

**St Peter's Church,
Formby**



MAUNDY
Thursday

The Eucharist

The word 'Maundy' comes from the Latin 'to command'.

On the evening of the Last Supper we recall Jesus' command, 'Do this in remembrance of me'.

After the Supper, St. John records that Jesus washed his disciples' feet and said, 'I have given you an example that you also should do as I have done to you'.

And later that evening, he told them, 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you'.

May this church be the Upper Room where we break bread with our Lord, feed on him in our hearts and souls, and seek his grace to keep his commands.

Lord Christ, we recall at this time how on that solemn Passover night you met with your disciples in the upper room and hallowed bread and wine as the memorials of your body and blood.

We thank you for this sacrament of our redemption and for all that it reveals to us of your love; and we pray that whenever we meet at your table to obey your command, "Do this in remembrance of me", we may know your risen presence in our midst, and feed on you, the true Bread from heaven, till we come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

Jesus Lord and Master, who on the night before your passion took a towel and a basin of water and washed the feet of your disciples: give us understanding of what you have done, and teach us to follow the example of your humility, that by love we may serve one another for love of you, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

The Gathering

Opening Hymn

The president says

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

All **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All **and also with you.**



Prayers of Penitence

A minister says

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.

All **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against one another,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

The president says

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.

All **Amen**

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria in Excelsis

All **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

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.

All **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Epistle

At the end of the reading, the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

The Gospel is introduced

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

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.

All **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The president says

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father
through Christ the saviour of the world.

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed
his disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and
service. Lord, hear us

All **and humble us.**



On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one.
We pray for the unity of your Church. Lord, hear us

All **and unite us.**

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through
his disciples' message.

We pray for the mission of your Church. Lord, hear us

All **and renew our zeal.**

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love,
but suffered rejection himself.

We pray for the rejected and unloved. Lord, hear us

All **and fill us with your love.**

On this night, he reminded his disciples that if the world
hated them it hated him first.

We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, hear us

All **and give us your peace.**

On this night, he accepted the cup of death
and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom.

We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ. Lord, hear us

All **and welcome all your children into paradise.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand and the president introduces 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.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **and also with you.**

A minister says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn



Taking of the Bread and Wine

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.

All **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.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

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

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

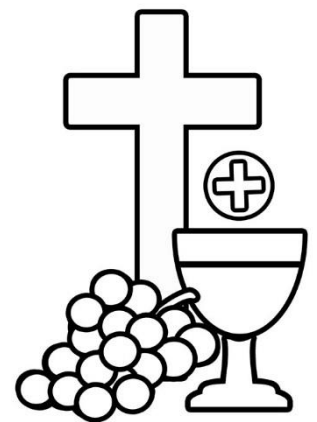
Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **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:



All **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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

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

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with St Peter and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All **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

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,

All **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

The Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

The president says

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 and lives for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

All communicant members of Christian Churches are welcome to receive communion. Those who do not wish to receive communion are invited to the altar rail for a blessing and are asked to keep their hands at their side.

Hymn during Communion

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.

All **Amen.**

Hymn and the Stripping of the Sanctuary

The Dismissal

When the disciples had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prayed to the Father, 'If it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me.' He said to his disciples, 'How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me for one hour? The hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinners.'

Christ was obedient unto death. Go in his peace

The Watch

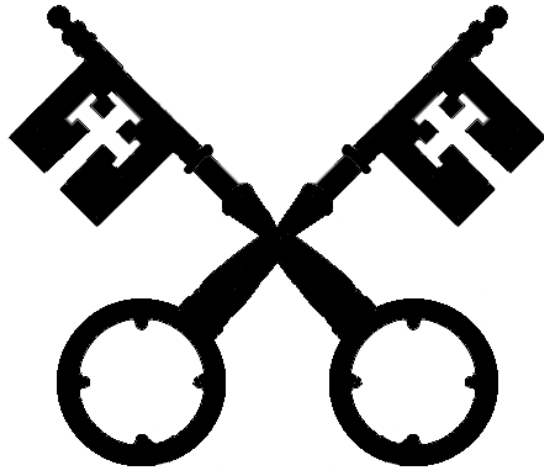
In Mark 14 v 34, Jesus says to his disciples, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch”.

The Watch, fulfilling our Lord’s command to Watch and Pray begins and continues until midnight. All are invited to take part, as they are able, in the watch of prayer.

The church will remain open until midnight for those who wish to remain, watch and pray, for whatever time they wish.



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