

CHARLTON
ST LUKE AND ST THOMAS

Maundy Thursday



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND



WELCOME

Everyone is welcome at St Luke's and St Thomas's for the celebration of our parish Eucharist. Here we

- gather and prepare to worship God
- confess the ways in which we have let God down
- receive God's forgiveness
- listen to Scripture and to God's word being broken open for us
- affirm what we believe
- pray for the church, the world, our community, those in need and the departed
- share Christ's Peace and make our offerings
- celebrate Holy Communion
- receive the bread and wine
- lift our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving
- pause in silence and stillness where God's presence is often felt most powerfully
- receive the blessing and are sent out to love and serve God

We hope that everyone who comes will encounter God here and leave with a desire to walk faithfully with Jesus, guided by the Spirit.

Children and young people are very precious to God and we are striving to reflect that truth in our church communities. In both our churches there are special arrangements for children. Please ask if you want to know more.

We want those taking part in our service to reflect our church communities. If you would like to read, sing, intercede, be a welcomer or serve at the altar, then please make that known to one of the clergy.

Jesus's love knows no bounds, and he has asked us to share the Good News outside our church circles. We want to grow our congregations; that means all of us having a 'culture of invitation' – being prepared to speak well of our church family and invite others to 'come and see'. St Luke's and St Thomas's are committed to all those who don't know God's great love for them – this is why we have a Mission Action Plan. More details about our vision, our mission, our values and priorities can be found in church.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday (from the Latin *mandatum*, 'commandment') contains many rich themes: humble Christian service expressed through Christ's washing of his disciples' feet, the institution of the Eucharist, and the perfection of Christ's loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane. After keeping vigil ('Could you not watch with me one hour?'), Thursday will pass into Good Friday.

The liturgical colour is white.

LITURGY OF MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Gathering

Introit hymn, during which the ministers process into church with the holy oils.

The Greeting

President The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you
All **and also with you.**

The Reception of Holy Oils

The oils, which have been blessed by the bishop are now received into the parish.

President Brothers and sisters, on this most holy night we enter into the three days of the celebration of our Lord's paschal victory, his death and Resurrection. Those of our community who are to be baptized this Eastertide will be made one with Christ, dying to sin and rising to newness of life in him. As we begin, therefore, we receive from our bishop *N*, the holy oils blessed and set apart for the sacramental life of our parish.

Minister The oil of the sick.
President By the laying on of hands and anointing with this oil, and with the prayerful support of this community, may those who are sick experience the healing presence of Christ.
All **Amen.**

Minister The oil of baptism.
President Anointed with this oil, and assisted by the example of this community, may those who are to be baptized know that Christ calls them by name and makes them his own and shares with them his victory over sin and the power of evil.
All **Amen.**

Minister The oil of chrism.
President Anointed with this fragrant oil, may all who are baptized and confirmed, all who are ordained to the service of God's people, and this community whose house of prayer is dedicated to God's glory, fill the world with the sweet fragrance of Christ's Gospel and be built up as living stones into a temple filled with the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

The oils are taken to the place set apart for their reservation.

Prayers of Penitence

Minister Our Lord Jesus Christ says:
'If you love me, keep my commandments.'
'Unless I wash you, you have no part in me.'
Let us confess to almighty God
our sins against his love,
and ask him to cleanse us.

Silence is kept.

Minister Have mercy on us, O God,
in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your
compassion blot out our offences.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Minister Against you only have we sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Minister Purge us from our sin
and we shall be clean;
wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

President May the Father forgive us by the death
of his Son, and strengthen us to live
in the power of the Spirit all our days.

All **Amen.**

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Gloria in Excelsis

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated
at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

President Let us pray that we may love one another
as Christ has loved us.

Silence is kept.

President God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ
was obedient to the end
and drank the cup prepared for him:
may we who share his table watch with him
through the night of suffering
and be faithful.

All **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

Old Testament Reading

At the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

At the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn

Gospel Reading

Reader Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.
I give you a new commandment,
says the Lord:
Love one another as I have loved you.
All **Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.**

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the Gospel ...

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

After the sermon, there is a period of silence.

The Washing of Feet

*The feet of members of the congregation are washed by
the priests.*

'Ubi Caritas' and 'A New Commandment' are sung.

Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est.
(*'Where love and charity are, there is God.'*)

A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all know that you are my disciples,
If you have love one for another.
By this shall all know that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another

The washing of feet ends with this prayer.

President Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us that what we do
for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.
All **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Reader In the power of the Spirit
let us pray to the Father
through Christ the saviour of the world.

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed,
your Son Jesus Christ
washed his disciples' feet.
We commit ourselves
to follow his example of love and service.
Lord, hear us
All **and humble us.**

Silence

Reader On this night,
he prayed for his disciples to be one.
We pray for the unity of your Church.
Lord, hear us
All **and unite us.**

Silence

Reader On this night, he prayed for those who were
to believe through his disciples' message.
We pray for the mission of your Church.
Lord, hear us
All **and renew our zeal.**

Silence

Reader On this night, he commanded his disciples
to love, but suffered rejection himself.
We pray for the rejected and unloved.
Lord, hear us
All **and fill us with your love.**

Silence

Reader On this night, he reminded his disciples that
if the world hated them it hated him first.
We pray for those who are persecuted
for their faith. Lord, hear us
All **and give us your peace.**

Silence

Reader On this night, he accepted the cup of death
and looked forward to the new wine
of the kingdom. We remember those
who have died in the peace of Christ.
Lord, hear us
All **and welcome all your children
into paradise.**

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

All

President Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

During this hymn a collection is taken for the life and mission of the Church, and the gifts of the people are brought to the altar.

