



Maundy Thursday 2020 Evening Prayer from Lindisfarne

Opening

Today Jesus shares his last Passover Supper with his friends. Today he washes their feet and calls them to love as he loves, even to lay down their lives. Today he is betrayed by his friend, and wracked by the weight of impending gloom. Today he prays that we will unite ourselves around him.

Leader: Today the shadow of greed fell upon the ungodly Judas and he handed over you, the just judge of all, to unjust judges intent on their own ends. See how love of money destroys what is good. See how, because of money, the betrayer hangs himself and the Creator is led captive to the slaughter.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Bible Reading

Mark 14:12-26

The Last Supper

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me."

They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely you don't mean me?"

"It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me."

The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."

Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. "Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Silence

Night Vigil

Tonight our hearts are heavy. Our Christ has given love exquisitely. In his tiredness he has washed the tired feet of his friends. In his generosity he has given bread to his betrayer. In his prophetic provision he has, with bread and wine, bequeathed a sacrament that makes him always present to us. In his prayers he has placed the church of every time and place into the Divine heart. In his bitter anguish in the garden he has fought with demons and with doubt. He has been led away captive, to be mocked and tried. He will not sleep this night and he calls us to watch and pray. He said, I give you a new command: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. No one has greater love than to lay down their lives for another.

Jesus, we love you. We will lay down our lives for one another.

The Lord's Prayer

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 forever.

Amen

Jesus says to his friends:

My heart is breaking with grief, stay with me, watch with me and pray with me.

Lord, we will stay with you, we will watch with you, we will pray with you.

Anguish and dismay came over Jesus. He fell prostrate to the ground, and he prayed: My heart is breaking with grief, stay with me, watch with me and pray with me.

Lord, we will stay with you, we will watch with you, we will pray with you.

Later Jesus said:

Now my hour has come. The Son of humankind is betrayed into the hands of sinful people.

My heart is breaking with grief, stay with me, watch with me and pray with me.

Lord, we will stay with you, we will watch with you, we will pray with you.

Evening or Night

The angel passed over the homes of the God-followers. The fleeing people passed over the sea. In their extremity you reached down to them, Lord.

Blessed be the God of eternal covenant.

The Christ walked the land doing works of mercy. The tyrants dragged him to the gate of death

In his extremity he called out to you and you heard him.

Blessed be the God of eternal covenant.

O Christ, help us to become one with you. In your weakness, teach us the grace of acceptance. In your betrayal, teach us the grace of forgiveness. In your trials, teach us the grace of trust. In your defenceless love, teach us the grace of self-giving.

Blessed be the God of eternal covenant

Closing

Father, look upon your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to undergo betrayal and torture.

Forgive our unfaithfulness. Cure us of our sins. Restore our unity.

Strengthen us to walk the way of the cross until we come to the place of resurrection. **Amen**

Common Prayer from the Community of St Aidan & St Hilda, Lindisfarne.