



**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
BANGALORE**

Maundy Thursday

**ORDER OF SERVICE
14 APRIL 2022**

MAUNDY THURSDAY
EUCHARIST: COMMUNION OF SUFFERING HUMANITY
APRIL 10, 2022
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ORDER OF SERVICE

Presbyter: 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.

HYMN

Here O my Lord, I see Thee face to face,
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

I have no help but Thine, nor do I need,
Another arm save Thine to lean upon;
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed —
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness,
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge and my peace —
Thy blood, Thy righteousness O Lord, my God.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Presbyter

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.

Presbyter: 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.

Presbyter: Against you only have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Presbyter: 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

Presbyter: 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. **Amen.**

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 always with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Presbyter: The Peace of God be with you

All: And also with you.

(All exchange a sign of peace through the gesture of Namaskara)

THE COLLECT: Holy God, we thank You for Your Son who is the Bread of life and the blood of new covenant. We thank You for the holy table which symbolizes the transformative power of Your sacrifice. Equip us with Your Holy Spirit to weave the threads of harmony and communion with all the suffering humanity and creation as we partake in Your Eucharistic meal, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit now and forever more. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT: EXODUS 12: 01-17

EPISTLE: 1 CORINTHIANS 11: 23-34

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14: 17-25

CHORUS: Spirit of the Living God

MESSAGE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, the Father, almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Presbyter: The Lord be with you

Cong: **And with your spirit**

Presbyter: Lord have mercy upon us

Cong: **Christ, have mercy upon us**

Presbyter: Lord, have mercy upon us.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS :

Presbyter: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on this night he was betrayed; yet he washed his disciples' feet. Let us pray that the Church may be committed to follow his example of humility, love and service. Lord, hear us

All: And humble us to serve you.

Presbyter: On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church as one Body. Lord, hear us

All: And unite us in your body.

Presbyter: On this night, he prayed for strength to overcome his agony because of our sins. We pray for those who need strength to overcome their oppression and agony.

Lord, hear us.

All: And give them strength.

Presbyter: On this night, he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for those who are discriminated, rejected and unloved because of caste, race, status, etc.

Lord, hear us.

All: And fill us with your love and respect for one another.

Presbyter: 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.

Presbyter: 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.
Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. **Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presbyter: How very good and pleasant it is when people of God live together in unity! We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Cong: Now I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

OFFERTORY HYMN

According to Thy gracious word,
In meek humility,
This will I do, my dying Lord:
I will remember Thee.

Thy body, broken for my sake,
My bread from heav'n shall be;
Thy testamental cup I take,
And thus remember Thee.

When to the cross I turn mine eyes
And rest on Calvary,
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice,
I must remember Thee.

Remember Thee and all Thy pains
And all Thy love to me;
Yea, while a breath, a pulse remains,
Will I remember Thee.

And when these failing lips grow dumb
And mind and mem'ry flee,
When Thou shalt in Thy kingdom come,
Jesus, remember me !

Presbyter: O God you have given us a new and living way to offer ourselves to you. Though unworthy, we come to you as we are, by that way, your Son, Jesus of Nazareth; and in his name we ask you to accept and use us, and these gifts however it best pleases you.

All that is created is yours and everything that we can offer already belongs to you. **Amen.**

Presbyter: May we all together say the prayer of the presence:

Cong: Be present, be present, O Jesus you good High Priest, as you were in the midst of your disciples and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. Amen.

Presbyter: The Lord be with you:

Cong: And also with you.

Presbyter: Lift up your hearts.

Cong: We lift them up to the Lord.

Presbyter: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Cong: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presbyter: Truly it is right and good to glorify you at all times and in all places, by offering you our thanksgiving O Lord, Holy Father. You spoke and the light shattered darkness, order arose from confusion. You breathed into the dust of the earth and we were formed in your image. Through your Son, our Lord Jesus, you came to us while we wandered. He met us as a refugee, a threatened child. He called us by name to leave what is comfortable to be his disciples, friends, and partners. With his outstretched arms on the cross, and through his death he bore our sins and through his resurrection we are saved. And through your Holy Spirit you brood over chaos that we create, mothering us and shaping a new creation. You enlighten everyone coming into the world. You inspired the prophets and the apostles to find

the right word at the right time. You liberate, equip and commission your people for the continuance of your mission to make everything new.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we proclaim and say your glory:

Cong: 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.

Presbyter: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night, in which he was betrayed, took bread and when he had given thanks to you, 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.

The same way after supper, he took the cup and when he had given 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, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

Cong: Lord we commemorate your death on the cross, we celebrate your resurrection, and we await your coming.

Presbyter: Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him. May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the

breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all people will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty Father, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Presbyter: As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All: We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies and souls may be made clean by his most precious body and blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

Presbyter: When we break the bread, do we not share in the body of Christ?

Cong: **We seek to share your life, gracious God.**

Presbyter: When we lift the cup, do we not share in the life blood of Christ?

Cong: **We seek to share your life, gracious God.**

Cong: **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

The words of administration

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the true vine.

Presbyter: Having now by faith received the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, let us give thanks.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Merciful God of all creation, Holy Father, of all people, who through our Lord Jesus Christ, united all things in his fullness.

We join your whole creation, in exultant praise of your bountiful goodness. You have now touched us with new life, and filled us with new hope, that your reign will come, the hungry will be fed, that the oppressed will be set free from evil, that your reconciling work will be done, that love and

faithfulness will meet together, that justice and peace will kiss each other, and the whole creation will be filled with your glory. Amen.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be and unto our God forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN :

Just as I am Thine own to be
Friend of the young who lovest me
To consecrate myself to Thee
O Jesus Christ, I come.

In the glad morning of my day
My life to give, my vows to pay
With no reserve and no delay
With all my heart I come.

I would live ever in the light
I would work ever for the right
I would serve Thee with all my might
Therefore to Thee I come.

Just as I am, young, strong, and free
To be the best that I can be
For truth, and righteousness and Thee
Lord of my life, I come

Presbyter: The Lord be with you

Cong: And also with you.

Presbyter: Let us depart in peace

Cong: In the name of the Father. Amen.