

Welcome to St George's Parish.

St. George's welcome YOU as we celebrate these days of Holy Week and Easter. We seek a faith which is prayerful, reflective, intelligent and connected with all aspects of our lives in the world today.

St. George's is a lively parish with room for everyone, whether they are asking questions about the Christian faith, or life long members of the Church. We are an inclusive parish, sharing worship with those who want simply to come and depart quietly and those ready to make themselves known and join in parish activities.

Baptisms When parents bring children for baptism we welcome the little ones in our midst just as Jesus once took the children into his arms. Sometimes **adults** are baptised and we are glad because they have come to faith in God who raised Jesus to new life through the deep waters of death.

Weddings We love to see the joy of bride and groom when they marry here, including those marrying for a second time, after a bereavement or divorce. The clergy meet with couples to plan an Anglican service which blends the best of old and new and create memories of their wedding day to support spouses through the years ahead. We provide marriage preparation workshops led by a registered psychologist to enable couples to explore what makes for a fulfilling and happy marriage.

Funerals The clergy are available to all people who ask for support in times of grief. We farewell the dead with our prayers and our tears trusting in the God who loves beyond the grave, and who comforts those who mourn. The memorial garden is also available as a final resting place and the departed are remembered in our prayers on each anniversary.

Pastoral care. We extend our care to anyone who would like some support and a friendly hand. We donate money, goods and time to community agencies and overseas organizations.

St George's team of clergy and lay people provides pastoral ministry to Anglican patients at **Cabrini Hospital**. We also extend the sacramental care of the Church to the homes of those who cannot attend on account of illness or age.

The Living Well Centre offers spiritual direction for all who seek it as a means of enriching their life's journey. It also offers training and supervision for directors, as well as seminars, workshops, quiet days and retreats exploring issues of spirituality, prayer and human life.

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Sundays at St George's

Holy Eucharist 8 am Sung Eucharist 10 am *with Children's talk in school terms*
Eucharist and meditation 5pm

Saints' Days and Holy Days and other parish events and activities
as advertised on the website and in the weekly pew sheet.

St George's Anglican Church Malvern

The worship of the church over three great days begins this night... **MAUNDY (HOLY) THURSDAY**

*Commemoration of the Last Supper
Foot washing and Watch*



Stanley Spencer (1891-1959)

The Last Supper (1920)

Spencer painted scenes from the life of
Christ set in his native Thames side
village of Cookham.

The worship of the Church over these three great days.....

Maundy (Holy) Thursday marks the beginning of the Three Great Days of the Christian year. From the Eucharist of the Last Supper on this night our worship continues through to Easter morning in one extended act of prayer and praise. The service tonight has no ending. We will resume our worship with the Liturgy of Good Friday in the morning.

As the church gathers tonight we listen to three stories: the Passover event when the Hebrew slaves left Egypt, Paul's account of the Last Supper and John's account of Jesus washing the disciples' feet. This particular action is the Lord's command to us (in Latin *mandatum*) *that we love one another as he has loved us*. The Latin word gives today its name of Maundy Thursday. In the end, if we would follow Jesus we must get down on our knees and love.

There are various themes in this liturgy of Maundy Thursday: love and service expressed in the Gospel reading and focused in the ceremony of the washing of the feet; the institution of the Lord's Supper; and the approaching betrayal and death of Jesus, which we mark by the stripping of the altars. After the Church is stripped bare, the lights are extinguished and we enter into the Watch.

In the Watch we quietly watch and pray with Jesus as if we ourselves were in the Garden of Gethsemane. Our worship continues tomorrow

Good Friday

10 am The Solemn Liturgy

Easter Eve

**9 am Morning prayer
 followed by Preparation of the Church for Easter**

5 pm Evening prayer in a time of holy darkness

Daylight Saving begins overnight

Easter Day

6 am New Fire, Paschal Vigil and Festive Eucharist

8 am Solemn Eucharist

10 am Sung Eucharist *children especially welcome*

5 pm Eucharist and meditation *on the Emmaus journey*

**Through this holy communion make us one with him,
one with each other in the Body of Christ,
and one in loving service of the world for which
Christ accepted the cup of suffering. Amen.**

After communion, there is no blessing as our worship continues in one act of prayer and praise tomorrow and on Easter Day.

