

## ***Evening Prayer for Maundy Thursday***

O Lord, open our lips  
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Let your ways be known upon earth,  
your saving power among the nations.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief  
your only Son was lifted up  
that he might draw the whole world to himself.  
May we walk this day in the way of the cross  
and always be ready to share its weight,  
declaring your love for all the world.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Blessed be God for ever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

### **Psalm:**

*We read Psalm 116*

### **Old Testament Reading:**

*We read Exodus 12: 1-14*

### **Psalm:**

*We read Psalm 42*

### **Stripping our Prayer Space:**

*As the church would be stripped on the evening of Maundy Thursday before the Watch when we remember the apostles trying to wait the night with Christ, so you are invited to put away any crosses or icons you may have in your space, save for a candle, or one object of focus.*

### **Maundy Gospel:**

*We read John 13: 16-30*

### **Nunc Dimittis**

### **Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace**

according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles

and to be the glory of thy people Israel

*Luke 2.29-32*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever*

*shall be world without end. Amen.*

### **Kyrie:**

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

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

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

### **Silent Prayer**

#### **The Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory  
**for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### **Collect**

Lord, God almighty, come and dispel the darkness from our hearts, that in the radiance of your brightness we may know you, the only unfading light, glorious in all eternity. Amen.

### ***The Watch***

*For those who have not been able to join us digitally, you may like to keep a watch at home. Choose an hour and sit with a candle, or a single object of focus. Think on Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, praying that his Father's will be done no matter what.*

*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.'*