



St Paul's Hampton

*Growing spiritually and building community
through discipleship, worship & service*

April 13, 2017
Maundy Thursday

Dear friends in Christ,

This is the night that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

This is the night that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the night that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do for each other as he has done for us.

This is the night that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.



Collect:

O God, your Son Jesus Christ has left to us this meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and his blood. May we who celebrate this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings:

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Myra

Trying to convince the Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave Egypt and slavery behind, God has assailed the Egyptians with nine plagues, but so far the Pharaoh has refused to let them depart, and to acknowledge the supremacy of Israel's God.

Psalm 116:1-2,12-19 (BAS p. 864)

Myra

The psalmist tells the congregation why he loves God: "he has heard my voice" . Because God helped him in his time of "distress and anguish" he will "call on him" for the rest of his life.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Jean

In instructing the Christians at Corinth on proper behaviour at the Lord's supper, Paul tells us the earliest words we have for consecrating the bread and the wine.

John 13:1-17,31b-35

Debbie

Jesus gathers with his disciples and friends to help them understand the meaning of his impending death.

The Stripping of the Altar

As Matthew 26.30-46, and Psalm 22 are read aloud the ornaments and linens are removed from the altar and sanctuary, and the lights lowered.

The congregation is asked to leave in silence.