
ST THEODORE'S, TOORAK GARDENS

**MAUNDY THURSDAY
17 APRIL 2025**



WELCOME

St Theodore's is an active, caring and supportive community which values liturgy, prayer and preaching to sustain our daily lives, as we seek to foster love, hope and justice to all. You are welcome here as you are, embraced within God's boundless love. It is good to have you here today and we hope that you will feel at home.

PRAYING WITH CANDLES AND STONES

As you enter our church, there are two stations for prayer. One is an invitation to light a candle, symbolising our praying for each other before God. The other is an invitation to drop stones into a bowl of water, symbolising letting go of something (or someone) weighing us down.

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion and/or receive anointing for healing at the back. Due to Covid precautions, intinction (dipping) into the wine is prohibited.

If you do not wish to drink the wine, we invite you to pause briefly before the chalice to acknowledge the sacramental presence.

LIVE-STREAMING

Our 9:30am Sunday Service is live-streamed on Facebook Live. During administration of communion, the camera is adjusted so that no one coming forward is visible online, but this cannot be guaranteed.

HEARING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM

We have a Hearing Assistance System available on Wi-Fi, usable with or without hearing aids. Please ask the stewards for assistance.

Please email office@theodores.org to join our mailing list.

Please stand if you wish

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: CP 130 "AN UPPER ROOM"

- 1 An Upper Room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end
and his disciples still gather there,
to celebrate their Risen Friend.
- 2 A lasting gift Jesus gave his own,
to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his Cross shall lift us up.
- 3 And after Supper he washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In him our joy shall be made complete
send out to serve, as he was sent.
- 4 No end there is! We depart in peace.
He loves beyond our uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house
he will be there, as Lord and host.

Tune: O Waly Waly
Music: arr John Wilson (1905-1992)
Words: F Pratt Green (1903-)
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As we gather in worship, we acknowledge the Kurna People as the traditional owners and custodians of this land.
May we walk together in harmony in a spirit of reconciliation.

WELCOME

PLACEMENT OF OILS ON THE ALTAR

The priest places the Holy Oils on the altar

OIL FOR THE SICK (INFIRMARIUM)

We bring the oil for the sick blessed by our bishop for the anointing of those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. God of healing, by holy anointing may the sick and the dying gain strength in their suffering. May they be released from fear and receive the comfort of trusting in you. **Amen.**

OIL FOR THE NEWLY BAPTISED (CHRISM)

We bring the holy chrism, a mixture of oil and fragrant perfume consecrated by our bishop to anoint all those baptised. God of eternal life, may the newly baptised be signed as Christ's own forever and transformed into his likeness. **Amen.**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins
whose mercy endures for ever.

Tonight we begin the Great Three Days
of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection,
the journey from the supper table to the cross,
from the cross to Easter dawn.
We are followers in his way,
exploring his truth, encountering his life.

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

This is the night when Christ gathered
with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the night when Christ our Lord
gave us this holy feast,
that as we break the bread and drink the cup
we may here proclaim his holy sacrifice,
and come at the last to his table in heaven.

This is the night when Christ took a towel
and washed the disciples' feet,
showing us how to honour
and serve one another in love.

This is the night for watching and prayer.

We give ourselves freely to the demands
of these great days,
confident that those who die in Christ
will surely live with him.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and
inviting them to the Lord's table.

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a
true heart.

**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.**

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness
to all who turn to him in faith:
† pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God,
your Son Jesus Christ has left us this meal
of bread and wine in which we share his body and blood.
May we who celebrate this sign of his great love
show in our lives the fruits of his redemption;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: EXODUS 12.1-4, 11-14

¹ The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ² This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ 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. ⁴ 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.

¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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.

¹⁴ 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.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116.1-2; 116.11-18

Response: Gracious is the Lord and righteous, our God is full of compassion

¹ I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:
the voice of my supplication;

² Because he inclined his ear to me:
in the day that I called to him. **R**

¹¹ How shall I repay the Lord:
for all his benefits to me?

¹² I will take up the cup of salvation:
and call upon the name of the Lord. **R**

¹³ I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people.

