

The United Benefice of
Atlow, Bradley, Hognaston, Hulland and Kniveton



Maundy Thursday

Instructions for how to access the service:

At approx 7.25pm from your land line or mobile dial this number:

0333 1133 850

Listen to the welcome message and then input the room number:

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Then you will be asked to input the PIN number, which is:

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Welcome to this service for Maundy Thursday

On the first 'Maundy Thursday' there were many events which led up to Jesus' arrest. This service has been designed to help us reflect on some of those happenings. It may help us to prepare to remember the events of the following day.

As you look through the order of service you will see that there are opportunities for quiet reflection, with some questions to prompt your thoughts. A couple of minutes of silence will be left to help us pause and reflect.

May we be united with Christ as we remember his body, broken and his blood, shed for us.

Welcome

The minister greets the people

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you

All and also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

Invitation to confession

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.

cf John 14.15; 13.8

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.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

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

Let us pray that we may love one another as Christ has loved us.

Silence is kept.

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.

All Amen.

Reading: John 13:1-17

For reflection after the reading:

- Try and imagine how embarrassed the disciples would have been when Jesus began to wash their feet. How would you have reacted if you had been there?
- "You also should wash one another's feet". What does that mean for you? Whose 'feet' are you being called to 'wash'?

Song: Love each other (Based on John 13 34-35)

(We listen to this song being sung by Graham Kendrick)

All the room was hushed and still
And when the bowl was filled
He stooped to wash their feet
And when it was complete, he said

This is what I'm asking you to do
This is why I'm kneeling here beside you
This is what I want my church to be
This is what I want the world to see

*Who it is you follow
Love each other
One another
Love each other
In the way that I have loved you
Walk together
And whatever comes
Love each other
In the way that I have loved you*

Let the room be hushed and still
Let us go to where he kneels
And join him as he serves
And learn his ways of love

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For reflection after the song:

- "As I have loved you..." How did Jesus show his love for us?
- "...so you must love one another." In what ways can we, and do we show love for each other?
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Reading: Matt 26:20-29 The last supper.

At the end of this reading, the priest will consume the bread and wine. If you have any at home, you may consume it now. You may pray the following prayer:

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given us,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for us.
Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally,
We ask you to come spiritually into our hearts.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen**

Reading: Matt 26:36-46 Gethsemane.

Silence

Prayers:

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

All 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

All 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

All 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

All 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

All 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.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.
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.**

Song From heaven you came

From heaven you came helpless babe
Entered our world, your glory veiled
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live

*This is our God, The Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to The Servant King*

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load he chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
'Yet not My will but Yours, ' He said

Come see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered

So let us learn how to serve
and in our lives enthrone Him,
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

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