

RYDE BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICE

9 April 2020—Maundy Thursday

THE CUP

In the same way, Jesus took the cup after supper and said, “This is the cup of the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, and remember me.”

For the wine
that makes hearts glad:
God be blessed for ever.

For the wine
that seals the covenant:
God be blessed for ever.

Jesus, true and living vine,
make hearts glad
and lives safe.
God be blessed for ever.

Enliven us with the wine of the kingdom, this day and always.

**Come, Holy Spirit;
fill us with your love
and renew us with your life.**

We drink to remember.

PROCLAMATION

As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes again.

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

Loving God, we thank you that you have nourished us at your supper.

We pray for those who hunger and thirst—may they be filled!

And may we, with them, feast at the table of your eternal kingdom.

This we ask through Jesus Christ, who was and is and is to come, and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Amen.

CONCLUSION

Jesus said,
As the Father sent me,
So I send you:

**Come, Holy Spirit;
Empower us with your love
and inspire us with your life.**

**And may the grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ, and the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us
all, evermore.**

Amen.

LOOKING AHEAD

Our Zoom conference meetings have been going well. There are two more planned for Good Friday and Easter Sunday Morning. Look out for the login invitation emails sent to regular church congregation before the meetings start. If you don’t have access to the internet it is possible to phone in and take part, so let us know if you need the number.

Good Friday Coffee Morning—11am

Easter Morning Breakfast—9am

<https://rydebaptist.xyz>

BIBLE READINGS

[Exodus 12:1-4,11-14](#)

[Psalm 116:1-2,12-19](#)

[1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#)

[John 13:1-17,31b-35](#)

Welcome to our 2020 Maundy Thursday celebration of the Lord’s Supper. The word ‘maundy’ comes from an old Anglo-Saxon word that translates the original Latin word ‘mandatum’ meaning ‘command’, itself pointing us to the words of Jesus at his Last Supper with his disciples:

A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. (John 13:34)

This year will stay in our memories for a long time because we are not meeting in the same place around the same table, but in different places around different tables. What unites us isn't the space, and not necessarily the time (you may be using this outline a little later than those who are meeting together online). What unites us is the One Lord in whose name we meet. There may be

several loaves of bread and several cups of wine but we gather at the invitation and in the name of Jesus, who said:

I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. (John 6:35)

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

It is Jesus who unites us, who links us, who is the bond that holds us together. Together we are in Christ. All the more meaningful this year as the branches are spread much further apart. Yet we remain rooted in him, and by his grace and through his Spirit we will bear fruit.

We recall how the Last Supper took place on the night before Passover. From the time of the Exodus this meal has commemorated the liberation of God’s people from slavery. As the Lord commanded the people:

This is the day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance. (Exodus 12:14)

In Jewish households at beginning of the Passover Meal (or Seder as it is traditionally known) it is customary for the youngest child to ask certain questions: "In what way does this night differ from any other? On other nights we can eat whatever bread we like, so why tonight must it be unleavened bread?" And so on. This gives an opportunity for the telling and retelling of the story that is at the heart of the community of faith.

So it is for us, as the Apostle Paul passed on the same tradition, from the original ordinance to the new commandment and the ordinance of the Lord's Supper:

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

At the heart of the meal is Jesus who is now the Passover (or Paschal) Lamb:

Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. (John 1:29)

CONFESSION

Silence for our own Prayers.

**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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

INVITATION & RESPONSE

Here is the table of the Lord;
we are gathered in our different here's
and there's to be part of this supper.

Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love.

Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith.

Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole.

Come, whoever, there is room for all.

We come.

THE PEACE

The kingdom of God is justice and peace. Let us then pursue the things that make for peace.

Where lies abound,
you call us to speak truth:

we will speak truth.

Where greed takes all,
you call us to act justly:

we will act justly.

Where violence consumes,
you call us to live peacefully:
we will live peacefully.

Where death mocks us,
you call us to live in Christ:
we will live in Christ.

We set aside our wisdom, our will,
our words.

We empty our hearts
and bring nothing in our hands.

We yearn for the healing,

the holding,

the accepting,

the forgiving,

which Christ alone can offer.

So may the peace of the Lord rest within us and remain with us today and always. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Loving God,
we praise and thank you for your love shown to us in Jesus Christ.

We thank you for his life and ministry, announcing the good news of your kingdom and demonstrating its power in the lifting of the downtrodden, and the healing of the sick, and the loving of the loveless.

We thank you for his sacrificial death upon the cross for the redemption of the world, and for your raising him to life again, as a foretaste of the glory we shall share.

We give you thanks for the bread and wine, symbols of our world and signs of

your transforming love.
Send your Holy Spirit, we pray, that we may be renewed into the likeness of Jesus Christ and formed into his Body. This we pray in his name and for his sake. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (your own version)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The tradition which I hand on to you, comes from the Lord himself.

THE BREAD

For on the night of his arrest, Jesus took bread, gave God thanks and then broke it, saying, "This is my body that is for you. Do this and remember me."

For the bread
we eat day by day:
God be blessed for ever.

For the bread of the great day
that feeds us for new life:
God be blessed for ever.

Jesus, true and living bread,
touch all our days
and fit us for your new day's dawning:
God be blessed for ever.

Nourish us with bread for the journey,
disciples in your way
this day and always.

**Come, Holy Spirit;
feed us with your love
and renew us with your life.**

We eat to remember.