¹⁴ Grievous in the sight of the Lord:
is the death of his faithful ones. **R**

Response: Gracious is the Lord and righteous, our God is full of compassion

- ¹⁵ O Lord, I am your servant,
your servant and the child of your handmaid:
you have unloosed my bonds.
- ¹⁶ I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:
and call upon the name of the Lord. **R**
- ¹⁷ I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people,
- ¹⁸ In the courts of the house of the Lord:
even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 11.23-26

²³ 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, ²⁴ 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.' ²⁵ 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.' ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you wish

GRADUAL HYMN: CP 393 "BROTHER, SISTER, LET ME SERVE YOU"

- 1 Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.
- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.
- 5 When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.
- 6 Sister, brother, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Tune: Servant Song
Music: Richard Gillard (1953-)
Words: Richard Gillard (1953-)
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THE GOSPEL

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
King of endless glory**

**I give you a new commandment, / says the Lord
Love one another as I / have loved you**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
King of endless glory**

**The Lord be with you
And also with you.**

**The Holy Gospel according to John 13.1-17, 31b-35
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

¹ 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. ² The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ 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. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' ⁷ Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' ⁸ Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' ¹⁰ 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.' ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

¹² 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? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord – and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ 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." ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

The sermon is followed by a time of silence for reflection.

THE WASHING OF FEET AND HANDS

Friends in Christ, I invite you to come forward,
that we may recall whose servants we are
and remember his teaching,
that what is done for us
is also to be done for others.

*People may remove their shoes to offer their feet, or people may offer their hands,
and come forward to the bowl for the washing rite.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, on this, the night he was betrayed,
your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet.
As we commit ourselves to following his example
of love and service, teach us humility.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

On this night, Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one.
As we grieve for the divisions in the church, unite us.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

On this night, Jesus prayed for those who would come to believe
through the disciples' message. As we take up the mission of the
church, renew our zeal.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

On this night, Jesus commanded his friends to love,
but he suffered rejection himself.
As we open our hearts to the rejected and the unloved,
fill us with your love.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

On this night, Jesus reminded his people that,
if the world hated them, it had hated him first.
As we face our own fears, we pray for those
who are persecuted for their faith; give us your peace.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

On this night, Jesus loved his friends to the very end.
As we open our hearts to all who face darkness tonight,
we pray for the sick, those who mourn,

those trapped by violence, addiction, or pain:
give healing and hope.
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Faithful God, these are the prayers of your Church.
We offer them trusting and hoping in you.
Hear and help us, challenge and change us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN: CP 441 "HERE IN CHRIST WE GATHER"

God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.

- 1 Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling;
Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting.
Let us all revere and love him, God eternal.
Let each love Christ in sisters and in brothers all.

God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.

- 2 When we Christians gather, members of one Body,
let there be in us no discord, but one spirit;
banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel.
Christ our God be present always here among us.

God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.

3 Grant us love's fulfilment, joy with all the blessed,
when we see your face, O Saviour, in its glory;
shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,
be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises.

God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.

Tune: Ubi Caritas Dom A
Gregory Murray (1905-
1992)
Music: Liturgy of
Maundy Thursday
Words: Liturgy of
Maundy Thursday
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BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.

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

**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 he was betrayed 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.'

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

† 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:

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 for ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

AGNUS DEI

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

This is the table of communion with the earth,
in which Christ became incarnate
So come to this table, those who have much faith
and those who would like to have more;
those who have been here often
and those who have not been for a long time;
those who have tried to follow Jesus;
and we who have failed.
Come.

Please stand if you wish

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, source of all love,
on the night of betrayal
Jesus commanded his disciples
to love one another as he loved them.
We thank you for feeding us in this supper.
Give us the will to serve others
as he was servant of all.

PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

During the singing of the hymn the Blessed Sacrament is carried in procession to the Altar of Repose.

HYMN: SP 58 "PREPARE A ROOM FOR ME"

- 1 'Prepare a room for me,
your Saviour, Host and priest,
where I may gather you, my friends,
to celebrate the feast.'
- 2 'This room we have prepared;
the Table now is set.
We wait your promised presence, Lord,
where we once more are met'
- 3 'Where even two or three
have come the Meal to share,
unseen, but living, loving still,
I surely will be there!'
- 4 'Lord Christ, we seek the food
your grace alone can give.
We come with empty, hungering hearts
that we may eat and live.'
- 5 'My promise I will keep;
your hunger will be fed,
for in this meal I offer you
myself, the living Bread!'
- 6 'All thanks and praise to you,
our Saviour, Lord and Friend,
that through this Loaf and Cup you share
your love that has no end!'

Tune: Southwell

Music: The Psalms in English
Metre (1579)

Words: Herman G Stuempfle Jr
(1923-2007)

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STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

The stripping of the sanctuary is a solemn and reverential occasion.

You are encouraged to sit prayerfully as it takes place.

During the stripping of the sanctuary,

- *Psalm 22 will be recited*
- *the church lights will be progressively dimmed*
- *the candles behind and on the high altar will be lit.*

THE WATCH

A vigil of prayer is held in the church for the next hour.

You may sit in silence to reflect and pray, or leave in silence.

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Where there is a † in the liturgy, you are invited to make a sign of the cross if you wish.