

**Order of Service**  
**St. Martin's Anglican Church**  
1700th birthday, St. Martin of Tours (316-2016)



**Maundy Thursday, 24 Mar. 2016, 7:00 pm**

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**Maundy Thursday Liturgy**

This is the day that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

This is the day that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the day that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

This is the day that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

**The Collect of the Day**

O God,  
**your Son Jesus Christ has left to us this meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and his blood. May we who celebrate this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**  
**AMEN**

**Proclamation of the Word**

**First Reading – John 13:1-15**

**Wash Basin & Towel – Quiet Reflection**

**Second Reading – Mark 14:12-26**

**Institution of the Lord's Supper – Quiet Reflection**

**The Apostle's Creed**

*(all stand)*  
*Celebrant:* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,  
**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**  
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.**  
**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
**the holy catholic Church,**  
**the communion of saints,**  
**the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and the life everlasting. AMEN**

### **The Prayers of the People**

*(you are invited to sit, kneel or stand)*

*Leader:* Lord in your mercy

***People:* Hear our Prayer**

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant:* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

***All:* we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.**

**AMEN**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**AMEN**

### **The Peace**

*(all stand)*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*(The members of the community, ministers and people, may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)*

### **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**The Prayer over the Gifts**

**Father, we spread this table to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ, your Son. Accept all we offer you this day. Bind us together in his love and in the love he has commanded us to bring one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**AMEN**

### **Eucharistic Prayer 1**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***All:* And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**

*(all are invited to sit or kneel)*

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise.

In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*or* Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**AMEN**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant:* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. AMEN**

### **Breaking of the Bread #7**

*Celebrant:* We break this bread,

**All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Prayer after Communion**

**Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them, write this commandment in our hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

**AMEN**

### **Benediction**

### **Stripping of the Altar**

*In silence, once all are seated, the stripping of the Altar, clearing of the sanctuary and dimming of the lights will begin.*

*We are invited to pray Psalm 22 slowly and reverently, repeating until the stripping of the altar is complete.*

*The lights will be gradually dimmed until all are extinguished.*

*You are encouraged to remain until the chancel is in darkness.*

### **Psalm 22**

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?**

**O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; by night as well, but I find no rest.**

**Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.**

**Our forefathers put their trust in you; they trusted, and you delivered them.**

**They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.**

**But as for me, I am a worm and no man, scorned by all and despised by the people.**

**All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,**

**“He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”**

**Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.**

**I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**

**Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.**

**Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

**They open wide their jaws at me, like a ravening and a roaring lion.**

**I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax.**

**My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.**

**Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.**

**They stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.**

**Be not far away, O Lord; you are my strength; hasten to help me.**

**Save me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.**

**Save me from the lion's mouth, my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.**

**I will declare your name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.**

**Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**

**For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them.**

**My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!"**

**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

**For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.**

**To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

**My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**

**They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.**

*(Once the altar is stripped and the sanctuary cleared and in darkness, when you are ready, please depart quietly at your own pace. You are, however, invited to remain as long as you wish for personal prayer and reflection.)*