

# ST PETER & ST PAUL'S CHURCH, AYLESFORD



## Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday

1st April 2021, 8pm

### Welcome and Gathering

#### Hymn

An upper room did our Lord prepare  
for those he loved until the end:  
and his disciples still gather there,  
to celebrate their risen friend.

A lasting gift Jesus gave his own,  
to share his bread, his loving cup.  
Whatever burdens may bow us down,  
he by his cross shall lift us up.

And after supper he washed their feet,  
for service, too, is sacrament.  
In him our joy shall be made complete  
sent out to serve, as he was sent.

No end there is! We depart in peace.  
He loves beyond our uttermost:  
in every room in our Father's house  
he will be there, as Lord and host.

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for those he loved until the end:  
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to celebrate their risen friend.

*Fred Pratt Green*

### Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Prayers of Penitence

#### Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

#### 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*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

### The Liturgy of the Word

#### Music

A new commandment  
*Richard Shephard*

A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

*John 13.34-35*

#### First Reading

*1 Corinthians 11.23-26*

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Music

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*Richard Shephard*

#### Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 13.1-17,31b-35*

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You do not realise now what I am doing, but later you will understand." "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### Music

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#### Sermon

#### The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

#### Prayers of Intercession

*Response:*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your  
Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### The Liturgy of the Sacrament

##### 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.'

*cf John 14.27*

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

##### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

... praising your holy name in the unending hymn.

**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.**

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

... one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

I break this bread and take this cup so  
that we all share in the life of Christ.  
**God's gifts for all God's people.**

## Preparation

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

Be known to us in breaking bread,  
But do not then depart;  
Saviour, abide with us, and spread  
Your table in our heart.

*James Montgomery*

## Silence

## Prayer after Communion

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.**

## Sending

### Anthem

God so loved the world  
*John Stainer*

God so loved the world that he gave  
his only begotten Son, that whosoever  
believeth in him should not perish, but  
have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world  
to condemn the world, but that the world  
through him might be saved.

*From John 3. 16-17*

### A sending out prayer and blessing

May Christ, who accepted the cup of  
sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will,  
keep you steadfast as you walk with him  
the way of his cross.

This night is our calling to go into the  
world, scattered to the ends of the earth  
to love as Christ loved and serve in the  
name of Christ.

It is our calling to remember, even in our  
darkest hour, who we are.

We remember that Christ is always with  
us.

And we remember that on this night, we  
were taught how to love.

On this night, eternity begins and the fullness of God's reign begins to spill into our lives.

So go into the world to give yourself for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Go into the world and love in the name of the One who loved you until the end.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you and with all those you love and miss, this day and always. **Amen.**

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