

Maundy Thursday

2nd April 2026
7pm

Welcome to Saint John's Finch Street at the heart of the East Malvern community. This iconic sandstone church is home to a welcoming and hospitable community committed to the worship of God in beauty and holiness in the classical Anglican tradition as well as loving and joyful outreach as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday

8:00am: Eucharist (Saint John's)
9:30am: Choral Eucharist (Saint John's)
9:30am: Sung Eucharist (Saint Agnes')
6:00pm: Choral Evensong
(Saint John's, First Sunday)
6:00pm: Evensong & Benediction
(Saint John's, Third Sunday)

Weekday Eucharists

10:00am: Tuesday (Saint Agnes')
10:15am: Friday (Saint John's)

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We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians of this place and their stewardship of the land that now sustains us all and on which we worship the God of all Reconciliation and Hope

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The symbol ✠ indicates where the Sign of the Cross is customarily made. The Mass Setting sung by the choir this evening is by Harold Darke in E.

Please stand when the bells are rung.

HYMN

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

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

Frederick Pratt Green (1903-2000)
TIS 536

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

**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.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: 'If you love me, keep my commandments' and 'Unless I wash you, you have no part in me.'

Let us confess to almighty God our sins against his heart of love and ask him to cleanse us.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

♫ **Kyrie eleison.**

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
✠ pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all
goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

♪ Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace,
good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, *here it is customary to make a slight bow*
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee
for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son,
Jesu Christ; *here it is customary to make a slight bow*
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
Here it is customary to bow for the duration of the words 'receive our prayer'
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God
the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, art most high
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them: write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Exodus

[12.1-4, 11-14]

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

[116:1-2, 11-18]

I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:
the voice of my supplication;

Because he inclined his ear to me:
in the day that I called to him.

How shall I repay the Lord:
for all his benefits to me?

I will take up the cup of salvation:
and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people.

Grievous in the sight of the Lord:
is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant,
your servant and the child of your handmaid:
you have unloosed my bonds.

I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:
and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the house of the Lord:
even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians [11.23-26]

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgement against themselves. For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

So then, my brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. If you are hungry, eat at home, so that when you come together, it will not be for your condemnation. About the other things I will give instructions when I come.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand and turn to face the Book of the Gospels.

GOSPEL

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. [13.1-17, 31b-35]

Here it is customary to trace three small crosses on the forehead, lips and heart

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him.

And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, ‘Lord, are you going to wash my feet?’ Jesus answered, ‘You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.’ Peter said to him, ‘You will never wash my feet.’ Jesus answered, ‘Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.’ Simon Peter said to him, ‘Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!’ Jesus said to him, ‘One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.’ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, ‘Not all of you are clean.’

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, ‘Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.”

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

The Sermon is followed by a period of reflection as the organist plays Chorale Prelude on the “Passion Chorale” by Max Reger

THE WASHING OF FEET

Beloved in Christ, on the night before his death, Jesus washed his disciples feet and commanded them to love one another, 'Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.'

I therefore invite you to enter into the remembrance of this sacred act as representatives of the parish come forward, remembering his teaching that 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.'

Representatives of the parish come forward to sit on the seats around the sanctuary and have their feet washed as the choir sing 'Ubi Caritas'

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Please kneel.

Merciful God, on this the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. Renew your Church to rededicate itself to follow his example of love and service.

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

On this night, Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one. Heal the divisions of your Church that it may with one voice proclaim your Gospel.

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

On this night, Jesus prayed for those who were to believe. Open the ears and hearts of all people and nations that they may receive your Word of salvation.

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

On this night, Jesus commanded his disciples to love even in the face of suffering and rejection. Sustain and give courage to all who face persecution for their faith. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus reminded his disciples that if the world hated them it hated him first. Bring an end to hatred and violence in this world.
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus accepted the cup and did institute and command us to continue a perpetual memory of his precious death, until his coming again. Prepare your Church, living and departed, in anticipation of your return.
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

The prayers of intercession may conclude with a final prayer, after which all stand

GREETING OF 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.
And also with you.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

A collection is taken to support the life and mission of the parish.

