

A Special Programme for Maundy Thursday
developed by Dr Peter Walker for Walkway Books:

“The Start of the Long Night”

A. Pre-Recorded Presentation (c. 60 mins), including the following 6 videos:

1. Welcome & Introduction (2 mins)

2. Setting the scene in C1 Jerusalem (guided slide show: 15 mins)

- Maps, models and pictures of Jerusalem

3. Reflective Readings A John 13 (7 mins)

- Reading of John 13:1-5 (read by PW)
- Reflection from Joanna John Mark’s younger sister (aged 14), retold by Jennie Martin
- Reading of John 13:6-11 (read by PW)

4. THE LONG NIGHT (film episode from ‘In the Steps of Jesus’: 15 mins)

5. Reflective Readings B Mark 14 (8 mins)

- Reading of Mark 14:32-42 (read by D Paul Thomas)
- Reading of Mark 14:43-51 (read by D Paul Thomas)
- Reflection from John Mark (aged 16), retold by Graham Naylor

6. “Take away this cup” (Homily: 12 mins)

- On OT Cup sayings and the ‘cup’ of judgment/salvation

B. Local Congregation Discussion & Prayer (c. 20-30 mins)

Done in real time, facilitated by a local host on Zoom, ideally after watching some or all of the pre-recorded Part A (above).

Only No. 7b is a pre-recorded video. For item 7a please see separate sheet ‘Questions & Prayers’.

7a. Focus on John 13 (Study Group Discussion), including options as follows:

- Reading of John 13:12-17, 34-35
- Reflective Questions for Break Out Groups
- Prayer Activity (based on a Bowl of Water)

7b. Praying in the Garden: Meditation (4 mins)

- Listening again to Reading of Mark 14:32-42 (read by D Paul Thomas) with pauses for people to pray on their own, ‘keeping watch with Jesus...’

7c. Drinking of some red wine (in own homes: shared in ‘time’ not in ‘place’)

A church leader could lead a final act of joyful but poignant remembrance, encouraging Zoom participants to drink some wine in honour of Jesus’ Passover meal (with its cups celebrating the Exodus redemption) but especially of the cup of judgment which Jesus drank at the Cross, which by his grace alone becomes to us the cup of salvation (as celebrated in the Lord’s supper).