

St Andrew's and St George's West Church
Maundy Thursday Worship in the Tradition of Taizé
1 April 2021, 6pm



Gathering music

Welcome

Gathering words

We will remember the soothing,
and not forget the jarring.

We will remember the sweetness,
and not forget the sour.

We will remember the jagged desperation of Judas,
and own it; it is our story too.

We will remember
the passion of love,
the smell of perfume,
the pain of rejection,
the stench of blood money.

And to help us on the journey,
to help us hold the tensions,
we will face both the delight and the difficulty
of this night
together.

Meditative Songs

Come and Fill

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, Oh Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
Alleluia

Our Darkness

Our darkness is never darkness in your sight:
the deepest night is clear as the daylight.

New Testament Reading John 15:9-17

“I’ve loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love. If you keep my commands, you’ll remain intimately at home in my love. That’s what I’ve done—kept my Father’s commands and made myself at home in his love.

“I’ve told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature. This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends. You are my friends when you do the things I command you. I’m no longer calling you servants because servants don’t understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I’ve named you friends because I’ve let you in on everything I’ve heard from the Father.

“You didn’t choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won’t spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you.

“But remember the root command: Love one another.’

Meditative Songs

Ubi Caritas

Ubi caritas et amor
ubi caritas
Deus ibi est.

Where there is charity
and love
God is there.

Within Our Darkest Night

Within our darkest night,
you kindle a fire that never dies away,
never dies away.

Psalm Prayer

Time of Silent Prayer

The time of silence begins and ends with the ringing of a Tibetan singing bowl

Meditative Songs

O Lord hear my prayer

O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer,
When I call answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer,
Come and listen to me.

In God Alone

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,
in God my peace and joy.
Only in God my soul can find its rest,
its rest and peace.

Reflection We follow the command to love

Meditative Songs

Stay with us

Stay with us
O Lord Jesus Christ
Night will soon fall.
Then stay with us
O Lord Jesus Christ,
Lighten our darkness

By night

By night we hasten, in darkness, to seek for the living water,
only our thirst lights us onwards,
only our thirst lights us onwards.

Blessing

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who wake,
or watch, or weep this night,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend your sick ones, Lord Christ; give rest to your weary ones,
bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones,
shield your joyous ones;
and all for your love's sake.

Sending

This night is our calling
to love as Christ loved
and serve in the name of Christ.
This night may you know that you
follow the One
who loved you until the end.
For it all begins, and ends,
and begins again with Love.

The journey continues.....

Music

Worship Leaders: Rosie Magee, Frances Cooper
Pianist: Drew Crichton
Singers: Drew Crichton, Caitlin McGillivray and Tim Cooper
Scripture Reader: Kamella Pollard
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