

The Parish Church of St Mark  
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Living Thinking Loving Faith



Maundy Thursday Vigil

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## Introduction

Maundy Thursday is traditionally a time where Christian communities or smaller worshipping groups gather together to watch and wait, hold a time of vigil and become present to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane during those lonely, dark hours before his arrest and crucifixion. As we are not able to gather physically this year, we invite you to take part in the watching and waiting in your own homes. If you would like, you are welcome to share Compline with a group at 9.30pm, using the Zoom ID: 943 231 8661

Participating in a vigil can be a daunting task especially in this time of great uncertainty, sadness, and grief. We invite you to go gently, listen to your body and how you are feeling, and participate in what works for you. You may simply like to light a candle in your window and remember that Christ is ahead of us on this journey, and we are accompanied every step of the way.

## Vigil Timetable

8.00pm – Clapping for Carers

8.30pm-9.30pm – Solidarity with care workers and those doing night shifts

9.30pm-10.00pm – Compline (Zoom ID: 943 231 8661)

10.00-11.00pm – Gentle Waiting

11.00pm-12.00am – ‘Could you not keep awake for one more hour?’

## **8.00pm – Clapping for carers**

For the last fortnight, people from all around the UK have stood on their doorsteps and thanked all those who are working tirelessly to help keep people safe and care for those who are unwell or dying. Thousands of streets at 8pm on a Thursday are filled with clapping, cheering, fireworks and the drumming of pots and pans. Jesus called us to participate in the world, to make a cacophony of noise.

On the night Jesus was betrayed, the festival of Passover was in full flow (as it is also this year) and Jerusalem was packed. If you are able to join in with the clapping, we encourage you to do so. It may serve as a reminder that like Christ and his disciples, however unsure, frightened or anxious we may be feeling, we are not alone and that there are amazing people doing incredible work all over the UK tonight, and every night.

*You may wish to light a candle as the vigil begins.*

## **8.30-9.30pm – Solidarity with care workers, and those doing night shifts**

*In this quietness, we spend time together listening, reflecting, and praying for those who are working tonight. For doctors and nurses, porters and assistants, for busy ICU wards, A&E departments and hospital chaplains.*

*We pray for the families of the unwell, who so long to kiss and touch and hug.*

*For the dying, who are scared, who want to see a smile, who are wondering what's next and where God might be in all of this.*

*For those recently bereaved, who are frightened and overcome by grief, just like Jesus was.*

*For the people who have just finished a shift and are exhausted, their faces red and bruised.*

*For those who are just starting work, the cleaners, the lorry drivers, the ICU doctor with young children sleeping at home, who won't know what they'll face, what they'll see and when they can next have a break.*

*For these people, and every person, we pray.*

A Poem in Gratitude for Health Care Workers: <https://onbeing.org/programs/a-poem-in-gratitude-for-health-care-workers/> -

## **9.30-10.00pm – Compline**

### **Preparation**

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.  
**Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who made heaven and earth.**

*We hold a time of quiet for reflection on the events of the past day*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess to you,  
before the whole company of heaven and one another,  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed  
and in what we have failed to do.  
Forgive us our sins,  
heal us by your Spirit  
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

○ God, make speed to save us.

○ **Lord, make haste to help us.**

**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.**

*The following hymn may be said or sung*

Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray  
That you, with steadfast love, would keep  
Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,  
From fears and terrors of the night;  
Tread underfoot our deadly foe  
That we no sinful thought may know.

○ Father, that we ask be done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;  
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath  
Our souls are raised to life from death. Amen.

## Psalm 139:1-18

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
- 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up ♦  
you discern my thoughts from far away.
- 3 You search out my path and my lying down ♦  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 Even before a word is on my tongue ♦  
O Lord, you know it completely.
- 5 You hem me in, behind and before ♦  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me ♦  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
- 7 Where can I go from your spirit? ♦  
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there; ♦  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning ♦  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
- 10 even there your hand shall lead me ♦  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
- 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me ♦  
and the light around me become night,"
- 12 even the darkness is not dark to you ♦  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.
- 13 For it was you who formed my inward parts ♦  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works ♦  
that I know very well.

