

Hymns for Maundy Thursday

Stay here, remain here with me
Watch and pray (Taize)

The Servant King

From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve,
and give Your life that we might live.
*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow Him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not My will but Yours,' He said.

Come see His hands and His feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice;
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone Him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.
Graham Kendrick (born 1950)

Ubi Caritas (Durufle)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Amen

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other
with a sincere heart. Amen.*

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness,
and forgive me all my sin.
For I acknowledge my faults
and my sin is ever before me.

Words Psalm 51 vv. 2–3 Samuel Wesley

All the room was hushed and still,
and when the bowl was filled
he stooped to wash their feet.
And when it was complete, he said,
This is what I'm asking you to do,
this is why I'm kneeling here beside you,
this is what I want my church to be,
this is what I want the world to see,
who it is you follow.'

*Love each other, one another,
love each other in the way that I have loved you.
Walk together, and whatever comes
love each other in the way that I have loved you'.*

Let the room be hushed and still,
let us go to where he kneels
and join him as he serves,
and learn his ways of love.
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An Upper Room did our Lord prepare

For those he loved until the end:
And his disciples still gather there
To celebrate their Risen Friend.

A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
To share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
He by his Cross shall lift us up.

And after Supper he washed their feet
For service, too, is sacrament.
In Christ our joy shall be made complete —
Sent out to serve, as he was sent.

No end there is! We depart in peace,
He loves beyond the uttermost:
In every room in our Maker's house
Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

Fred Pratt Green 1903–2000