

The Church of England in
Lutterworth, Cotesbach and Bitteswell

Maundy Thursday

¶ *The Gathering*

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

All and also with you

The Leader offers an explanation of the service.

¶ *Song*

My Song is Love Unknown

¶ *An Exploration of Art (1)*

Jesus Washing Peter's Feet
Ford Madox Brown

¶ *Prayers of Penitence*

A minister uses this Invitation to Confession or other suitable words

Leader 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.

Silence is kept.

Have mercy on us, O God,
in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your
compassion
blot out our offences.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Leader Against you only have we sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Leader Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean;
wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

¶ **Song**

River Wash Over Me

¶ **Gospel Reading**

Luke 22:7-23

¶ **An Exploration of Art (2)**

Last Supper
Jesus Mafa

¶ **Time of Reflection**

Man of Sorrows

¶ **Prayers of Intercession**

Leader 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

Leader 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

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

All and renew our zeal

Leader 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

Leader 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

Leader 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

¶ *An Exploration of Art (3)*

Christ in Gethsemane
Vasily Perov

¶ *The Stripping of the Sanctuary*

Poem by Dawn Matthew

Leader I stand before the altar
a place of comfort, elegance, security;
a place where, in communion, love and
mercy meet.

I watch, as all the hangings and trappings are
removed,
stripped away - the table laid bare.
The wood is revealed, in all its flawed beauty
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weathered and battered by life,
chipped and imprinted with layers of
grime...and grace.

I look at the altar laid bare,
and I see myself - beautiful, but battered,
flawed and in need of restoration,
in need of healing hands.

I kneel to pray, seeing the knots,
where life has flowed around and through the
imperfections.

What are my knots, Lord?
Reveal them to me as I come before your
table,
asking once more for your forgiveness,
yielding my life again.

The cross, carved into the heart of the wood
calls to me, perfect in sharp relief.
In it, I see my sins laid bare,
I see the perfect gift of salvation.
I rise, laid bare, yet forgiven and free.



Song

Stay With Me



The Dismissal

Leader When the disciples had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prayed to the Father, 'If it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me.'

He said to his disciples, 'How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me for one hour? The hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinners.'

Silence is kept.

Leader Christ was obedient unto death. Go in his peace.

All Amen

The congregation leave in silence.