15 My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret ♦  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written ♦  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.

17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! ♦  
How vast is the sum of them!

18 I try to count them—they are more than the sand ♦  
come to the end, I am still with you.

**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.**

### **Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:17-30**

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?” He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.”

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.” When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

*Silence is kept*

## Responsory

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.  
**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.  
**I commend my spirit.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye.  
**Hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

## Gospel Cantic

The Nunc Dimittis (The Song of Simeon)

**Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

1. Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:   
your word has been fulfilled.
2. My own eyes have seen the salvation   
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
3. A light to reveal you to the nations   
and the glory of your people Israel.

*Luke 2.29-32*

**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.**

**Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

*A time of silent prayer follows.*

## The Collect

Almighty God,  
as we stand at the foot of the cross of your Son,  
help us to see and know your love for us,  
so that in humility, love and joy  
we may place at his feet  
all that we have and all that we are;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Conclusion

In peace, we will lie down and sleep;  
**For you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**  
Abide with us, Lord Jesus,  
**for the night is at hand and the day is now past.**  
As the night watch looks for the morning,  
**so do we look for you, O Christ.**

May God bless us,  
that in us may be found love and humility,  
obedience and thanksgiving,  
discipline, gentleness and peace. **Amen.**

## **10.00-11.00pm – Gentle Waiting**

For the darkness of waiting  
of not knowing what is to come  
of staying ready and quiet and attentive,  
we praise you O God:

**for the darkness and the light  
are both alike to you**

For the darkness of staying silent  
for the terror of having nothing to say  
and for the greater terror  
of needing to say nothing  
we praise you O God:

**for the darkness and the light  
are both alike to you**

For the darkness of loving  
in which it is so safe to surrender  
to let go of our self protection  
and to stop holding back our desire,  
we praise you O God:

**for the darkness and the light  
are both alike to you**

For the darkness of choosing  
when you give us the moment  
to speak, and act, and change,  
and we cannot know what we have set in motion,  
but we still have to take the risk  
we praise you O God:

**for the darkness and the light  
are both alike to you**

For the darkness of hoping  
in a world which longs for you  
for the wrestling and labouring of all creation  
for wholeness and justice and freedom  
we praise you O God:

**for the darkness and the light  
are both alike to you.**

*Janet Morley*

## Matthew 26: 31- 46

Then Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.” Peter said to him, “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.” Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” Peter said to him, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.” Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Again he went away for the second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

*You may wish to use this hour to pray for yourself and for those you are particularly thinking of at this time of uncertainty and crisis.*

Taizé: Stay With Me: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LmAOcHqvS0Q>

### **11.00-12.00am – ‘Could you not keep awake for one more hour?’**

Circle (*name*), Lord.  
Keep comfort near  
and discouragement afar.  
Keep peace within  
and turmoil out. **Amen.**

Circle (*name*), Lord.  
Keep protection near  
and danger afar.  
Keep hope within  
and despair without. **Amen.**

Circle (*name*), Lord.  
Keep light near  
and darkness afar.  
Keep peace within  
and anxiety without. **Amen.**

### **Matthew 26:47-56**

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

*Silence is kept.*

*As midnight approaches you may wish to listen to*

The Servant Song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=unFFWcUIUvU>

### **Conclusion**

The compassing of God be upon you,  
the compassing of God, of the God of life.

The compassing of Christ be upon you,  
the compassing of the Christ of love.

The compassing of the Spirit be upon you,  
the compassing of the Spirit of grace.

The compassing of the Sacred Three be upon you,  
the compassing of the Sacred Three protect you,  
the compassing of the Sacred Three preserve you. **Amen.**

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