



Grace Lutheran Church Redcliffe Service Order for 9th April, Maundy Thursday



God's grace as you prepare for Worship. A Note about this Order.

First, there are a number of places that 'Link' to other websites that are in '[blue and underlined](#)'. If you are reading this on-line, and click on these links, they should lead you to the Bible Readings and Songs.

Also, throughout this Service are various for Songs. You may choose a hymn, a song, or where they are listed a children's song.

May you experience God's blessings in your worship.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

May God's grace be with you as you Worship the LORD.

The following is a prayer you may wish to pray for Worship

Lord Jesus Christ, You have walked with us on our Lenten journey.

It is by your guidance and help that we have overcome so much.

Nourish our souls and spirits by your love,

that we may be empowered and inspired by Your example,

and may go into the world to serve, heal, and welcome all people in Your name. Amen.

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

*In this Season of Lent our Congregation has been reflecting on 'The Journey to the Cross'
– reflecting on Jesus' journey to the Cross, and our journey to our Easter Celebrations.*

*This week we have added Items that remember Jesus' love for His church in the washing of His disciples' feet,
and the giving of His Body and Blood in the holy meal.*



You may wish to Read [Matthew 26:17-30](#)

You also wish to listen to the Song "Love one another" [CLICK HERE](#)

OPENING SENTENCES: John 13:34

You may wish to say the following aloud:

Jesus said: 'A new commandment I give to you:
Love one another, as I have loved you.'

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SONG

You may wish to read Hymn such as Hymn 164: "Love divine, all loves excelling"

If you have Internet Access you may wish to listen to the Hymn [CLICK HERE](#)

Or you may wish to listen to the Song "When my flesh is weak (Watching and praying)" [CLICK HERE](#)

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

On this holy night, as we remember Christ's journey to the cross for us,
let us confess our sins to God our Father,
and ask Him to forgive us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Be merciful to me, O God, because of Your constant love.

Because of Your great mercy wipe away my sins!

Wash away all my evil

and make me clean from my sin!

I recognise my faults;

I am always conscious of my sins.

I have sinned against You - only against You

and done what You consider evil.

So You are right in judging me;

You are justified in condemning me.

I have been evil from the day I was born;

from the time I was conceived, I have been sinful.

Sincerity and truth are what You require;

fill my mind with Your wisdom.

Remove my sin, and I will be clean;

wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness;

and though You have crushed me and broken me, I will be happy once again.

Close Your eyes to my sins

and wipe out all my evil.

**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Let us pray.

**We confess to You, almighty God,
before the whole company of heaven, and to each other,
that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by our own fault.
Have mercy on us, for Jesus' sake,
forgive us all our sins, and bring us to eternal life. Amen.**

May the almighty and merciful Lord
grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins.

Amen.

INTROIT: Psalm 116:1-2,12-19

¹ I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my supplications.

² Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

¹² What shall I return to the LORD for all His bounty to me?

¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His faithful ones.

¹⁶ O LORD, I am Your servant; I am your servant, the child of Your serving-maid.
You have loosed my bonds.

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁷ I will offer to You a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people,

¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord our God,
pour out Your rich blessing on us
as we remember the suffering and death of Your Son.
Grant us pardon and comfort,
so that we may be assured of our eternal salvation.
We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

Continue with Bible Readings – the text of these are on the Resource for ‘Growing Faith at Home’ – or you may wish to follow the hyperlinks below.

FIRST READING: [Exodus 12:1-14](#) The institution of the Passover

SECOND READING: [1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#) The institution of the Lord's supper

LENT RESPONSE: Philippians 2:9

Christ humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

GOSPEL: [John 13:1-17,31b-35](#) Jesus washes His disciples' feet

After the Gospel you may wish to pray this prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for loving us and giving Your life in service for us.
Help us to love and serve one another. Amen.

SONG

You may wish to read Hymn such as LHS 853: “A new commandment”

If you have Internet Access you may wish to listen to the Song [CLICK HERE](#)

SERMON

At this point you may wish to Listen to Sermon, or Read and Discuss the Sermon

If you have Internet Access, you may view Pastor’s Sermon Video [CLICK HERE](#)

If you wish to access written Sermon Notes [CLICK HERE](#)

SONG

You may wish to read Hymn such as Hymn 53: “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

If you have Internet Access you may wish to listen to the Hymn [CLICK HERE](#)

Or you may wish to listen to the Song “Boldly I approach Your throne” [CLICK HERE](#)

OFFERTORY (From the Psalm)

You may wish to say the following:

**What can I offer to the LORD for all His goodness to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the LORD.
I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and call on the name of the LORD.
I will keep my promises to the LORD in the presence of all His people;
in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

PRAYER TIME

*Jesus our Saviour, at His last meal with His disciples gave them and us that new commandment:
"Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."
In the knowledge of Christ's love for us, and His call to love one another,
we pray for the world, the church, and all in need.*

You may wish to read The Prayer as below, or say your own prayer.

Heavenly Father,
on this holy night, we remember the Passover of Your ancient people,
fulfilled in Your Son's gift of the New Testament in His blood.
Be gracious to us and bless us. Remember not our sins and transgressions,
but forgive us and create in us new and contrite hearts.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, source of all love,
Jesus gave His disciples a new commandment: To love one another as He loved them.
By Your Holy Spirit, write this commandment in our hearts.
Help us serve as Jesus served, to be unafraid to offer ourselves for the sake of others.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray for our families and friends and for the communities in which we live and work.
Help us also to look outwards and to care for those who are on the fringes of our society.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray Your peace for the nations and our own nation.
Send Your Spirit into leaders and rulers. Give them wisdom and a vision of Your will for all people.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray for all who are suffering today
and carrying the burdens of sickness, grief, anxiety or guilt.
Grant strength and hope to all affected by the coronavirus COVID-19.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray for churches throughout the world who celebrate the mystery of Your Son's Passover,
and those Christians who are unable to gather together.
Where there is distress, bring consolation; where there is strife, bring forgiveness;
where there is suffering, bring help; and where there is persecution, bring freedom and joy.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, loving Father, You know what we need, and You have promised never to abandon us.
Help us to endure in faith, and with a joyful hearts, receive the blessings of Your grace
and the answers to our prayers; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

After the Prayers, pray aloud

**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 forever. Amen.**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Say aloud:

The almighty and merciful Lord,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless and keep us.

Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

One of the customs of the Church at this time is the ‘Stripping of the Altar’.

Originally the stripping was done on Maundy Thursday in order that the Cloths and the Altar might receive their once-a-year wash in preparation for Easter.

The Stripping of the Altar table is seen as a symbol of the way in which Christ was stripped of His clothing and His dignity before His crucifixion. The rite points ahead to the second day of the Three Days to Easter celebration, Good Friday.

If you wish, you may watch a Video of “The Stripping of the Altar” [CLICK HERE](#)

*At the Conclusion of the “Stripping of the Altar”,
you may wish to listen to one of the following songs:*

SONG

You may wish to read Hymn such as Hymn 55: “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”

If you have Internet Access you may wish to listen to the Hymn [CLICK HERE](#)

*Or you may wish to listen to the Song “Gethsemane” by Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend :
[CLICK HERE](#)*

After the Song you may wish to spend a few moments in quiet prayer and meditation.

*We pray that you experience God’s presence in your worship as you meditate on His Word.
If you have any Prayer or Praise points, or any suggestions, please send an email to Pastor Mark
(mark.brinkmann@lca.org.au). May God’s grace and blessing be with you.*
