

## *St Barnabas Pimlico Road & St Stephen's Rochester Row*

*An Order for Night Prayer (Compline)  
Maundy Thursday – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020*



*The Crypt Chapel of St Barnabas*

*In preparation for tonight we suggest that you might find a comfortable place to sit and a candle to light at the end of the Compline.*

*Usually we gather in silence for Compline each Thursday evening at 7.30pm, but tonight is different as we place ourselves into the scene of the Last Supper, the hustle and bustle of a group that gathers from desperate tasks of the day, and settles around a table, before heading out into the garden to pray.*

### *Preparation*

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.  
**Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who made heaven and earth.**

*A period of silence for reflection on the past day (3 minutes).*

### *We say together*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess to you,  
before the whole company of heaven and one another,  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed  
and in what we have failed to do.  
Forgive us our sins,  
heal us by your Spirit  
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

○ God, make speed to save us.

○ **Lord, make haste to help us.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

+ 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.  
**Amen.**

### *The following hymn is sung*

Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray  
That you, with steadfast love, would keep  
Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,  
From fears and terrors of the night;  
Tread underfoot our deadly foe  
That we no sinful thought may know.

O Father, that we ask be done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;  
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath  
Our souls are raised to life from death.

*We say together the Gloria in Excelsis*  
**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 are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**  
**with the Holy Spirit,**  
**in the glory of God the Father.**  
**Amen.**

### *The Liturgy of the Word*

#### *First Reading*

Exodus 12.1-4

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.

*Psalm 139*

*Search me out, O God, and know my heart.*

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; ♦  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You mark out my journeys and my resting place ♦  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word on my tongue, ♦  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You encompass me behind and before ♦  
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, ♦  
so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go then from your spirit? ♦  
Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; ♦  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning ♦  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand shall lead me, ♦  
your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me ♦  
and the light around me turn to night,'

Even darkness is no darkness with you;  
the night is as clear as the day; ♦  
darkness and light to you are both alike.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; ♦  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; ♦  
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.

My frame was not hidden from you, ♦  
when I was made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished; ♦  
already in your book were all my members written,

As day by day they were fashioned ♦  
when as yet there was none of them.

How deep are your counsels to me, O God! ♦  
How great is the sum of them!

If I count them, they are more in number than the sand, ♦  
and at the end, I am still in your presence. **R**

*Search me out, O God, and know my heart.*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*The Gospel Reading*

John 13.1-17, 31b-35

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.” 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.’

*A period of silence for reflection on the Gospel Reading (3 minutes).*

*The following responsory is said*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

**I commend my spirit.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

**Hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

*It is the usual custom at St Barnabas to have a short piece of music, literature, reading etc followed by silence (3 minutes). Tonight Fr John gives a short reflection.*

### ***Gospel Canticle***

*The Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon) is said*

**Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: ♦  
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation ♦  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

A light to reveal you to the nations ♦  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

*The Collect*

Almighty God,  
as we stand at the foot of the cross of your Son,  
help us to see and know your love for us,  
so that in humility, love and joy  
we may place at his feet  
all that we have and all that we are;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
**Amen.**

**Visit our homes, O Lord, we pray,  
and drive far from it the snares of the enemy;  
may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace,  
and may your blessing be always upon us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer is said together*

**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.**

*The 'Home' Sanctuary is Stripped in silence and the Reserved Sacrament is placed on bare 'altar space' with a lit candle.*

*A Watch is kept.*

*It is here that we offer God our prayers and attention for the world. You may find the readings below helpful if you intend to keep watch. Fr John will resume 'Zooming' at 11.45pm*

*The Watch begins*

He said to his disciples, 'How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me for one hour?'

*The Watch concludes at Midnight, with a reading from Luke 22.31-62 after which the candle is extinguished and the Sacrament is removed and we depart.*



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'Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.' And he said to him,

‘Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!’ Jesus\* said, ‘I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.’

He said to them, ‘When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?’ They said, ‘No, not a thing.’ He said to them, ‘But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, “And he was counted among the lawless”; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.’ They said, ‘Lord, look, here are two swords.’ He replied, ‘It is enough.’

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, ‘Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.’\* Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, ‘Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.’ [[ Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.]]\* When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, ‘Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.’\*

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, ‘Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?’ When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, ‘Lord, should we strike with the sword?’ Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, ‘No more of this!’ And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, ‘Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!’

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, ‘This man also was with him.’ But he denied it, saying, ‘Woman, I do not know him.’ A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, ‘You also are one of them.’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I am not!’ Then about an hour later yet another kept insisting, ‘Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I do not know what you are talking about!’

At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

Luke 22.31-62

*And the people depart.*

*Suggested Reading for The Watch*

John 13.16-30  
Psalm 113

John 13.31-end  
Psalm 114

John 14.1-14  
Psalm 115

John 14.15-end  
Psalm 116.1-9

John 15.1-17  
Psalm 116.10-end

John 15.18-16.4a  
Psalm 117

John 16.4b-15  
Psalm 118.1-9

John 16.16-end  
Psalm 118.10-18  
John 17.1-19

Psalm 118.19-end  
John 17.20-end