

**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 1st 2021**



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**Opening**

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

**And also, with you.**

**Sentence**

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

*John 13.34*

**Collect**

O God, your Son Jesus Christ has left to us this meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and his 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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Reading**

EXODUS 12:1-4 (5-10), 11-14;

PSALM 116:1, 10-17;

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26;

JOHN 13:1-17, 31B-35

## Reflection for Maundy Thursday from AD Rick Jones

Today is the beginning of the three days in Holy Week called the Triduum, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. These are the last days of Jesus life, death and new life. This is Jesus' last night of freedom with his disciples. He knows that this will be the night of his arrest and we can only imagine that this is really a significant time, during which he is going to impress on them the most important teachings.

So, what happens? As was his way Jesus likes to teach over a meal. Using the bread and wine, he shows them a ritual with prayers that gives thanks for his life and teaching. We call it the Holy Eucharist (Thanksgiving) and then he gives them a New Commandment, "That you love one another, as I have loved you." John 13:34 This seems a bit strange because, as devout Jews, they already have the Great Commandment, "to love God and their neighbours as themselves." Why is Jesus saying this is something New? I think he is trying to make this commandment real by restating it in terms of his own life and actions. Abstract ideas are great but real person doing something is always more compelling. "Love each other AS I HAVE loved you." For the rest of his time with them he will be SHOWING them what that love looks like when applied in the real world and in the worst of situations.

He illustrates what his love looks like, the essence of his teaching. He washes his disciple's feet, as a servant, not lording it over them but serving them. This is another parable that he is acting out. If you want to love you must be willing to serve, to put the needs of others ahead of your own. This truly doesn't come naturally for us, and is another one of Jesus' seemingly impossible demands, like loving our neighbours and even our enemies! Yet here it is folks; this is Jesus last real message to his followers.

Jesus will now in the last hours of his life act out this commandment and show the world the power of love and acceptance even unto death. No where in scripture can we find that God wanted, or needed Jesus to die, especially as some kind of blood sacrifice to atone for sin. This is, and always was, a complete distortion of Jesus "sacrifice". Rome and the religious elite chose to put Jesus to death for their own reasons. Jesus, by not meeting violence with violence, shows the power of unconditional love, even of our enemies! Violence always begets violence, even when people think that if they can only scapegoat someone that they fear or hate, they will somehow be better or happier or safer. This is a story as old as time, and it continues in the retaliatory violence, social tribalism, and racism of our own time acted out on CNN or the CBC. Jesus acts out the unconditional love of nonviolence and for a moment Rome and the Religious elite think they have won. But the ultimate lesson of Easter is that the unconditional love shown by Jesus, and by God, will always be the most powerful force in life. We will see this drama unfold over the next two days but I am challenging you to forget about what you think you know about Good Friday and Easter and look at the story from Jesus' point of view, the view that embodies actions of unconditional love.

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## Prayers for Maundy Thursday from Anne Gagan

*(I acknowledge help from "Praying the Scriptures")*

Brothers and sisters, the Spirit of God dwells in you. Let us appeal to our God, saying,  
"We call to you, O Lord; Lord, hear our voice."

Have mercy on your Church, O Lord, for the times we have denied you. We have not been humble as you are.

Where our hope is lost, our bones dried up, cause your life giving breathe to enter  
Give us confidence in the truth that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us.  
We give thanks for your great blessings to us, Lord. Your answers to our prayers, Bread on the table, Friends-----

*If you have thoughts of things your thankful for -- speak now then Pause in peace*

"We call to you, O Lord; Lord, hear our voice."

Many are they who wait for you, O Lord.

Speak into the souls of those suffering throughout the world, a word of hope.

*Pause in peace*

"We call to you, O Lord; Lord, hear our voice."

Creating God, it is the wind of your Spirit that sweeps across this planet.

Renew and refresh your creation; bring forth newness in dead places.

*Pause in peace*

"We call to you, O Lord; Lord, hear our voice."

With you, O Lord, there is plenteous redemption.

Restore the hope of this county.

Renew our trust that you have a life-giving future in mind for us.

*Pause in peace*

"We call to you, O Lord; Lord, hear our voice."

With you, O Lord, there is mercy.

Consider well the voice of those who call out from their depths.

As they wait for you in their pain and sorrow, give life to their mortal bodies by your healing Spirit.

Remember especially: - All those on our prayer lists and *any known to you.*

*Pause in peace*

"We call to you, O Lord; Lord, hear our voice."

God, we trust your Son Jesus to be for us resurrection and life.

Give to the dead your life.

Assure the living with the promise of resurrection.