Then the crowd, with swords and clubs, laid hands on Jesus and arrested him
...and all of them deserted him and fled. Mark 15.43.50

*The servers and celebrant depart just as Jesus' disciples fled upon his arrest.....
and the church is now stripped in preparation for The Watch.*

The stripping of the altars

The church is now stripped bare, as once Jesus was stripped by his executioners.

Psalm 22 is read without haste as the church is prepared for the Watch.

The Watch will be kept until 11pm. You are invited to stay and pray with Christ, sitting in the darkened church and simply 'watching' as did the disciples in Gethsemane. Like them, we prefer sleep but we are exhorted to remain attentive to God's presence.

*Please remain as long as you are able and leave when you must,
in silence.*

Sung **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

During communion the choir will sing.

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beautiful feet,
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

Words: Phineas Fletcher(1582-1650)

Music: Orland Gibbons (1583-1625)

After all have received the Sacrament is set aside for Good Friday.

HYMN TiS 331

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

And being found in human form, Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him that name which is above every name. *Philippians 2.8-9*

Holy God, source of all love,
on this night of betrayal
Jesus commended his disciples
to love one another as he loved them.
As that same love compels us to come to his supper,
so we thank you for feeding us
with the bread of tomorrow
and the wine of the age to come.

The Order for the Holy Eucharist

Setting: *Christ Church Mass by Philip Matthias TiS Hymn Book 757*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Please stand as the choir and clergy enter.

RECEPTION OF THE HOLY OILS

The Oils for anointing the sick (the Infirmary) and for anointing the newly baptised (the Chrism) are blessed each year at the Bishop's Eucharist of the Oils celebrated earlier this week. The Vicar now presents these oils to the parish for use in our worship and pastoral care.

Oil for the Sick

We bring the oil for the sick blessed by our bishop for the anointing of those who suffer in mind and body.

God of healing, by holy anointing may the sick and distressed gain strength in suffering. May they be released from fear and receive the comfort of faith.

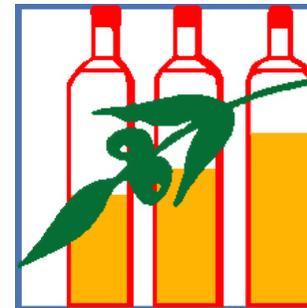
Amen.

Oil for the newly baptised

We bring the holy chrism, a mixture of oil and fragrant perfume consecrated by our bishop to anoint all those baptised and confirmed.

God of eternal life, may the newly baptised be signed as Christ's own forever and strengthened to work for justice, and serve others in love. **Amen.**

The oils are placed on the altar.



HYMN

Blest by the sun, the olive tree,
brought clusters of fair fruit to birth,
whose ripeness now we bring with prayer,
Lord Christ, redeemer of the earth.

Eternal King, look down and bless
the oil your servants offer here,
and may it be a lively sign
which all the powers of darkness fear.

From those washed in the sacred font
let Satan's influence depart,
and when this oil the brow shall seal,
transforming grace invade the heart.

Our wounded nature thus be healed,
by your anointing grace, O Lord;
In men and women so renewed
shall God's own image be restored

Lord Christ, the Father's only Son,
Who took our flesh in Mary's womb,
Give light to your anointed ones,
and break the power of death's dark tomb.

So may this joyous paschal feast,
the time when saving grace is given,
fill every Christian soul with praise,
and raise our minds from earth to heaven.

*From an early Latin hymn
Tr Richard Rutt b.1925*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never ending praise:

sung **Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray

**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 forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies,
it remains just a single grain; but if it dies it bears much fruit.

If we have died with him, we shall live with him.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night before his suffering,
Jesus earnestly desired to eat
with his companions the passover of liberation.
And on that night when he was betrayed
by one who dipped into the dish with him,
Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith
sung **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
Until you come in glory.**

This is the night
when Christ the Lamb of God
gave himself into the hands of those who would kill him.

This is the night
when Christ took the towel and washed his disciples' feet
showing us the way to serve others as he himself serves us.

