

'This is a Night to Remember'

Maundy Thursday Service



Call to worship

This is a night to remember.
We remember the Passover
Jesus shared with His disciples.
We remember His new covenant
of broken bread and cup.
We remember His night alone
in the garden in prayer.
We remember His arrest and trial.
We remember His suffering
and the denial of His friend.
We remember His sinless hands
which were spread wide in blessing
and then nailed high on a cross
to cancel our sins.
We remember this night and
thank God for Jesus' presence with us.

Music Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.

(The London Fox Choir and London Fox Players)

Opening Prayer

God of love and light, in this time of fear,
give us your peace.
In this time of isolation,
give us your presence.
In this time of sickness,
give us your healing.
In this time of uncertainty,
give us your wisdom.
In this time of darkness,
shine your light upon us all.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Confession

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.**

Absolution

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.**

Collect

God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ
was obedient to the end
and drank the cup prepared for him:
may we watch with him
through the night of suffering and be
faithful. **Amen.**

Reading(s)

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

John 13.1-17, 31b-35

Music Kyrie Eleison

*Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison*

*Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.*

(The London Fox Choir and London Fox Players)

Meditation:

A Night for Remembering

Music Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take
heart.

(Taize)

Intercessions

Let us pray to God,
who alone makes us dwell in safety:

For all who are affected by
coronavirus,
through illness or isolation or anxiety,
that they may find relief and recovery:
May we be alert to their needs,
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are guiding our nation
at this time,
and shaping national policies,
that they may make wise decisions:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For doctors, nurses, medical
researchers, and key workers,
that through their skill and insights
and help many will be restored to
health and wholeness:
Bless each one of them,
that they may be a blessing to others.
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the vulnerable and the fearful,
for the gravely ill and the dying,
and for those who mourn,
that they may know your comfort
and peace:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord God, You sent your Son into
the world,
And before his hour had come,
he washed his disciples' feet.
You had given all things into his hands.
He had come from you, and was going
to you, and what did he do?
He knelt down on the floor,
and washed his friends' feet.
He was their teacher and their Lord,
yet he washed their feet.
Lord God, help us learn from his
example;
Help us to do as he has done for us.
The world will know we are his
disciples if we love one another.
Strengthen our hands and our wills for
love and for service.
Keep before our eyes the image of

your Son, Who, being God, became a
Servant for our sake.
All glory be to him who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer



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*(The London Fox Choir and London Fox
Players)*

Final Prayers

We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our
own safety:
We are people who protect our
neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are, whatever it costs
For as long as it takes,
wherever you call us.

*(Barbara Glasson, President of the
Methodist Conference)*

Remain in peace. May Jesus Christ,
who for our sake became obedient
unto death, even death on a cross,
keep you and strengthen you
this night and for ever. **Amen.**

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who leads me into life.

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Players)*