Preparation of the Table

President At the Eucharist we are with our crucified
and risen Lord. We know that it was not only
our ancestors, but we who were redeemed
and brought forth from bondage to freedom,
from mourning to feasting.
We know that as he was with them in the
upper room so our Lord is here with us now.
**Until the kingdom of God comes
let us celebrate this feast.**

All

President Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,
you bring forth bread from the earth.
All **Blessed be God for ever.**

President Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,
you create the fruit of the vine.
All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord is here.
All **His Spirit is with us.**

President Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

President It is right to praise you, Father,
Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
All **You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

President In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
All **He opened his arms of love
upon the cross and made for all
the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

President On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

All **Father, we do this in remembrance
of him: his body is the bread of life.**

President At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness
of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

All **Father, we do this in remembrance
of him: his blood is shed for all.**

President As we proclaim his death and celebrate
his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit
that this bread and this wine may be to us
the body and blood of your dear Son.

All **As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

President With your whole Church throughout the
world we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice
to join the eternal song of heaven:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel.

President As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.
All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

President Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
All **we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken.

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world, grant us peace.**

(or)

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

President Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those
who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

*All who usually receive Holy Communion, in this church or
another, are welcome to come to the altar now. If you wish
to receive a blessing, please keep your head bowed and do
not hold out your hands. Authorized words of distribution
are used and the communicant replies **Amen.***

Communion Hymn

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

President Lord Jesus Christ,
we thank you that in this
wonderful sacrament you have given us
the memorial of your Passion:
grant us so to reverence the sacred
mysteries of your body and blood
that we may know within ourselves
and show forth in our lives
the fruit of your redemption,
for you are alive and reign,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Conclusion

The Stripping of the Sanctuary

*The holy table and the sanctuary are stripped bare. During
the stripping, Psalm 22 may be read.*

The Watch

*The Blessed Sacrament is processed to the altar of repose
as the ‘Pange lingua’ is sung. This hymn was written by St
Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274).*

Of the glorious Body telling
O my tongue, its mysteries sing,
And the blood, all price excelling,
Which the world's eternal king,
In a noble womb once dwelling,
Shed for this world's ransoming.

Given for us, for us descending,
Of a virgin to proceed,
Man with all in converse blending,
Scattered he the gospel seed,
Till his sojourn drew to ending,
Which he closed in wondrous deed.

At the last great supper lying
Cirled by his brethren's band,
Meekly with the law complying,
First he finished its command,
Then immortal food supplying,
Gave himself with his own hand.

Word made flesh, by word he maketh
Very bread his flesh to be,
Humankind the wine-blood taketh:
And if senses fail to see,
Faith alone the true heart waketh
To behold the mystery

*The last two verses (overleaf) are sung
when the Blessed Sacrament is on the altar or repose.*

Therefore we, before him bending
This great sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the new rite is here,
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing
To the Father and the Son;
Honour, might and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing,
Who, from both, with both is one. Amen.

*The Gospel of the Watch is read without ceremony, and is
followed by silence.*

Year A: Luke 22.31–62
Year B: Matthew 26.30–end
Year C: Mark 14.26–end

*The watch is kept in silence. You are welcome to stay as
long as you want. When you leave, please do so quietly.*

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ST THOMAS

Thomas, also called 'Didymus', which means 'the twin', was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus according to all four Gospels, but it is in John that his significance is revealed. Thomas is heard encouraging the other disciples to go to Judaea with Jesus, and he asks the question that led Jesus to describe himself as the Way, the Truth and the Life. Probably most famously however, Thomas was the apostle who doubted reports of the resurrection of Jesus, causing Christ to show him the marks in his hands, feet and side. Thomas then proclaims the words that have been described as the great climax to John's Gospel by saying to Jesus: 'My Lord and my God!' Traditionally, Thomas is believed to have travelled widely to preach the Gospel, reaching as far as present-day southern India; indeed, he is often regarded as the patron saint of India. Tradition has it that he was martyred there.

There has been Christian worship at St Thomas's, Old Charlton, since 1850.

ST LUKE

Luke was a dear friend of St Paul, and is mentioned by him three times in his Letters. Paul describes him as 'the beloved physician' and as his only companion in prison. Luke is believed to be the author of two books of the New Testament: the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. Luke's narrative of the life of Christ starts with the Nativity and goes through to his Death and Resurrection. Luke is commonly thought to have been a Gentile. He certainly makes clear that the good news of salvation is for all, regardless of sex, social position or nationality.

Without Luke we would not have the parables of the Good Samaritan, the Rich Farmer, the Prodigal Son, or the Rich Man and Lazarus. Traditionally, Luke wrote his Gospel in Greece and died at the age of 84.

There has been Christian worship on the site of St Luke with Holy Trinity, Charlton, since the early twelfth century.

ST RICHARD

Richard de Wych was born in 1197 and worked hard on his father's estate before going on to study at Oxford, Paris and Italy as a church lawyer. When he returned to England, he eventually became Bishop of Chichester. Richard was seen as a model diocesan bishop, moving round his diocese on foot, visiting and caring for his clergy and people, and being available to all who needed his ministry. He insisted that the sacraments be administered without payment and with a proper dignity. On a recruitment campaign for the Crusades, he fell ill at Dover and died there on 3 April 1253. His mortal remains were moved to Chichester. This famous prayer is attributed to him:

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ
for all the benefits thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly. Amen.

There has been Christian worship on the site of St Richard's Church Centre since the late nineteenth century. St Luke's PCC is currently exploring possibilities for developing mission and a new Christian congregation there.