

English Reformed Church

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion service

Thursday 18th April 2019



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.

**Holy God,
we your Church confess that often
our spirit has not been that of Christ.
Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us,
where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips
and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him,
forgive us, we pray;
and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.

But Christ suffered and died for us,
was raised from the dead
and ascended on high for us,
and continues to intercede for us.

Believe the good news:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

Reading: Luke 22:1-5,14-23

Hymn 375: *This is the night, dear friends, the night for weeping*

Reading: Luke 22:39-54a

Silence

Sermon *the scapegoat*

Hymn 372: *Lord Jesus, as the shadows long are stealing*

Prayers of Intercession

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

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 374: *From heaven you came, helpless babe*

The blessing

But all this has taken place, so that the Scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled. Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

(Matthew 26:56)

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Holy Week

- Friday April 19th , 20.00 hrs:** Good Friday worship with choir.
(devotional music from 19.30 hrs).
- Saturday April 20th , 21.00 hrs:** Easter service of light with
renewal of baptismal vows.
- Sunday April 21st , 10.30 hrs:** Easter Sunday celebration with
Holy Communion, choir, orchestra.