



# MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Commemoration of the Last Supper  
with  
The Venerable Bridget Shepherd  
Archdeacon of Wandsworth

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

7pm



ST MARGARET'S  
PUTNEY

Welcome to St Margaret's.

*Please take a moment before our  
service begins to pray*

*Gethsemane by Robin Smith*

*The Lark Ascending Ralph Vaughn  
Williams part 1: The Ascent*

As often as you eat this bread and drink  
the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

All **Almighty God, to whom  
all hearts are open,  
all desires known and from  
whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our  
hearts by the inspiration of  
your Holy Spirit that we may  
perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify  
your holy name; through  
Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### **Prayers of Penitence**

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: 'If  
you love me, keep my  
commandments.' 'Unless I  
wash you, you have no part in  
me.' Let us confess to

almighty God our sins against  
his love and ask him to  
cleanse us.

All **Almighty God,  
our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour in  
thought and word and deed:  
through negligence, through  
weakness, through our own  
deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent  
of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son  
Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past and  
grant that we  
may serve you in newness of  
life to the glory of your  
name. Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to His people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty  
God and Father,  
we worship You,  
we give You thanks,  
we praise You for Your glory.

Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of  
the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.

For You alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus  
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the  
glory of God, the Father.

Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest.

### The Collect for Maundy Thursday

Let us pray:

God our Father, you have  
invited us to share in the  
supper which your Son gave to  
his Church to proclaim his  
death until he comes. May he

nourish us by his presence and  
unite us in his love, who is alive  
and reigns with you, in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

### Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

A reading from the book of  
Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and  
Aaron in the land of Egypt: This  
month shall mark for you the  
beginning of months; it shall be  
the first month of the year for  
you. Tell the whole  
congregation of Israel that on the  
tenth of this month they are to  
take a lamb for each family, a  
lamb for each household. If a  
household is too small for a  
whole lamb, it shall join its  
closest neighbour in obtaining  
one; the lamb shall be divided in  
proportion to the number of  
people who eat of it. This is how  
you shall eat it: your loins girded,  
your sandals on your feet and  
your staff in your hand; and you  
shall eat it hurriedly. It is the  
passover of the Lord, for I will  
pass through the land of Egypt  
that night and I will strike down  
every firstborn in the land of  
Egypt, both human beings and  
animals; on all the gods of Egypt

I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

*The reader concludes:*

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

### 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this

bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*The reader concludes:*

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel:*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory; praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

*All respond:*

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory; praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord.

*All respond:*

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory; praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

### John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the

feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.' After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love

one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### The Sermon

*Please be seated.*

*The Venerable Bridget Shepherd,  
Archdeacon of Wandsworth.*

*The Lark Ascending Ralph Vaughn  
Williams part 2: The rural landscape*

*During this time hands will be washed.*

### Prayers of Intercession

*Please be seated.*

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service...

Lord hear us

All **and humble us.**

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church...

Lord hear us

All **and unite us.**

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through the disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your Church...

Lord hear us

All **and renew our zeal.**

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved...

Lord hear us

All **and fill us with your love.**

On this night, he reminded his disciples that if the world hated them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith ...

Lord hear us

All **and give us your peace.**

On this night, he accepted the cup of death and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom. We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ...

Lord hear us  
All **and welcome all your children into paradise.**

### The Peace

*The congregation stands.*

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid'.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
All **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*The peace is shared.*

### Prayer over the Gifts

At the eucharist we are with our crucified and risen Lord. We know that it was not only our ancestors, but we who were redeemed and brought forth from bondage to freedom, from mourning to feasting. We know that as he was with them in the upper

room so our Lord is here with us now.

All **Until the kingdom of God comes let us celebrate this feast.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe, you bring forth bread from the earth.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe, you create the fruit of the vine.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you  
All **And also with you**  
Lift up your hearts  
All **We lift them to the Lord**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
All. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to give you thanks, Father most holy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For on this night he girded himself with a towel and, taking the form of a servant, washed the feet of his disciples. He gave us a new commandment that we should love one another as he has

loved us. Knowing that his hour had come, in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples to be a memorial of his passion, that we might proclaim his death until he comes again, and feast with him in his kingdom.

Therefore earth unites with heaven to sing a new song of praise; we too join with angels and archangels as they proclaim your glory without end:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory:  
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation;

loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On this night he gave up himself for us all. He took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks. He gave it to them, saying: 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you Lord Jesus:

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

Therefore, we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one perfect sacrifice for our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight. Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Margaret and all the saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

*Silence is held*

As we look for the coming of the kingdom, so we 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

All **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
Who takes away the sin of the  
world. Blessed are those who  
are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to  
receive you, but only say the  
word, and I shall be healed.**

### The Prayer of Humble Access

All **Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to  
come in. Our hands were  
unclean, our hearts were  
unprepared; we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs from  
under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God  
of our salvation and share  
your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us with  
the precious body and blood  
of your Son that he may live  
in us and we in him; and that  
we, with the whole company  
of Christ, may sit and eat in  
your kingdom. Amen.**

*Communion is shared with each other.*

### Prayers after Communion

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 for ever.

All **Amen.**

All **Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of  
your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you  
our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of  
your Spirit to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

*The Lark Ascending Ralph Vaughn  
Williams part 3: The Flight*

*During the music the altars are  
stripped, and then people  
depart in silence or move to  
the Lady Chapel for all or part  
of the vigil which will end at  
10pm, when the Gospel of the  
Watch is read.*

## ***The Gospel of the Watch***

Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but Simon I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.' And he said to him, 'Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!' Jesus said, 'I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.'

He said to them, 'When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?' They said, 'No, not a thing.' He said to them, 'But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, "And he was counted among the lawless"; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.' They said, 'Lord, look, here are two swords.' He replied, 'It is enough.'

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, 'Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.' Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, 'Father, if you are willing,

remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.' Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, 'Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.'

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, 'Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?' When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, 'Lord, should we strike with the sword?' Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, 'No more of this!' And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is

your hour, and the power of darkness!’

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, ‘This man also was with him.’ But he denied it, saying, ‘Woman, I do not know him.’ A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, ‘You also are one of them.’ But

Peter said, ‘Man, I am not!’ Then about an hour later yet another kept insisting, ‘Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I do not know what you are talking about!’ At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, ‘Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.’ And he went out and wept bitterly.

*(Bible is dropped to the floor)*