*Pause in peace*

"We call to you, O Lord; Lord, hear our voice."

Holy and Merciful God, open your ears to our call; listen to the cries of our hearts.

Accept our prayers and answer them according to your good and perfect will, as you do,

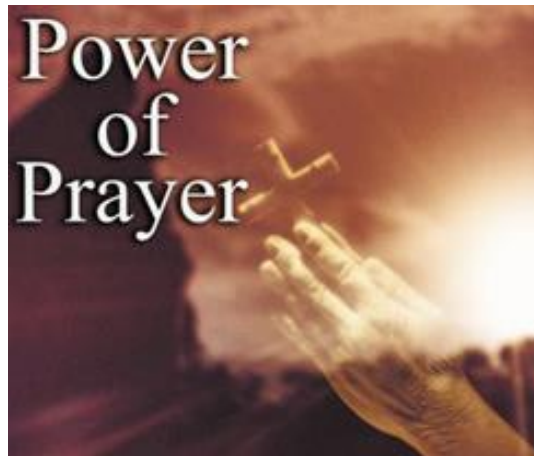
In the name of Jesus, the Lord of glory, we pray. **AMEN**

We pray for: - Todd our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Mark National Indigenous Archbishop, Martinez Bishop of Amazonia. AD Rick Jones, Rev. Enrique Martinez, Rev. Jack Cox

For the week beginning Sunday March 28, 2021, we will be praying for the **Rev. Rosalyn Elm** and the people of the **Parish of the Six Nations**.

We pray for our shut-ins at home, hospital and in local nursing homes. We especially remember: June, Shirley, Iris, Julie, David, John, Anna and Jack B.

We pray for the ones who have asked for your healing touch upon their lives: Betty F., Don G., Franz and Elaine Z., Steven K., Rebecca M., Trista P., Bill MC., Dwayne M. and Andrea B., Susan A., Olivia H., Karen M., Delores B., Dale & David F, Rose G, Eric, Julie, Janice S., Barbara S., Ian M. and his family and anyone known to you. Amen.



It is important that we keep the prayer list and shut-in list up to date. If you know of any changes to these lists can you please email Anne at [ljbparishsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ljbparishsecretary@gmail.com) or Enrique at [enrique6921@hotmail.com](mailto:enrique6921@hotmail.com)

If you know of anyone that has asked you to pray for them during this pandemic, we will put on the prayer list for a month.

### **Prayer of Confession**

Search us O God and know our hearts today  
Try us and know our anxious thoughts,  
see if there are any hurtful ways in us  
and lead us in your loving and life-giving Way

### **Words of Assurance**

God knows our secret fears, ignorance & selfish ways.  
God forgives, forgive yourself, forgive others  
Amen

### **Closing Prayer**

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you today, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord, Amen

### **Doxology**

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Please click on the link to watch this week's video**

<https://youtu.be/ICS-WbrP90k>

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Due to the ever-present threat of COVID-19 in our area. It has been decided to suspend all church services immediately, until further notice.

If you have anything you would like to contribute or comment on, regarding the newsletter, please do not hesitate to let Rev Enrique or myself know.

Any birthdays in April – Let me know for the newspaper. We can celebrate you and add some facts that happened on that day in history. I don't need your year of birth, just the month and date. Of course, if you have a special age birthday and want to celebrate it just let me know. If you are interested in the birthday section please send me details.

#### **Part Time Employment Opportunity:**

We are looking for an Organist for Local Anglican Services- Our group enjoys singing a variety of styles of music. Organ is manual digital with full pedal board. Standard payroll. If you or anyone you know may be interested please send resume to [enrique6921@hotmail.com](mailto:enrique6921@hotmail.com)

Any questions 519-586-3401

**CELEBRATE :**

**MOTHER'S DAY**

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16.00 EA**



**MOTHER'S DAY**

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## Sing along to this morning's hymns



### **Hymn Texts – Maundy Thursday, April 1**

#### **500 – Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant**

1. Sister, 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.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road;  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Brother, 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.

#### **57 – Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist**

1. Thou, who at thy first eucharist didst pray that all thy church might be forever one,  
Grant us at every eucharist to say with longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."  
O may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity.
2. For all thy church, O Lord, we intercede: make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;  
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead, by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace.  
Thus may we all on bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity.
3. So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease, may we be one with all thy church above,  
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace, one with thy saints in one unbounded love;  
More blessed still, in peace and love to be one with the Trinity in Unity.

Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.  
Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**At this extraordinary time if you wish a telephone visit please call Enrique. If you have any other announcements or news contact Anne Halls at the contacts below.**

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