciples that if the world hated them it hated him first.

We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

All Lord, hear us
and give us your peace.

On this night, he accepted the cup of death
and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom.
We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ.
Lord, hear us

All and welcome all your children into paradise.

The Peace

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 with you always

All And also with you

We all may exchange a sign of peace

¶ Please **STAND** for the **OFFERTORY HYMN**

O Passover of gladness, O supper so profound!
The blood of lambs unblemished announces holy ground.
Aloud in grace and judgement, the God of freedom cries;
oppression's night is ended, and all the victims rise.

O night of dark betrayal, yet lit by love unknown;
the Son's eternal glory in humble service shown!
All things to him entrusted, he plays the simple rule;
his splendour lightly wearing he carries towel and bowl!

The bread and wine he offers: "This also you must do,
and live for one another, as I have died for you."
In this most simple action, the covenant is sealed,
and all the hopes of glory in bread and wine revealed.

Words: Michael Forster (b 1946)

During which a collection will be taken for the work of the church and good causes. Consider using the Giving envelope so we can be tax efficient or do ask about using the cordless payment machine.

Priest Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord is here
All **His Spirit is with us.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Priest 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;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end:

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.

¶ Please SIT or KNEEL

Priest 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,
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.
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.

All Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

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 Our Lady, Nicolas, George,
 Benedict and 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.

All

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
in 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 Fracture

Priest 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.

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.

*You are welcome to make your communion. Sidespeople will guide you.
Anyone baptised may receive the Eucharist.*

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion HYMN

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.

All

The Stripping of the Sanctuary

The Altar and the sanctuary are stripped bare.

The Priest makes their way to the Altar of Repose in the Chapel of St George.

Please make your way to the Chapel of St. George in SILENCE.

The Blessed Sacrament is on the altar and venerated there in the Garden of Gethsemane.

During the stripping, these verses from Lamentations are sung by the Rector

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people!
How like a widow she has become,
she that was great among the nations!
She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her.
Choir **Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals;
all her gates are desolate, her priests groan;
her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.
Her children have gone away, captives before the foe.
Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.
Choir **Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

From on high he sent fire; it went deep into my bones;
he spread a net for my feet; he turned me back;
he has left me stunned, faint all day long.
For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears;
for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage;
my children are desolate, for the enemy has prevailed.
Choir **Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

All who pass along the way clap their hands at you;
they hiss and wag their heads at daughter Jerusalem;
'Is this the city that was called the perfection of beauty,
the joy of all the earth?' The thought of my affliction and
homelessness is wormwood and gall.

Choir Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore I will hope in him.'
The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

Choir Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.
It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,
to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it,
to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),
to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.
For the Lord will not reject for ever.

Choir Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

Once the priest and people are gathered in the chapel of St George at the Altar of Repose, Psalms 22 and 88 are sung and after a period of silence the dismissal Gospel is read.

¶ Remain SEATED or kneeling

The Dismissal Gospel

When the disciples had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prayed to the Father, 'If it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me.' He said to his disciples, 'How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me for one hour? The hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinners.'

Priest Christ was obedient unto death. Go in His peace.