

Welcome to the Parish Church of St Mark
Serving the people of Broomhill & Broomhall
Living Thinking Loving Faith



The Liturgy of the Last Supper
Maundy Thursday 2026 at 7.00 pm

Gathering

“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.”

John 13.13–15 (NRSV)

Welcome & Introduction

The President Rev Dr Ian Wallis

The Deacon Rev Shan Rush

The Preacher Rev Dr Ian Wallis

We share silence together.

Hymn

In the questions without answers,
in the truth we seek to find,
God is calling us to journey,
leaving certainty behind.
In the thirst for peace and justice,
in the struggle to be free,
God is offering living water,
freshly poured for you and me.

In the energy of living,
breaking bounds of church and place,
God is naming all things holy,
making earth a sacred space.
In the shaping and the sharing,
in the finding common ground,
God is offering living water,
flowing out to all around.

In the cross of loving mystery,
in the mix of tears and joy,
God embraces and enfolds us,
with a hope death can't destroy.
In the silence and the waiting,
in the anger and the prayer,
God is in the living water,
depth of life for all to share.

Jan Berry
Tune: Blaenwern 7

Greeting, Introduction & Prayers of Approach

Jesus said,

‘I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another ...

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.’

John 13.34–35

May God be with you:
and also with you.

This night, Christ's passion begins –
from now on, there is no going back.

Brothers, sisters, siblings,
we are invited to remember
the awesome events that unfolded
on the eve of Christ's crucifixion
and, through doing so, to make them our own.

We share one final meal with our Lord –
overwhelmed as he washes our feet
and entrusts his ministry into our hands.

With mounting apprehension,
we follow him to Gethsemane
and suffer there the turmoil of his anguish and arrest.

And throughout,
we ponder what all this means for us
and how we must respond.

Let us pray.

Silence for preparation.

O Christ, pouring yourself out,
love drained to the last drop,
draw us into your passion.

O Christ, kneeling as a servant,
washing the disciples' feet,
shocking in your humility,
help us to follow in your way.

O Christ, taking bread and wine,
crystal-clear in your awareness
of the work you must complete,
nourish us on your saving presence.

O Christ, entering Gethsemane,
falling on your face to pray,
uncontainable in your broken heart,
strengthen us to share your sufferings.

Angela Ashwin

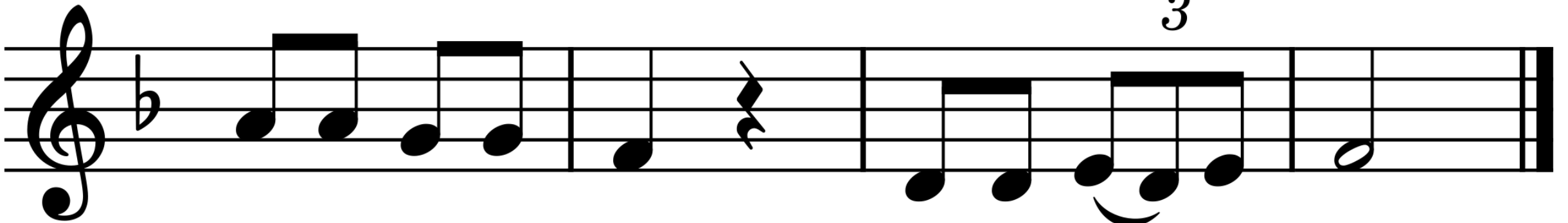
Infinite, intimate God,
this night you kneel before us and wash our feet.
In awe and wonder,
we lay ourselves bare
to your redeeming acts of love. Amen.

New Zealand Prayer Book

Chant



U-bi car-i - tas et a - mor.



U-bi car-i - tas De-us i - bi est.

Translation:

