

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Dona nobis pacem.  
*[Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, give us peace.]*

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

**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 form 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.**

## THE POST COMMUNION COLLECT

**Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son.  
Sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth, until  
our joy is completed in heaven and we share the eternal banquet with  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## HYMN

*Whilst the coverings are removed from the sanctuary the choir sing Psalm  
22, vv.1-21.*

## All Saints Church, Hertford

## COMMON WORSHIP for MAUNDY THURSDAY



## THE GATHERING

### THE GREETING

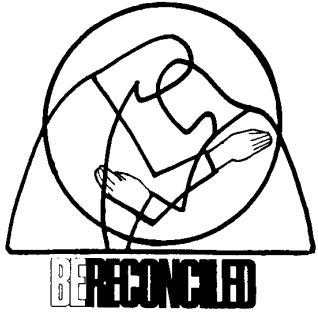
"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have  
loved you."  
*John 13, v34*

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.**

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**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.

*Kneel*

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out of darkness to walk as children of light.**  
**Amen**

God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to himself through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, not counting our trespasses against us, but sending his holy Spirit to shed abroad his love among us. By the ministry of reconciliation entrusted by Christ to his Church, receive the pardon and peace to stand before him in his strength alone, this day and evermore. **Amen.**

*Stand*

Kyrie eleison	Christe eleison	Kyrie eleison
<i>Lord have mercy</i>	<i>Christ have mercy</i>	<i>Lord have mercy</i>

## THE COLLECT

*The Collect is said and all respond* **Amen**

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 of 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 all your 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. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.**  
**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.**

And now we give you thanks because 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.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace. You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace. As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth, we echo the song of the angels in heaven, evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis.  
*[Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. 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 the night he gave up himself for us all 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.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

This is the word of the Lord.                      **Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

This is the word of the Lord.                      **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### GRADUAL HYMN

### GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

### SERMON

*Stand*

### THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,**

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Kneel*

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.                   **And unite us.**

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

Lord hear us.                   **And unite us.**

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

Lord hear us.                   **And renew our zeal.**

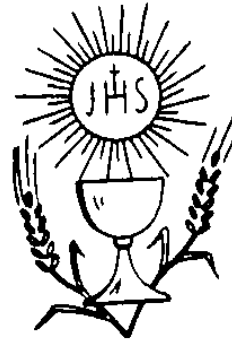
On this night, he commended them to love, but suffered rejection himself.  
We pray for the rejected and unloved.

Lord hear us.                   **And fill us with your love.**

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

Lord hear us.                   **And give us your peace.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT



### THE PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, I leave  
you peace, my peace I give unto you. look not on  
our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant  
us the peace and unity of your kingdom, where you  
live and reign for ever and ever.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*During this hymn the collection is taken*

### PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

*The gifts of the people are presented.*

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

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

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

**Blessed be God for ever.**

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

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*Kneel*

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth,  
for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word,  
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image and place us in the garden of your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion  
you would not abandon your own.