

## **Maundy Thursday - St Paul's Cooma 6.30pm Thursday 2 April 2026**

### **Priest - Welcome and introduction**

#### **The Grace**

of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you. **And also with you.**

### **Hymn 536 An Upper Room did our Lord Prepare**

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.

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.

And after supper he washed their feet,  
for service, too, is sacrament.  
In him our joy shall be made complete –  
sent out to serve, as he was sent.

No end there is! We depart in peace.  
He loves beyond the uttermost:  
in every room in our Father's house  
he will be there, as Lord and Host.

### **Leader - 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.**

### **Reader - First reading - Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. <sup>4</sup>If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. <sup>11</sup>This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover. <sup>12</sup>“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. <sup>14</sup>“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

### **Priest - Prayers of thanksgiving**

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us. By his death on the cross, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin, and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

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.**

### **Leader - Intercessions**

Let us pray for the world and the church

**Response:** Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Christ knelt and washed his disciples feet. As we follow his example, grant us servant hearts, that we might love without counting the cost, and serve not thinking of our own status, but putting others before ourselves. May our church be a servant community and may we live and proclaim the grace of the gospel. Lord in your Mercy **Hear our Prayer**

Christ broke bread, shared it among his disciples and said 'this is my body given for you.' May we who share in Christ's generosity be generous to others. May we hunger and thirst for reconciliation, may we like him be peacemakers. And may we give of ourselves, not counting the cost.

Lord in your Mercy **Hear our Prayer**

Christ took the cup, and said 'drink from it all of you', May we seek unity in the church, holding firm to the essentials, but treating all other matters with a gentleness of touch. We pray for those who feel alienated from the church, that they may know the unconditional welcome of the Jesus, the friend of sinners.

Lord in your Mercy **Hear our Prayer**

Christ was betrayed by one of those closest to him. By the power of the Spirit, may we have courage to be faithful even to the end, and to bear witness to the crucified king. We pray for our nation, and for those in authority so often ashamed to acknowledge Christian faith. For those who uphold our laws that they may pursue what is right and just.

Lord in your Mercy **Hear our Prayer**

Christ Knelt in the garden and wept for the sins of the world. Break our hearts that may we weep for this world torn apart and broken by war, greed and exploitation, remind us of our responsibility for the hungry, the destitute and the lost. And grant us eyes to see beyond the cross to a new creation where peace rules and every tear is wiped away.

Lord in your Mercy **Hear our Prayer**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us 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.**

## Reader - Second reading - John 13:1-17

<sup>1</sup> It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.<sup>2</sup> The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.<sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;<sup>4</sup> so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.<sup>5</sup> After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.<sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"<sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."<sup>8</sup> "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."<sup>9</sup> "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you."<sup>11</sup> For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.<sup>12</sup> When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them.<sup>13</sup> "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am.<sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.<sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.<sup>16</sup> Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.<sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

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

### Foot washing

Beloved in Christ, we have heard that, on the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. I therefore invite you, who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come to the various stations, that we may recall whose servants we are, remembering his teaching that what will be done for us is also to be done for others.

Friends in Christ, I invite you to come to the front, and wait quietly for your feet or hands to be washed and then serve the next person in line. Please take the time to be meditative while others are having their feet washed.

### Leader - The Confession

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table. Let us therefore confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**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.**

### **Priest - Declaration of Forgiveness**

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.**

### **Priest - Introduction to the Lord's Supper**

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.

Merciful God, we thank you for the gifts of your creation, the bread and wine. We pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

### **Reader - Third reading - Mark 14:22-25**

<sup>22</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."<sup>23</sup> Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.<sup>24</sup> "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them.<sup>25</sup> "Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."<sup>26</sup> When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

### **Reader - Fourth reading - 1 Corinthians 11:23-29**

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,<sup>24</sup> 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."

<sup>25</sup> 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."

<sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.<sup>27</sup> So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.<sup>28</sup> Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.<sup>29</sup> For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgement on themselves.

### **Easter Acclamation**

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

### **Priest**

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. 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.**

### **Priest - Holy communion**

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts with thanksgiving.

The Lord's Supper is open to all who love the Lord. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available. Please come to the Communion Rail if you are able or we will come to you.

### **Priest - After Communion**

Gracious God, we thank you that in this sacrament you assure us of your goodness and love. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and help us to grow in love and obedience that we may serve you in the world and finally be brought to that table where all your saints feast with you for ever.

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

### **Final Hymn TIS 640 Kneels at the feet of his friends**

Kneels At The Feet Of His Friends,  
Silently Washes Their Feet,  
Master Who Acts As A Slave To Them.

#### **Chorus**

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love,  
Show Us How To Serve  
The Neighbors We Have From You.

Neighbors Are Rich Folk And Poor,  
Neighbors Are Black, Brown, And White,  
Neighbors Are Nearby And Far Away. **Chorus**

These Are The Ones We Should Serve,  
These Are The Ones We Should Love;  
All These Are Neighbors To Us And You. **Chorus**

Loving Puts Us On Our Knees,  
Serving As Those Who Are Slaves:  
This Is The Way We Should Live With You. **Chorus**

### **Priest - Blessing**

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

### **Leader - Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**