

# Maundy Thursday Holy Communion service

Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup> 2016



Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,  
**who redeems us from sin and death.**  
For us and for our salvation,  
Christ became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord our God.**

Hymn 378: Praise to the holiest in the height

*A Time of quiet for Examination of Conscience and Confession*

O God, You look for Truth in our inward beings;  
For all the ways we have failed to love you with all  
our heart, and soul, and mind, and strength:

**Lord, Have Mercy.....** *(silence)*

*(Over →)*



The English Reformed Church, Amsterdam

A congregation of the **Church of Scotland**

and the **Protestant Church of the Netherlands (PKN)**

For all the ways we have failed to love our neighbours  
as ourselves:

**Christ, Have Mercy.....** (*silence*)

Merciful God, who keeps covenant with us through our  
unfaithfulness, we confess that we fail to fulfil your will.

**Though you have bound yourself to us,  
we will not bind ourselves to you.**

**In Jesus Christ you serve us freely,  
but we refuse your love and withhold  
ourselves from others.**

**We do not love you fully or love one another  
as you command.**

**We have doubted the power of your grace to  
transform our lives, and settled for less than your  
abundant life.**

**Lord, Have Mercy.....** (*silence*)

In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again  
to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of  
life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen.

Reading: Luke 22: 1-13

Hymn 380: There is a green hill far away

Reading: Luke 22:14-23

Hymn 375: This is the night, dear friends,

Reading: Luke 22:39-53

Silence

Sermon: *secrets and signs*

Hymn 793: Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray.

Prayers of Intercession

Gracious God,  
on this night Jesus prayed, 'not my will, but yours.' We  
pray tonight for those who make that prayer, and who  
must come to terms with their longings and yearnings  
being over-ruled by your will...

*Stay with me, remain here with me...*

On this night, Jesus sought the support and companionship of those dearest to him. We pray tonight for those in pain or adversity and who need the reassurance that comes from human care and compassion...

*Stay with me, remain here with me...*

On this night, fear provoked an outburst of violence. Someone cornered lashed out. We pray for those driven to violence because they themselves are violated...

*Stay with me, remain here with me...*

On this night, an innocent person was arrested and imprisoned unjustly. We pray for all who suffer for their faith, for the cause of right, and all victims of injustice...

*Stay with me, remain here with me...*

Hymn 376: 'Twas on that night when doomed to know

Prayer of thanksgiving:

*we join our voices to those of the Church on earth and in heaven...*

**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.**

*The sharing of the bread and wine*

Prayer

Hymn 392: When I survey the wondrous cross

The blessing

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## **Holy Week Services**

**Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 8 pm:** Good Friday worship with choir

**Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 9 pm:** Easter service of light with renewal of baptismal vows.

**Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>, 10.30 am:** Easter Sunday celebration with Holy Communion

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