

**ST ANDREWS CHURCH MOSCOW**  
**THE LITURGY OF MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**17<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.**



**CALL TO WORSHIP**

This evening, we come to embrace the power of humble service  
**All – Christ, teach us to honour the spirit of our neighbour.**  
Tonight, we come to embrace with gratitude the offering of service.  
**All – In our worship, let us join together to glorify God..**

**Processional Hymn:** 550 – Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven

**THE GATHERING**

**THE GREETING**

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

## **PRAYERS OF PENITENCE** (*All Sit or Kneel*)

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.*

Have mercy on us, O God, in your great goodness;  
according to the abundance of your compassion  
blot out our offences.

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

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

Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean;  
wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.

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

## **ABSOLUTION**

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.**

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **THE COLLECT**

Let us pray that we may love one another as Christ has loved us.

*Silence is kept.*

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** *(All Sit)*

#### **First Reading: Exodus 12: 1-14: The Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread**

12: The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. <sup>4</sup>If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with

their nearest neighbour, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. <sup>5</sup> The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. <sup>6</sup> Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. <sup>7</sup> Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. <sup>8</sup> That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. <sup>9</sup> Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. <sup>10</sup> Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. <sup>11</sup> This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.

<sup>12</sup> “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. <sup>14</sup> This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD - a lasting ordinance.”

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: 116: 1, 10-end**

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

<sup>10</sup> I trusted in the Lord when I said, ‘I am greatly afflicted’;

<sup>11</sup> in my alarm I said, ‘Everyone is a liar.’

<sup>12</sup> What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me?

<sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

- <sup>14</sup> I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.  
<sup>15</sup> Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.  
<sup>16</sup> Truly I am your servant, Lord; I serve you just as my mother did;  
you have freed me from my chains.  
<sup>17</sup> I will sacrifice a thank-offering to you  
and call on the name of the Lord.  
<sup>18</sup> I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,  
<sup>19</sup> in the courts of the house of the Lord – in your midst, Jerusalem.  
Praise the Lord.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen**

### **Second Reading: I Corinthians 11:23-26**

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,<sup>24</sup> 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.” <sup>25</sup> 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.” <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

**Gradual Hymn - 445 – Meekness and Majesty**

### **Gospel Reading**

*This acclamation may herald the Gospel reading*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:

Love one another as I have loved you.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **John 13:1-17, 31b-35: Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet**

<sup>1</sup>3 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.

<sup>2</sup>2 The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup>3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup>4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup>5 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.

<sup>6</sup>6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>8 "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." <sup>9</sup>9 "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" <sup>10</sup>10 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." <sup>11</sup>11 For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

<sup>12</sup>12 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. <sup>13</sup>13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup>16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

“Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. <sup>34</sup> A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** (*All Sit*)

### **THE WASHING OF FEET**

*The president may wash the feet of some people.*

*A hymn, an anthem or a psalm may be sung during the washing of feet.*

*The washing of feet may end with this prayer*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **SHARING OF A MEAL TOGETHER**

**THE CREED** (*All Stand*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *(All Sit Or Kneel)*

At the end of the prayers

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

#### **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

##### **THE PEACE** *(All Stand)*

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  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Offertory Hymn: 222 - God whose love is all around us**



## **PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

At the eucharist we are with our crucified and risen Lord. We know that it was not only our ancestors, but we who were redeemed and brought forth from bondage to freedom, from mourning to feasting.

We know that as he was with them in the upper room, so our Lord is here with us now.

**Until the kingdom of God comes let us celebrate this feast.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,  
you bring forth bread from the earth.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,  
you create the fruit of the vine.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*You may wish to sit or remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer.*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

(or)

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.**

It is indeed right to give you thanks,  
Father most holy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
For on this night he girded himself with a towel  
and, taking the form of a servant,  
washed the feet of his disciples.  
He gave us a new commandment

that we should love one another as he has loved us.  
Knowing that his hour had come,  
in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples  
to be a memorial of his passion,  
that we might proclaim his death until he comes again,  
and feast with him in his kingdom.  
Therefore earth unites with heaven  
to sing a new song of praise;  
we too join with angels and archangels  
as they proclaim your glory without end:

**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.**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,  
who, in your tender mercy,  
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;  
who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered  
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction  
for the sins of the whole world;  
he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,  
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,  
and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,  
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,  
in remembrance of his death and passion,  
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,

took bread and gave you thanks;  
he 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.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you 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 as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,  
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,  
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension  
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death,  
and through faith in his blood,  
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins  
and all other benefits of his passion.  
Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,  
to offer you any sacrifice,  
yet we pray that you will accept this  
the duty and service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,  
and fill us all who share in this holy communion  
with your grace and heavenly blessing;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

### **THE AGNUS DEI**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

*The president and people receive communion.*

*Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies*  
**Amen.**

*All who would normally receive Communion in another Christian Church are welcome to do so here today. If you prefer, you may receive only BREAD. **Please do not INTINCT (dip your wafer in the wine).** If you do not wish to receive Communion, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing; please carry your service sheet or keep your hands folded in front of you so that the minister/s will know that is your desire. Please follow the directions of the stewards as you come to the rail.*

*During the distribution hymns or anthems may be sung.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Silence is kept.*

*The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said*

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.**

**THE CONCLUSION** *All Stand*)

### **THE STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY**

*The holy table and the sanctuary may be stripped bare. During the stripping, Psalm 22, Psalm 88, another psalm, or these or other verses from Lamentations may be used.*

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people!  
How like a widow she has become,  
she that was great among the nations!  
She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks;  
among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her.  
**Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals;  
all her gates are desolate, her priests groan;  
her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.  
Her children have gone away, captives before the foe.  
Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?  
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.  
**Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

From on high he sent fire; it went deep into my bones;  
he spread a net for my feet; he turned me back;  
he has left me stunned, faint all day long.  
For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears;  
for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage;  
my children are desolate, for the enemy has prevailed.  
**Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

All who pass along the way clap their hands at you;  
they hiss and wag their heads at daughter Jerusalem;  
'Is this the city that was called the perfection of beauty,  
the joy of all the earth?'

The thought of my affliction and homelessness is wormwood and  
gall.

**Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,  
'therefore I will hope in him.'

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

**Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,  
to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it,  
to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),  
to give one's cheek to the smiter and be filled with insults.  
For the Lord will not reject for ever.

**Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**