

# *St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy*

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## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

*Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026, Maundy Thursday*

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*The Celtic Church connected easily with the natural world around it and did not strive to control nature but instead focussed on the power between, in an equality of life. This service is drawn from that tradition.*

Hymn: 302     O thou who at thy Eucharist did'st pray

*Welcome*

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**Gather around for the table is spread. (*said or sung*)  
welcome the food and rest!**

**Wide is our circle, with Christ at the head,  
he is the honoured guest.**

**Learn of his love, grow in his grace,  
pray for the peace he gives;  
here at this meal, here in this place,  
know that his Spirit lives!**

**Once he was known in the breaking of bread,  
shared with a chosen few;  
multitudes gathered and by him were fed;  
so he will feed us too.**

*(Tune: Skye Boat Song)*

Let us make room in our hearts to welcome Christ in one another.

**Christ is in you. Christ is in me.**

Let us welcome Christ in friend or stranger at the door.

**Christ is in them. Christ is in us.**

Jesus said: Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst.

**Christ is present with us now.**

*Confession and Absolution (sit )*

**God, make us holy.**

**Christ make us holy.**

**In the name of the Spirit holy,**

**God, the Three all-holy,**

**we confess our sins to you,**

**Father, Son and Spirit holy.**

**For our careless talk,**

**our broken promises,**

**our empty speech,**

**for all that we have left undone,**

**for all that we have done amiss,**

**compassionate God of life,**

**your kindly pardon give.**

Jesus tender lamb, as we receive your forgiveness

enshield us, encircle us each day and night.

Uphold us, be our treasure,

our triumph everlasting,

strong Son of our God most high.

*Collect:* Kindle in our hearts, O God,  
the flame of love that never ceases,  
that it may burn in us, giving light to others.  
May we shine for ever in your temple,  
set on fire with your eternal light,  
even your Son Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and our Redeemer.

**Amen.**

*Reading 1:* Exodus 12 1-14(Page 67)

*Reading 2:* 1 Corinthians 11 23-26(Page 215)

*Hymn:* 297 Lord Jesus Christ you have come to us

*Gospel:* John 13 1-17, 31-35(Page 135)

*Homily:* The Revd Canon Christine Fraser

*The Creed:* We believe, O God of all gods,  
that you are the eternal maker of life.  
We believe, O God of all gods,  
that you are the eternal maker of love.

**We believe, O Lord and God of all people,  
that you are the Creator of the high heavens,  
that you are the Creator of the skies above,  
that you are the Creator of the oceans below.**

We believe, O Lord and God of all people,  
that you are the One who created our souls and set their course,  
that you are the One who created our bodies from  
earth, that you gave to our bodies their breath and to our  
souls their possession.

**God bless to us our bodies.  
God bless to us our souls.  
God bless to us our living.  
God bless to us our goals.**

### ***Handwashing for Service***

Creator God  
We give you praise and thanks.  
For you brought creation to birth,  
made us in your image,  
saw the goodness of your creation,  
and called us blessed.

We see you revealed in Jesus.  
Who laid aside power  
to proclaim the coming of your kingdom,  
by riding a donkey  
along a dusty road  
to the praises of a crowd, shouting Hosanna  
Blesséd is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest

We come together here  
in the name of Jesus  
who in the night that he was betrayed  
took water and a towel  
knelt at the feet of his friends  
and washed their feet  
asking that his friends remember him  
and live by his example.

Spirit of God, be with us  
as our hands are washed  
in a gesture of loving remembrance.  
Help us to bring in your kingdom  
by acts of love.  
In the name of one  
who lived  
and laughed  
and loved  
and wept  
and died  
and rose again  
that we might know the way of living in your love.

*Everyone is invited to come forward if they wish and have their hands washed and anointed for service*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

(at the end of the prayers)  
Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayers.**

## **The Peace**

Peace with yourself  
Peace with creation  
Peace with one another.  
The peace of Christ be with you.

### **And also with you.**

*(We share God's peace with each other)*

*Hymn:* 95      When I survey the wondrous cross

### *The Great Thanksgiving (sit )*

The Lord be with you

### **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

### **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

### **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, Father,  
in every place and at all times.

You made us,  
all the people of the world,  
and everything that is.

You give us the daylight.  
Your Word lights up our minds.  
Jesus was born among us  
to be light in our darkness.  
Your Spirit lives in us  
so that we can look at the world with your eyes.

One day we will be with you in heaven,  
but already we rejoice with the saints and angels,  
and sing their joyful song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father, you never forget us or turn away from us,  
even when we fail you.  
You sent your Son Jesus  
who gave his life for us.  
He healed those who were sick,  
cared for those who were poor,  
and cried with those who were sad.

He forgave sinners  
and taught us to forgive.  
For all your love we give you thanks  
in the way that Jesus showed us.

On the night before he died,  
while he was having supper with his friends,  
he took bread and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread,  
and gave it to them, saying:  
"Take, eat.  
This is my Body: it is broken for you."  
After supper, he took the cup,  
he offered you thanks,  
and gave it to them saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my Blood of the new covenant;  
it is poured out for you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

So, as we do what he told us,  
we open our hearts to him;  
we remember how he died and rose again  
to live now in us.

Together with him we offer you these gifts:  
in them we give you ourselves.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and this wine,  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ,  
and that, sharing your life,  
we may travel in your company to our journey's end.

With all your people  
we give you thanks and praise  
through the Son and in the Spirit,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.  
**Lord unite us in this sign.**

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father,  
who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Come, you who are loved by God  
inherit the kingdom prepared for you  
before the foundation of the world.  
The gifts of God for the people of God.

*Sharing of the bread and wine. All baptised Christians are warmly invited to share in Holy Communion, to receive bread alone, or to receive bread and drink from the chalice. All are welcome to receive a blessing at the altar. Gluten free wafers are available; please advise a sidesperson if you require this.*

Hymn 294 Just as I am

May the rainbow of many colours bind you to God himself.  
May the soft winds of heaven refresh your spirit  
and may sunshine brighten your heart.  
May the burdens of the day rest lightly upon you.  
May God enfold you in love.  
And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son  
and the Holy Spirit, bringing peace beyond all understanding  
be with you and remain with you,  
and all you love, now and forever. **Amen**

### **Stripping of Altar and Vigil**

*Reading:* Luke 22.47-62