

# St Edward, King and Martyr



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MAUNDY THURSDAY

## The Welcome and Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

## Preparation

*(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*

## Confession

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.  
*All* **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.**

## Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ...

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 13:1 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.

John 13:2 The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper

John 13:3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God,

John 13:4 got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.

John 13:5 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.

John 13:6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

John 13:7 Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

John 13:8 Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."

John 13:9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

John 13:10 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."

John 13:11 For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

John 13:12 ¶ 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?"

John 13:13 You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am.

John 13:14 So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

John 13:15 For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done

to you.

John 13:16 Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them.

John 13:17 If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

John 13:31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

John 13:32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

John 13:33 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.'

John 13:34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

John 13:35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon

## Washing of Feet/anointing with water

(we sing: *Stay with me, remain here with me. Watch and pray.*)

## Prayer

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.**

## Prayers of intercession

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.

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. 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. 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. 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. 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  
**and welcome all your children into paradise. Amen**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
*All* **And also with you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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

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

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

And now we give you thanks because, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; and on the night before he suffered, sitting at table with his disciples, he instituted these holy mysteries, that we,

redeemed by his death and restored to life by his resurrection, might be partakers of his divine nature.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels forever praising you and singing:

*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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He 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.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

*Christ is the bread of life:*

*All* **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,

gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All* Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

*All* 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.  
And 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 forever.  
Amen.

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

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

*All* Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.

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.

Prayer after communion

*All* 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 Stripping of the Sanctuary

### Dismissal

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.' Christ was obedient unto death. Go in his peace.

*(Please remain in silence for some time after the service)*

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