

# Maundy Thursday Reflection 1.4.2021

## Welcome

Let us pray:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

**Because by your holy cross  
You have redeemed the world**

Heavenly Father, as we prepare to journey with Jesus to the last supper,  
on to Gethsemane and ultimately to the cross,  
prepare our hearts that we might hear the story of your loving redemption afresh.

On this night we remember  
how Jesus took the role of a humble servant,  
washing his friend's feet  
to prepare them for what was about to happen.  
In doing so, Jesus demonstrated  
how he was to become a servant to the whole world on the cross.

Lord, help us to enter fully into the darkness of the coming days,  
not running from it,  
but sitting in all its discomfort,  
so that we will appreciate more deeply  
the joy and light that Sunday brings.

**Amen**

## Song – Here is Love

Here is love vast as the ocean  
Loving kindness as the flood  
When the Prince of life our ransom  
Shed for us his precious blood  
Who his love will not remember  
Who can cease to sing his praise  
He can never be forgotten  
Throughout heaven's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion  
Fountains opened deep and wide  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide  
Grace and love like mighty rivers  
Poured incessant from above  
And heaven's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love

## Bible Reading – John 13:1-11

13 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.

<sup>2</sup> The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup> got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!'

<sup>10</sup> 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.' <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

## **Reflection**

### **Prayers**

Lord Jesus, you entered the garden of fear  
and faced the agony of your impending death:  
be with those who share that agony  
and face death unwillingly this day.  
You shared our fear and knew the weakness of our humanity:  
give strength and hope to the dispirited and despairing.  
to you, Jesus, who sweated blood  
be honour and glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen**

**Holy God**

**Holy and strong**

**Holy and immortal,**

**Have mercy upon us.**

Let us pray for the coming of God's Kingdom in the words our saviour taught us.

**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.**

Most merciful God,  
Who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:

grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and forever.

**Amen**

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
because by your holy cross  
you have redeemed the world.**

Christ was manifested in the body,  
vindicated in the spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the nations  
believed in throughout the world,  
glorified in high heaven.

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
because by your holy cross  
you have redeemed the world.**

May God bless us,  
that in us may be found love and humility,  
obedience and thanksgiving,  
discipline, gentleness and peace

**Amen**

**The Gospel of the Watch** Luke: 22:31-62

At the end:  
Christ was obedient unto death. Go in his peace

*The service concludes in darkness and silence.*