

Welcome to The Box River Benefice



**Maundy Thursday Washing of Feet, Holy
Eucharist and the Stripping of the Altars**



The Box River Benefice

*Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton,
Little Waldingfield and Newton*

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday

The Gathering

Hymn

Please Stand

The sacred ministers (president and servers) and choir process in following the cross. Please bow as the cross and president pass you by.

The Greeting

The president greets the people

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.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayers of Penitence

Invitation to confession

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.

cf John 14.15; 13.8

Silence is kept.

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

Kyrie Eleison

All **Kyrie Eleison.**

Against you only have we sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.

Christe Eleison.

All **Christe Eleison.**

Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean;
wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.
Kyrie Eleison.

All **Kyrie Eleison.**

The Glastonbury Kyrie is sung by the Choir

All **Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

The president says

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.**

The Collect (Special Prayer for the Day)

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

Silence is kept.

God our Father,
you have invited us to share in the supper
which your Son gave to his Church
to proclaim his death until he comes:
may he nourish us by his presence,
and unite us in his love;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Please Sit

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading*Stand to face the Gospel.**When the Gospel is announced everyone faces it to show respect, also making the sign of the cross*

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.***When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.****Sermon***Please Sit***The Washing of Feet***The president washes the feet of some members of the congregation.**The anthem 'wash me thoroughly' will be sung during the washing of feet.**After which...*

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 forever.

Amen**Prayers of Intercession***Please Sit or Kneel**Prayers are offered for: The Universal & Catholic Church of Christ; Creation, the world, human society, those in authority; the local community; those who are sick or suffer; the deceased and the communion of saints.*

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.

All
and humble us.

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one.
We pray for the unity of your Church.

All
and unite us.

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through
his disciples' message.

We pray for the mission of your Church.

All
and renew our zeal.

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love,
but suffered rejection himself.

We pray for the rejected and unloved.

All
and fill us with your love.

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.

All
and give us your peace.

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.

All
and welcome all your children into paradise.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please Stand

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.'^{cf John 14.27}

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All
and also with you.

All exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn*Remain Standing***Preparation of the Table****Taking of the Bread and Wine***The gifts of the people are gathered and presented. The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.**The president takes the bread and wine and says:*

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.

All **Until the kingdom of God comes
 let us celebrate this feast.**

The president takes the bread and wine.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,
 you bring forth bread from the earth.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,
 you create the fruit of the vine.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The president now washes her/his hands and privately says a prayer of benediction to ensure that they are cleansed from the sin of the world and worthy to be used in God's service at the Altar.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice
 may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
 for the praise and glory of his name,
 for our good, and the good of all his Church. Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer*Remain Standing!*

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to give you thanks,
 Father most holy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 For on this night he girded himself with a towel
 and, taking the form of a servant,
 washed the feet of his disciples.
 He gave us a new commandment
 that we should love one another as he has loved us.
 Knowing that his hour had come,
 in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples
 to be a memorial of his passion,
 that we might proclaim his death until he comes again,
 and feast with him in his kingdom.
 Therefore earth unites with heaven
 to sing a new song of praise;
 we too join with angels and archangels
 as they proclaim your glory without end:

All sing **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
 Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
 Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord
 Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
 Who was and is and is to come.
 Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord.**

(Setting: Colin Hand)

Please sit or kneel

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
 through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
 and as we follow his example and obey his command,
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us his body and his blood;

*Here we ask God to transform these sacred elements for our
 spiritual and physical benefit. Here we make the sign of the cross.*

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
 took bread and gave you thanks;
 he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

The President bows. We make the sign of the cross.

In the same way, after supper
 he took the cup and gave you thanks;
 he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;
 this is my blood of the new covenant,
 which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it,
 in remembrance of me.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

The president bows. We make the sign of the cross.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
 we remember his offering of himself
 made once for all upon the cross;
 we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
 we look for the coming of your kingdom,
 and with this bread and this cup
 we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
 you have set us free.**

You are the Saviour of the world.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
 this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
 and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
 in the presence of your divine majesty,
 renew us by your Spirit,
 inspire us with your love
 and unite us in the body of your Son,
 Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Through him, and with him, and in him,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
 we worship you, Father almighty,
 in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
 be yours for ever and ever.**

Amen.

We make the sign of the cross.

*Here God seals the elements, making them Christ's Body and Blood for us. At
 this moment the veil between heaven and earth is at its thinnest.*

The Lord's Prayer

Please remain seated or kneeling

We pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All 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.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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

Agnus Dei

All Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord,
 Jesus is the Lord God Almighty.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord,
 Jesus is the Lord God Almighty.
 Who was and is and is to com.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord.

(Setting: Colin Hand)

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion

God's holy gifts
 for God's holy people.
All Jesus Christ is holy,
 Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

The president and people receive communion.

The body of Christ, broken for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

During the distribution anthems may be sung.

Hymn

Remain seated and after you have finished your devotions, gently sing.

Any consecrated bread and wine which is not required for purposes of communion is reserved ready to be consumed during the Good Friday Service.

Prayer after Communion

Remain Seated!

Silence is kept.

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 forever.

All Amen.

All We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.

The Conclusion

Hymn

Please Stand!

The Stripping of the Sanctuary

The holy table and the sanctuary are stripped bare. During the stripping, Psalm 88, another psalm, or these verses from Lamentations may be used.

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people!
 How like a widow she has become,
 she that was great among the nations!
 She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks;
 among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her.

All **Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals;
 all her gates are desolate, her priests groan;
 her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.
 Her children have gone away, captives before the foe.
 Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?
 Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.

All **Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

From on high he sent fire; it went deep into my bones;
 he spread a net for my feet; he turned me back;
 he has left me stunned, faint all day long.
 For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears;
 for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage;
 my children are desolate, for the enemy has prevailed.

All **Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

All who pass along the way clap their hands at you;
 they hiss and wag their heads at daughter Jerusalem;
 'Is this the city that was called the perfection of beauty,
 the joy of all the earth?'
 The thought of my affliction and homelessness is wormwood and gall.

All **Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
 his mercies never come to an end;
 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,
 'therefore I will hope in him.'

All The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.
 It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,
 to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it,
 to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),
 to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.
 For the Lord will not reject forever.

All **Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.**

The Watch – ‘Could you not watch with me one hour?’

*Following the Stripping of the Sanctuary, the Watch is kept in the Lady Chapel.
Our Lord is present with us in the Blessed Sacrament, which is not revealed.
The Gospel of the Watch is read without ceremony, followed by silence.*

Year A Luke 22.31-62

Year B Matthew 26.30-end

Year C Mark 14.26-end

Silence is kept as the congregation keeps vigil watch during the night. Please sign up for a slot to ensure the vigil is kept for the entire time.