OFFERTORY HYMN

**1. O Thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
That all thy Church might be for ever one,
Grant us at every Eucharist to say
With longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'
Oh, may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.**

**2. For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.**

3. We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.

4. So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
May we be one with all thy Church above,
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
One with thy saints in one unbounded love:
More blessed still, in peace and love to be
One with the Trinity in Unity.

William Turton (1856-1938)
TIS 521 / NEH 302

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

♪ The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The priest continues in thanksgiving...

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

♪ Holy, Holy, Holy, *here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist*
Lord God of Hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

**Blessed is he ✠ that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest**

The priest continues with the prayer of consecration... It is customary when the bells ring at the elevation of the Sacrament to make the ✠ Sign of the Cross

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**♪ Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues...

... we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**♪ Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

♪ 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. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body:

For we all share in the one bread.

**♪ O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

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

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

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.

All baptised Christians who seek Christ in this sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion. Anyone is welcome to receive a blessing instead. During the communion the choir will sing the Motet 'O Sacrum Convivium' by Olivier Messiaen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The priest prays this prayer

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.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The Blessed Sacrament is then taken to the Altar of Repose in Procession, the congregation kneel

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Pange lingua gloriosi corporis mysterium

- 1. Of the glorious body telling,
O my tongue, its mysteries sing,
And the blood, all price excelling,
Which the world's eternal King,
In a spotless womb once dwelling,
Shed for this world's ransoming.**
- 2. Given for us, for us descending,
Of a virgin to proceed,
Man with man in converse blending,**

Scattered he the gospel seed,
Till his sojourn drew to ending,
Which he closed in wondrous deed.

3. At the last great supper lying
Circled by his chosen band,
Duly with the law complying,
First he finished its command,
Then, immortal food supplying,
Gave himself by his own hand.

4. Word-made-flesh, by word he maketh
Bread his very flesh to be;
Man in wine Christ's blood partaketh:
And if senses fail to see,
Faith alone the true heart waketh
To behold the mystery.

Tantum ergo

5. Therefore we, before him bending,
This great sacrament revere:
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.

6. Glory let us give and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
Honour, might and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing,
Who, from both, with both is one. Amen.

St Thomas Aquinas (1227-74)

Tr. J. M. Neale (1818-66)

NEH 268

The church is stripped of all decoration in preparation for Good Friday while the choir sing The Lamentation by Edward Bairstow

How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people:
how is she become as a widow!
She that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces:
how is she become tributary!
She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks:
among all her lovers, she hath none to comfort her.
The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn assembly:
all her gates are desolate, and she herself is in bitterness.
The Lord hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions:
her children are gone into captivity before the enemy.
All they that go by clap their hands at her:
they hiss, and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem saying,
“Is this the city that men called the perfection of beauty;
the joy of the whole earth?”
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return unto the Lord thy God.
For these things I weep:
mine eye runneth down with water.
From on high hath the Lord sent fire into my bones, and it prevaileth
against them:
he hath made me desolate and faint all the day.
My flesh and my skin hath he made old:
he hath broken my bones.
He hath builded against me;
and compassed me with gall and travail.
He hath made me to dwell in dark places:
as those that have been long dead.
I am become a derision to all my people:
and their song all the day.
Let him give his cheek to him that smiteth him:
let him be filled full with reproach.
Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by:
behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.
Remember mine affliction and my misery:
the wormwood and the gall.
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return unto the Lord thy God.

Remember, O Lord, what is come upon us:
behold and see our reproach.
The joy of our heart is ceased:
our dance is turned into mourning.
The crown is fallen from our head:
woe unto us, for we have sinned.
For this our heart is faint:
for these things our eyes are dim.
Let us search and try our ways:
and turn again unto the Lord.
Turn thou us unto thee, O Lord, and we shall be turned:
renew our days as of old.
It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed:
because his compassions fail not.
They are new every morning:
great is thy faithfulness.
The Lord is my portion, saith my soul:
therefore will I hope in him.
O Lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul:
thou hast redeemed my life.
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return unto the Lord thy God.

All are encouraged to spend some time in silent watch before Christ in the Sacrament, using the available prayers and resources for adoration and contemplation.

You are welcome to spend time kneeling at the Prayer Desk which faces directly before the exposed Blessed Sacrament.



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