

English Reformed Church

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion service

Thursday 29th March 2018



'... proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.'

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)*

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: Mark 14:17-25

Hymn 375 (verses 1-3): This is the night, dear friends

Reading: Mark 14: 32-50

Hymn 375 (verses 4-5): This night, the Lord by slaves shall be arrested

Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Sermon: *proclaim the Lord's death*

Prayers of Intercession with refrain, hymn 793: Stay with me.

Hymn 376: 'Twas on the 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 374: From heaven you came

The blessing