This is the night
when Christ gave us this holy meal, that we who eat this bread
and drink this cup may here proclaim his death until he comes in
glory.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleans 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.**

The Kyries *sung*

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners
Christ died for us. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and
faith.

Silence for reflection is kept

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The priest pronounces this Absolution

With our hearts turned to God in repentance,
with the knowledge of our sin
laid bare before the cross of Jesus Christ,
in the name of the living God, your + sins are forgiven.
Receive God's mercy, take hold of forgiveness,
and, in the power of the Holy Spirit
walk in the light of Christ. **Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

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.

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. **Amen.**

The Collect for Maundy Thursday

Grant, Lord, that we, who receive the holy sacrament
of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
may be the means
by which the work of his incarnation shall go forward:
take, consecrate, break and distribute us,
to be for others a means of your grace,
and vehicles of your eternal love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY HYMN 534

The Preparation of the Gifts

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

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
You bring forth the fruit of the vine.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ, who became obedient unto
death,

even death on a cross.

He offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Laying aside his power as a garment,
he took upon himself the form of a slave
for you chose what is weak in the world to shame
the strong,

and what is low and despised in the world,
even things that are not, to bring to nothing things
that are.

When his hour had come, in his great love
he gave this supper to his disciples
that we might proclaim his death,
and feast with him in his kingdom.



to share in this action now,
 that we might recall whose servants we are,
 and remember his teaching
 that the love he offers us
 we are to show toward others, for love of him.

Please move to the front pews if you wish to participate. The clergy will move along the seated people with bowl and towel. If you wish to share in this sacramental act, simply remove one shoe and sock in preparation. Stockings do not need to be removed, as the small amount of warm water used quickly dries.

When the foot washing is complete the following prayer is said together

**Come now, tender spirit of our God
 wash us and make us one body in Christ;
 that, as we are bound together
 in this gesture of love
 we may no longer be in bondage
 to the principalities and powers
 that enslave creation,
 but may know your liberating peace
 such as the world cannot give. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church

Intercessor God of love

People Hear our prayer

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers

**Grant that what we have asked in faith
 we may by your grace receive
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Priest Now in union with Christ Jesus
 you who were once far off have been brought near
 through the shedding of Christ's blood; for he is our peace.

People His Spirit is with us.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of Exodus

This reading provides instructions for the celebration of the Jewish ritual of Passover. It is hard to take hear the story of God 's intention to destroy the first born of Egypt. it helps to know that in the ancient world the first produce of farm and home belonged to the gods. Animals and grains 'stood in' for humans. The story of God bringing humanity from slavery to freedom becomes a key to understanding Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

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 neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight.

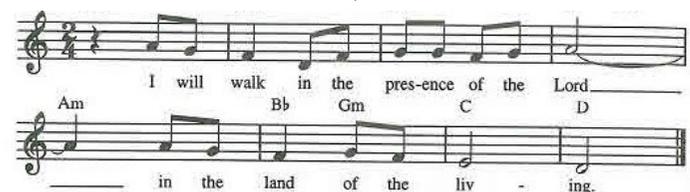
They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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 judgments: 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.

Exodus 12.1-14

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 116. 1-2, 11-18



Reader A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

The Corinthians had fallen into the bad practice of bringing their own food to the Eucharist and then not sharing equally. Paul reminds them of the character of the meal we share at the Lord's table—all are invited as equals, all receive an equal portion. Nothing else is fulfills Jesus' command to do this in remembrance of him.

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.

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

May your word live in us.

And bear much fruit to your glory.

GRADUAL HYMN 434

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ

The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ

The Lord be with you

And also with you

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus removes and 'lays down' his outer garments and washes the disciples feet in an act of service that foreshadows the cross. Soon he will lay down his life—just as he has said earlier the good shepherd would do. In John's gospel Jesus' life is not taken from him but he lays it down himself (see John 10.18). Also, in the ancient world the body was likened to a garment.

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.

Jesus said, "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."

John 13.1-17, 31b-35

For the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE SERMON

THE FOOT WASHING

Beloved in Christ,

we have heard that, on the night before his death,

Jesus set an example for his disciples

by washing their feet, an act of humble service.

I therefore invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ,