



GARROWBYBENEFICE

Maundy Agape Service

Opening Music: The Servant King

Welcome

Opening Responses

Out of the darkness came light;

All and the power of God was revealed

In the sun moon and stars

All in The Showers And The Dew

Out of the dust came life;

All and the image of God was revealed

In the human face and the gentle heart,

All in the warmth of flesh and the depth of soul

Out of justice came freedom;

All and the wisdom of God was revealed

In the need to grow and the will to love,

All in the chance to know and the power to choose

And God looked at the creation,

All and behold, it was very good.

Prayers of Adoration

We will keep on thanking God with constant words of prayer.

We will glory in the living God:

the humble will hear and be glad.

Let us pray.

Living God, our loving parent: you cherish your creation and we praise you. With earth, air, water, fire: in our element as your children, we praise you. With our lips, with our lives, in all our diversity, each one made in your image, we praise you.

Because you share our human lives, our sorrow and joy, we praise you.

Because you are at work today: encouraging, enabling, surprising us, in the world's places of beauty and of pain, in the mystery of the mundane, we praise you. Poor as we are, you give us hope: salt of the earth, you give us meaning and purpose and we praise you.

All Amen

Gospel Reading: John 13: 1-15 and 34-35

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

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.

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.'

Reflection

Music: A new commandment

Prayer of Confession

Our praise fills us with a sense of God's goodness. In our weakness and our struggle to be good, God is our strength. God's grace meets us now to renew us, re orientate us, restore us. We call on the power of God to meet us in our helplessness:

All God in our thinking, God in our speaking.

We call on the clarity of God to meet us in our confusion:

All God in our acting, God in our stillness.

We call on the mercy of God to meet us in our brokenness:

All God in our waking, God in our sleeping.

We call on the Spirit of God to meet us in our division:

All God in our meeting, God in our parting.

Intercessions

The Peace

Let us now call on the grace of God to meet us as we worship together and share peace with one another in our households or in our hearts

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you.

The sharing of Bread and Water

We have shared peace,

We have shared thanksgiving, and now in solidarity and agape

We share ordinary bread and ordinary water together (*Bread is broken*)

Taste and see that God is good.

Prayer after sharing

With gratefulness to each other for all that we have shared and thankfulness to God and all the people who have brought this good food and water to us, we begin to look outwards and ahead to our lives beyond this time

Dear God, we give thanks for places of simplicity and peace

All Let us find such a place within ourselves.

We give thanks for places of refuge and beauty

All Let us find such a place within ourselves.

We give thanks for places of truth and freedom, of joy, inspiration and renewal, places where all creatures may find acceptance and belonging.

**All Let us search for these places:
in the world, in ourselves and others.
let us restore them.
let us strengthen and protect them
and let us create them.**

May we mend this outer world according to the truth of our inner life and may our souls be shaped and nourished by nature's eternal wisdom, in the country, in the city, and in every place we go.

All Amen

Music: The Servant Song

Closing Responses

O God of life, of all life and of each life, we lay our lives before you; we give our lives to you

You are before us, O God, you are behind.us

You are around us, O God, you are within.us

O God of life, O generous Spirit,

All Renew us with your life, today, tomorrow and always.

All Amen

Blessing

Living God, bless all who have gathered today. May we know the fullness of your presence at every meal and in all our sharing.

And the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with all, now and forever.

Amen.

Music: My Song is Love Unknown

This service was adapted from an Agape service in Iona Abbey