Where there is charity and love, there is God

The Gospel - John 13.1–17

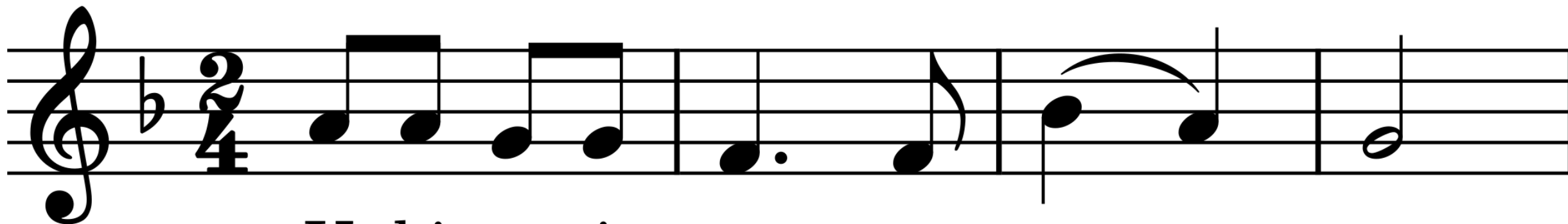
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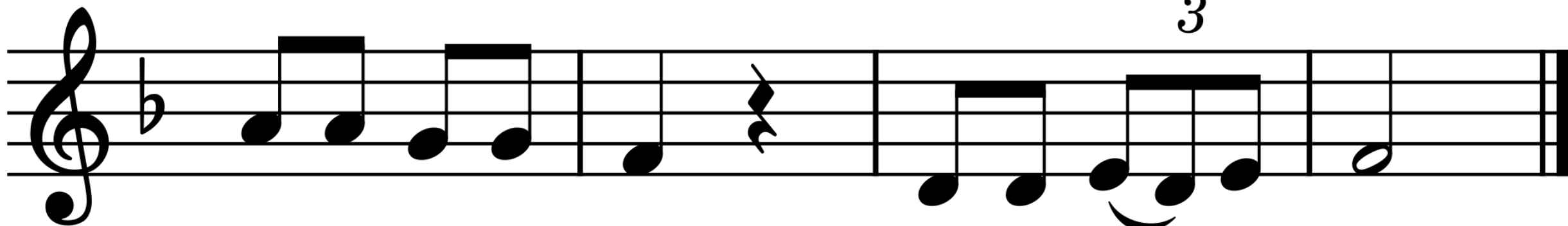
Homily

Rev Dr Ian Wallis

Chant



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The Sacrament of Service

The Oils of Ministry are placed on the altar

These oils have been set aside
and blessed by our bishops.

Together, they symbolise the ministry
Christ entrusts to his church.

We receive them with joy
as we offer ourselves afresh
in the service of Christ.

Each Oil is presented

The Oil of the Sick

**May all who are anointed with this oil
and cared for by this community
find healing, wholeness and peace.**

The Oil of Baptism

**May all who are anointed with this oil
and renewed through the waters of baptism
grow into the full stature of Christ.**

The Oil of Chrism

**May all who are anointed with this oil
and commissioned for Christ's service
bring life and light to a waiting world.**

Jesus said, 'For I have set you an example,
that you also should do as I have done to you.'

Christ entrusts to us his sacrament of service.
Let us renew our calling.

You are invited to come forward and receive a fresh anointing in the Oil of Chrism for strength and inspiration, in the service of Christ, which is administered with these words:

*I anoint you for service –
remain faithful to your calling as Christ remains faithful to you.*

Quiet unsung music plays during the anointing

Once the anointing has been completed, we pray together:

**Christ of the towel and the basin,
humbly serving your own:
as we seek to follow your example,
help us to love without fear
and minister without prejudice
for your kingdom's sake. Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

Jesus says,

Peace is my parting gift to you, my own peace,
such as the world cannot give.

Set your troubled hearts at rest and do not be afraid.

John 14.27

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We share a sign of peace.

Hymn

Touch, without words, a silent understanding
that reaches deep within another's pain,
can bring the present healing to our being
a sense of peace, though hurt may still remain.
And in this touch God's love, a bridge between us,
can form a bond that words cannot express,
can draw us in communion with each other,
can ease and share the things that bring distress.

The things we hold in common hold us closer,
we learn to weep together, share our tears,
while love, the distillation of compassion
will bring a sense of grace to quell our fears.
God's touch is constant, though the world is changing.
God's love is present, loving will remain.
However much security may crumble,
God's patient grace and hope will still sustain.

Andrew Pratt (b 1948) Tune: Londonderry Air

Preparation of the Table

What we do here,
**we do in imitation
of what Christ first did.**

To his followers in every age,
Jesus gave an example and command
rooted in the experience
he shared with his disciples
in an upstairs room in Jerusalem.
So now we do as Jesus did.

