

# St John's

## Mundy Thursday Service

1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

### Welcome

John 13:34

*A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you.*

### Acknowledgement of Country

We at St John's acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and in particular the Gadigal people of the Eora nation, as the first and traditional custodians of the land on which this church now stands; and express our gratitude that we share this land today, our sorrow for the costs of that sharing, and our hope that we can move towards a place of justice and partnership together.

### First song: The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away, stood an old rugged Cross  
The emblem of suffering and shame  
And I love that old Cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain

So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged Cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown

Oh, that old rugged Cross so despised by the world  
Has a wondrous attraction for me  
For the dear Lamb of God, left his Glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary

So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged Cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown

In the old rugged Cross, stained with blood so divine  
A wondrous beauty I see  
For the dear Lamb of God, left his Glory above  
To pardon and sanctify me

So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged Cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown

To the old rugged Cross, I will ever be true  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away  
Where his glory forever I'll share

So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged Cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown.

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### **Prayer: The Broken Christ**

Lord God, almighty and omnipotent,  
For your love that goes on creating,  
Your power that goes on strengthening,  
Your mercy that goes on forgiving,  
Your purpose that goes on working,  
And your goodness that goes on giving.

Receive our praise.

Lord Jesus Christ, revealer of the Father's love  
Proof of his power, instrument of his forgiveness,  
Fulfiller of his purpose, agent of his goodness.

Receive our praise.

Loving God,  
In the name of Christ we worship you,  
We welcome you, we acknowledge your greatness,  
We celebrate your goodness.  
Receive our praise.

Lord Jesus Christ, once despised and rejected,  
Broken and beaten, condemned and crucified,  
We welcome you as our risen Lord;  
The King of love, the Prince of peace,  
The Lord of lords, the bringer of life.  
Receive our praise.

Loving God, you showed us through Christ  
That what seemed to be weakness was strength,  
What appeared to be defeat was victory.  
What appeared to be the end was a new beginning.  
Receive our praise.

Forgive us for so easily being deceived by appearances,  
For measuring success by our own flawed standards.  
Teach us to recognise that it is  
Not only the risen Christ, but the broken Christ,  
Not only the victorious Christ but the crucified Christ  
Not only the living Christ but the dying Christ  
That we see your purposes fulfilled and your will being done.

Receive our praise.

In His name.

Amen

**First Bible Reading: Matthew 26:31-35**

*Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written:*

*"I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'*

*But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."*

*Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."*

*"Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."*

*But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.*

**Washing of Feet (optional)**

## **Song 2: And Can it Be**

And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the Saviour's blood!  
Died he for me? who caused his pain!  
For me? who him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies!  
Who can explore his strange design?

In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
to sound the depths of love divine.

'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore;  
let angel minds inquire no more.

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let angel minds inquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above  
(so free, so infinite his grace!),  
emptied himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race.

'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
for O my God, it found out me!

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for O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;  
alive in him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

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and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

C. Wesley

## **A Prayer for the Persecuted Church**

Heavenly Father you have made yourself known to us in Jesus.

You have reconciled us to yourself through his death and  
resurrection.

You have called us to make him our Lord.

We pray for your church in places and cultures, where their faith  
and loyalty to Jesus are mistrusted and opposed.

We ask that you give your church strength, courage and hope.  
In places and cultures, where oppression is harsh and fear is real,  
bring your light to bear, so that ignorance and cruelty are removed  
and are replaced with tolerance and respect.

May your church confidently live for Jesus through out your world,  
pointing to his truth and love.

In his name we pray.

Amen

## **Second Bible Reading: Matthew 26:69-75**

*Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came  
to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said.*

*But he denied it before them all.*

*"I don't know what you're talking about," he said.*

*Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw  
him and said to the people there,  
"This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth."*



*He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!"*

*After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said,  
"Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away."*

*Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them,  
"I don't know the man!"*

*Immediately a rooster crowed. Then Peter remembered the word  
Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me  
three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.*

### **Reflection: Now Is Not The Time To Betray Jesus**

#### **Song 3: Amazing Grace**

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear.  
And Grace, my fears relieved.  
How precious did that Grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far  
and Grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me.  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun.  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun.

J. Newton

### **Prayer For Going Out**

Lord Jesus may we leave tonight entering the dark,  
not as disciples or afraid and fleeing but as disciples who are  
confident in your presence and are going to serve and love.

Amen.