



## **Maundy Thursday**

Tonight we remember the evening Jesus and his disciples celebrated the Passover in an upstairs room in Jerusalem, before Jesus was arrested.

At the end of the service, we will hear some final words, which will point us towards Good Friday and then we will leave in silence – as we too watch and wait with Jesus and prepare to journey with him.

## **Songs as we gather to worship...**

### **As We Are Gathered (R&S 469)**

As we are gathered, Jesus is here,  
one with each other, Jesus is here.  
Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,  
part of the body, the church of God.  
As we are gathered, Jesus is here  
One with each other, Jesus is here.

John Daniels

### **There Is A Green Hill (R&S 223)**

There is a green hill far away,  
outside a city wall,  
where the dear Lord was crucified,  
who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell  
what pains He had to bear,  
but we believe it was for us  
He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiv'n,  
He died to make us good,  
that we might go at last to heav'n,  
saved by His precious blood.

There was no other good enough  
to pay the price of sin;  
He only could unlock the gate  
of heav'n, and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has He loved,  
and we must love Him too,  
and trust in His redeeming blood,  
and try His works to do.

Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander, William Horsley

## **Opening Words**

God of light and truth, grant us peace as we gather  
tonight.

May we draw closer to you as we recall again  
the service and suffering of Christ,  
in whose name we meet and pray.

In remembrance, we gather:

**To be with the one who teaches us  
the meaning of faithfulness.**

In remembrance, we worship:

**Lifting our voices to the one  
who calls us to love one another**

In remembrance, we feast:

**Breaking the bread which makes us whole,  
drinking the cup which fills us with grace.**

## **Prayer**

### **Hymn: Be Still**

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the holy One is here.

Come, bow before him now,  
with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found,  
we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord,  
is shining all around.

He burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight,  
our radiant King of light.

Be still, for the glory of the lord,  
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the lord,  
is moving in this place.  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him,  
in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord,  
is moving in this place.

David J. Evans

## **The Cloud of Witnesses**

### **The Story: Part 1**

#### **Hymn: Jesus Christ, I Think Upon Your Sacrifice**

Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice,  
you became nothing, poured out to death.  
Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life  
and I'm in that place once again.  
I'm in that place once again

*And once again I look upon the cross where You died.  
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.  
Once again I thank you, once again I pour out my life.*

Now You are exalted to the highest place,  
King of the heavens where one day I'll bow.  
But for now, I marvel at this saving grace  
and I'm full of praise once again.  
I'm full of praise once again.

*And once again I look upon the cross where You died.  
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.  
Once again I thank you, once again I pour out my life.*

Matt Redman

## **Prayer**

Lord, you call us to be your voices in this world  
and we stay silent.

You call us to be your hands in this world  
and we keep them hidden.

You call us to be your feet in this world  
and we go our own way.

When we meet those who are doubting  
and say nothing, forgive us.

When we meet those who need your touch  
and do nothing, forgive us.

When we are called to take up your cross  
and carry nothing, forgive us.

Forgive us, Holy One, and have mercy on us.

God, what can we give you for all your wonderful graciousness towards us:

**As you have broken your heart for us, may we open ours to serve others.**

**As you have given your life for us, may we offer ours to bring healing to the world.**

**As you have called us together around your table, may we go forth to feed a world hungry, not just for food, but for that Spirit which brings peace and reconciliation.**

**This we pray as servants of Jesus Christ, who came to serve us in life, in death, in resurrection hope.**

On this holiest of nights, we have received the Good News: God has come in Christ Jesus to fill us with hope and peace, to bathe us in grace and mercy.

**In remembrance, we commit: to bring hope where despair has taken up residence.**

**To be servants to those who are broken.**

**To love as selflessly as we are loved by Jesus. Amen**

## **The Story: Part 2**

### **Prayer**

## **The Story: Part 3**

### **Hymn: Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind (R&S 492)**

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways!  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;  
in purer lives Thy service find,  
in deeper rev'rence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with Thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and Thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, John Greenleaf Whittier

## **Prayer**

### **The Story: Part 4**

#### **The Lord's Supper** (inc Hymn)

#### **Hymn: How Deep The Father's Love**

How deep the Father's love for us  
how vast beyond all measure  
that God should give his only son  
to make a wretch his treasure.

How deep the pain of searing loss  
the Father turns his face away  
as wounds which mar the chosen one  
bring those in Christ to glory

Behold a man upon a cross  
my sin upon his shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held him there  
until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has bought me life  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom,  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
his death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart;  
his wounds have paid my ransom.

Stuart Townend

## **The Story: Part 5**

## **Closing Words**

After the meal, Jesus and his disciples sang a hymn and they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus said to them, 'All of you will run away and leave me, for the scripture says, 'God will kill the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane. He was arrested and they all forsook him and fled.

## **Hymn – Were You There (R&S 227)**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
tremble

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

**IN SILENCE, THE CANDLES ARE EXTINGUISHED.**

**THE LARGE JESUS CANDLE IS CARRIED OUT OF THE  
ROOM, STILL ALIGHT.**

**WE LEAVE IN SILENCE AS WE JOURNEY WITH JESUS  
TOWARDS GOOD FRIDAY**