We take this bread and this wine,
**produce of the earth
and fruit of human labour.**

In these, Jesus has promised to be present;
through these, Christ can make us whole.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

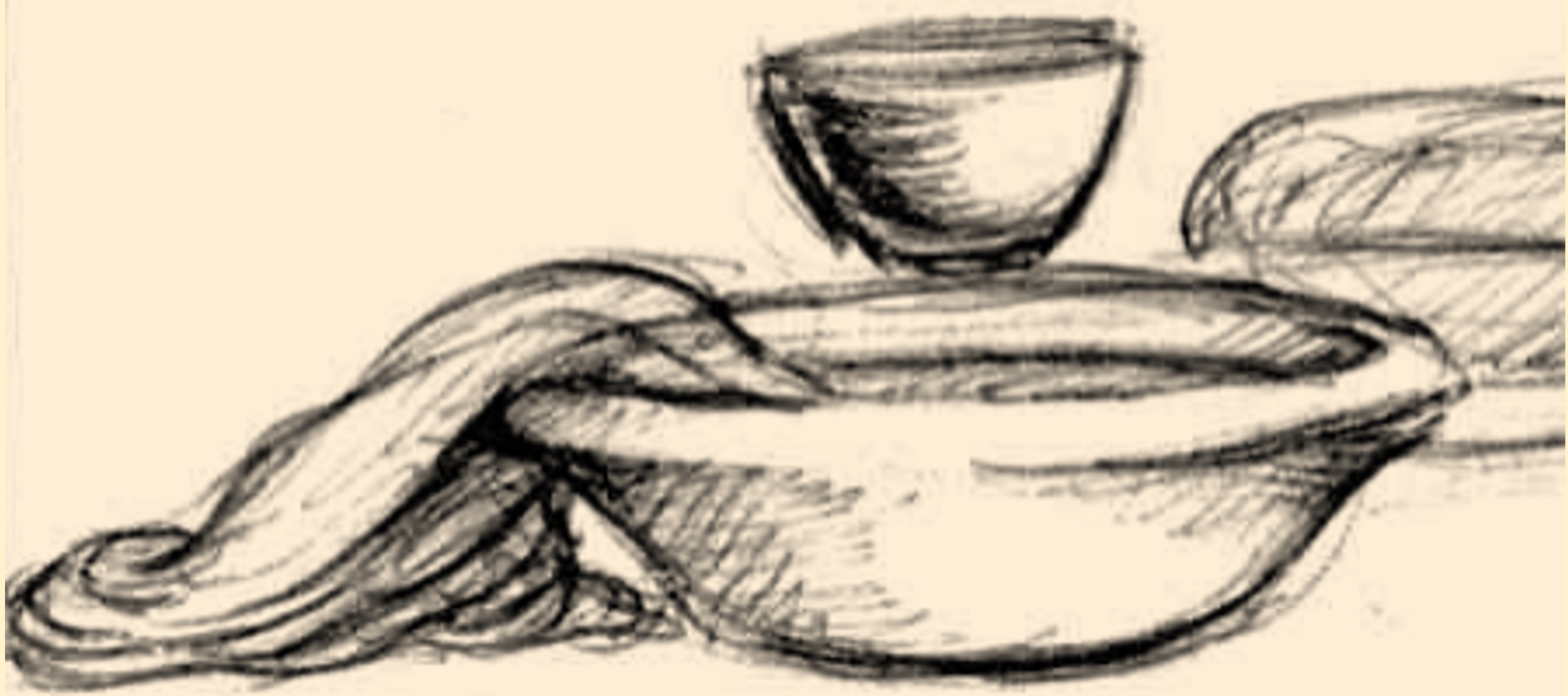
We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.



**Merciful God,
send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit
to settle on this bread and wine
and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.
And let that same Spirit rest on us,
converting us from the patterns
of this passing world,
until we conform to the shape of him
whose food we now share.
Amen.**



So come,
you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith,
for a better life, for a fairer world.
Jesus Christ,
who has sat at our tables,
now invites us to be guests at his.

*We gather together at the front of church
to share communion “in the round”*

Once you have received, please return to your seats.

During communion the choir sing the anthem

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1975)

Translation: Where charity and love are, God is there. Love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice in Him and be glad. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Where charity and love are, God is there.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray

**Christ of the Passion,
you have shown us tenderness
and called us your friends;
your love weighs heavily upon us –
grant us grace to bear it
and to bless. Amen.**

Gethsemane

Jesus said, “This night, you will all stumble in your faith because of me, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’”

The narrative of Jesus’ agony in the garden and arrest is read as the altar is stripped and the sanctuary emptied of all adornments. Candles are extinguished. Once the stripping is complete, we leave in silence or join the prayer vigil in the chapel.

Jesus said, ‘Could you not keep watch for one hour?’