

Service sheet for Wednesday March 31st.

O my sweet Saviour, who in your undeserved love towards us so kindly suffered the painful death of the cross, suffer me not to be cold or lukewarm in love towards you. *(Thomas More)*

CONFESSION O Jesus, blessed Jesus, I gaze on thy Cross, O Saviour suffering to draw my love: was ever love like thine, or thanks so poor as mine? Thy hands are outstretched for love of me and all mankind, and with my sin I have pierced thee and kept on wounding thee. Bitterly I sorrow, deepen my penitence. Give me tears that I may weep. Give me strength that I may amend. (Gilbert Shaw)
May God, who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.
(Common Worship)

READINGS Isaiah 50.4-9a, Psalm 70, Hebrews 12.1-3, John 13.21-32.

PRAYERS Let us contemplate Jesus the Lord: instead of the joy meant for him, he endured the cross, disregarding its disgrace.
We worship you, Lord, upon the cross.
O Jesus Christ, born in humility to confound the proud and to raise the humble,
We worship you, Lord, upon the cross.
You lived among us, healing the sick, proclaiming Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.
We worship you, Lord, upon the cross.
Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, you call to yourself all who are weary and burdened.
We worship you, Lord, upon the cross.
Jesus, you came into the world to serve and to give your life; you were betrayed for money, dragged before judges and nailed to the cross.
We worship you, Lord, upon the cross.

Lord of the universe, by your resurrection from the dead you are alive at the Father's side and there you prepare a place for us.
We worship you, Lord, upon the cross. *(Taizé)*

We pray for this troubled world, where those in power abuse and oppress the weak and vulnerable. *Forgive us, Lord.*

We pray for this fragile planet, that we have plundered in our greed. *Forgive us, Lord.*

We pray for those in need, the hungry, the homeless, the fearful, those we have failed to show the self-sacrificing love you showed us. *Forgive us, Lord.*

Christ our victim,
whose beauty was disfigured
and whose body torn upon the cross,
open wide your arms
to embrace our tortured world,
that we may not turn away our eyes,
but abandon ourselves to your mercy.
(Janet Morley)

We say the **LORD'S PRAYER**
We share **THE GRACE**

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

Who was guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee.
I crucified thee.

Therefore kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
Not my deserving. *(trans.Robert Bridges)*



Leonardo da Vinci: The Last Supper

Service sheet for Maundy Thursday

1st April 2021



The Last Supper

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." — John 13:34

CONFESSION

O God, according to your great goodness,
you have promised forgiveness for repentance
to those who have sinned against you.
The sins I have committed against you
are more in number than the sands of the sea.
I am not worthy to look up to the height of
heaven, because of the multitude of my
iniquities. And now I bend the knee of my
heart before you, imploring your kindness
upon me. I have sinned, O God, I have sinned,
and I acknowledge my transgressions.
Unworthy as I am, you will save me,
according to your great mercy.
For all the host of heaven sings your praise,
and your glory is for ever and ever.
(Extract from Song of Manasseh c.70BC)

*God of grace, we thank you that you give us more than we need, forgive us more than we deserve and offer us more than we can imagine. (*Alison Judd)

COLLECT God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end and drank the Cup prepared for him: may we who share his table, watch with him through the night of suffering and be faithful.

READINGS Exodus 12: 1-4, 11 – 14; Psalm 116: 1, 10 to the end; 1 Corinthians 11: 23 to 26; John 13: 1-17, 31b-35.

PRAYERS

Lord God Almighty, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen *(BCP)*

We pray for all who worship you today, especially in parts of the world where it is hard to bear witness to faith. Give strength to all who are persecuted because of their love for you.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**
We pray for the hungry, and those who live in poverty, or struggle because of natural disaster.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**
Lord, we ask your blessing on all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. Especially, we pray for the sick, naming those we know and love who are in need of healing…….....
We thank you for the good things which come to us each day. Give us grace to share what we have with those who are in need.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

We say **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

We share **THE GRACE**

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 forever.

Watch and pray…the spirit is willing, but the body is weak. (*Matthew 26:41)*