

***Anglican Parish of Jika Jika
All Saint's Preston and St George's Reservoir***

Readings for Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12: 1 - 4 & 11 - 14

A reading from the Book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:

This month shall mark for you the beginning of months;
it shall be the first month of the year for you.

Tell the whole congregation of Israel
that on the tenth of this month they
are to take a lamb for each family,
a lamb for each household.

If a household is too small for a whole lamb,
it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one;
the lamb shall be divided in proportion
to the number of people who eat of it.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded,
your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand;
and you shall eat it hurriedly.

It is the Passover of the Lord.
For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night,
and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt,
both human beings and animals;
on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments:
I am the Lord.

The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses
where you live: when I see the blood,
I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy
you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you.
You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord;
throughout your generations you shall observe it
as a perpetual ordinance.

*For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God*

1 Corinthians 11: 23 - 26

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you,
that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed
took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he
broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way he took the cup also, after supper,
saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'
For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you
proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God*

John 13: 1 - 17 & 31b - 35

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ*

Now before the festival of the Passover,
Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this
world and go to the Father.

Having loved his own who were in the world,
he loved them to the end.
The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas,
son of Simon Iscariot, to betray him.

And during supper Jesus,
knowing that the Father had given all things
into his hands, and that he had come from God
and was going to God,
got up from the table, took off his outer robe,
and tied a towel around himself.

Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the
disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was
tied around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him,
"Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing,
but later you will understand."

Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you,
you have no share with me."

Simon Peter said to him,
"Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to
wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean.

And you are clean, though not all of you."

For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said,
"Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had
returned to the table, he said to them,

"Do you know what I have done to you?

You call me Teacher and Lord,

and you are right, for that is what I am.

So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet,
you also ought to wash one another's feet.

For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I
have done to you. Very truly, I tell you,

servants are not greater than their master,

nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them.

If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has
been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in
himself and will glorify him at once.

Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will
look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you,
'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

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I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

**We come as guests invited
when Jesus bids us dine.
His friends on earth united
to share the bread and wine.
The bread of life is broken,
the wine is freely poured
for us, in solemn token
of Christ our dying Lord.**

**We eat and drink, receiving
from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing
on him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving
for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living
our ever-present friend.**

**One bread is ours for sharing,
one single fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring
renewed in bread and wine:
renewed, sustained and given
by token, sign and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven,
the love of Christ our Lord.**