



HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER



Love one another

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Processional Hymn

AHB 453

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- 1 **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.**
- 2 **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.**
- 3 **And after supper he washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In him our joy shall be made complete—
sent out to serve, as he was sent.**
- 4 **No end there is! We depart in peace.
He loves beyond our uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house
he will be there, as Lord and host.**

Frederick Pratt Green 1903—

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection, through him we are saved and made free.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

These acts of prayer and penitence prepare us as a worshipping community to hear God's Word, to offer the Holy Sacrifice, and to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Priest may introduce the Liturgy.

PENITENTIAL RITE

This prayer of preparation may be said.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Deacon invites the people to recall their sins, then there is a short silence for reflection.

REMAIN STANDING

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Priest pronounces the Absolution.

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Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Lord have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

This ancient hymn of praise is sung:

*During the singing of the Gloria, the **church bells are rung** and then remain **silent** until the Easter Vigil.*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

THE OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, who have called us to participate
in this most sacred Supper,
in which your Only Begotten Son,
when about to hand himself over to death,
entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity,
the banquet of his love,
grant, we pray,
that we may draw from so great a mystery,
the fullness of charity and of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

The proclamation of God's Word is always centred on Christ. Old Testament writings prepare the way for him; New Testament books speak of him directly. All Scripture calls us to believe afresh and respond in our lives.

THE FIRST READING

SIT

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Exodus 12: 1–8, 11–14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt. “The month is to be the first of all the others for you, the first month of the year. Speak to the whole community of Israel and say, ‘On the tenth day of this month each man must take an animal from the flock, one for each family: one animal for each household.

If the household is too small to eat the animal, a man must join with his neighbour, the nearest to his house, as the number of persons requires. You must take into account what each can eat in deciding the number for the animal. It must be an animal without blemish, a male one year old, you may take it from either sheep or goats. You must keep it till the fourteenth day of the month when the whole assembly of the community of Israel shall slaughter it between the two evenings. Some of the blood must then be taken and put on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where it is eaten.

That night, the flesh is to be eaten, roasted over the fire; it must be eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. You shall eat it like this: with a girdle round your waist, sandals on your feet, a staff in your hand. You shall eat it hastily; it is a passover in honour of the Lord.

That night, I will go through the land of Egypt and strike down all the first-born in the land of Egypt, man and beast alike, and I shall deal out punishment to all the gods of Egypt; I am the Lord. The blood shall serve to mark the houses that you live in. When I see the blood I will pass over you and you shall escape the destroying plague when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day is to be a day of remembrance for you, and you must celebrate it as a feast in the Lord’s honour. For all generations you are to declare it a day of festival, for ever.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 115: 12–13. 15–18. R cf. 1 Cor 10: 16

R Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.

- 1 How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.

R Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.

- 2 O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

R Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.

- 3 A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfill
before all his people.

R Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians.

1 Cor 11: 23–26

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

STAND

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jn 13: 1–15

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

It was before the festival of the Passover, and Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to the Father. He had always loved those who were his in the world, and now he showed how perfect his love was.

They were at supper, and the devil had already put it into the mind of Judas Iscariot son of Simon, to betray him. Jesus knew that the Father had put everything into his hands, and that he had come from God and was returning to God, and he got up from the table, removed his outer garment and, taking a towel, wrapped it round his waist; he then poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'At the moment you do not know what I am doing, but later you will understand.' 'Never!' said Peter. 'You shall never wash my feet.' Jesus replied, 'If I do not wash you, you can have nothing in common with me.' 'Then, Lord,' said Simon Peter 'not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!' Jesus said, 'No one who has taken a bath needs washing, he is clean all over. You too are clean, though not all of you are.' He knew who was going to betray him, that was why he said, 'though not all of you are.'

When he had washed their feet and put on his clothes again he went back to the table. 'Do you understand' he said 'what I have done to you! You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am. If I, then the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WASHING OF FEET

As chairs are placed ready for those who will have their feet washed, the following is sung:

A NEW commandment I give unto you
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all men know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.
By this shall all men know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.

Those who are to have their feet washed go to the chairs prepared in a suitable place. Then the priest goes to each one. With the help of the ministers, he pours water over each one's right foot and dries it.

During the Footwashing, the following is sung:

Ubi Caritas, et amor, Deus ibi est
(Where there is charity and love, there is God)

The washing of the feet ends with this prayer: **STAND**

Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ taught us that what we do for the least of our brethren we do also for him: give us the will to be the servant of others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL *REMAIN STANDING*

As a priestly people we pray together for needs of the Church and the world.

After each petition:

Lord in your mercy, *or* Lord, hear our prayer, hear our prayer
Hear our prayer. Lord, hear our prayer, hear our prayer

At the conclusion:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We prepare to participate in the Eucharistic meal by expressing the unity we have with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We are the Body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All exchange the greeting of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Offertory Hymn TIS 434

The response is repeated at the beginning and is sung after each verse:

***WHERE there is charity and love,
there the God of love abides.***

- 1 **The love of Christ has gathered us as one:
rejoice in him with joy which he imparts;
let us revere and love the living God,
and love each other with unfeigning hearts.**
- 2 **And so, when we are gathered here as one,
let quarrels die, and envious rancour cease;
be our resolve all bitterness to shun,
and in our midst be Christ, his love and peace.**
- 3 **O lead us, Master, by your saving grace,
to where the blessed glory in your sight;
there let us see and love you, face to face,
gathered once more in everlasting light.**

*From the Office of the Mandatum
paraphrased by Richard Conolly 1927–*

During the Hymn the Priest receives the gifts. He offers the bread and wine to God.

STAND

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

The Priest then says the Prayer over the Gifts

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that we may participate worthily in these mysteries,
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated
the work of our redemption is accomplished.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In this prayer we give thanks to God for all he has done for us in Christ; by the Power of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine become for us the Body and Blood of Christ; and we offer ourselves with Christ to the Father.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Priest continues with the Preface, after which all say:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

KNEEL

The Priest continues with the Prayer of Consecration.

After the Words of Institution, when he has replaced the chalice on the altar and genuflected, the Priest says:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer with these words:

. . . in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for
ever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION RITE

We make our final preparation to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The Priest invites all to join in the Lord's Prayer.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Deliver, us Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

As he begins to break the Bread, the Priest says:

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one Bread.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.**

The Priest then invites the people to Communion:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: This body will be given for you. This is the cup of the new covenant in my blood; whenever you receive them, do so in remembrance of me.
(1 Cor 11: 24–25)

Those who are to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing come forward.

Communion Hymn **NEH 270** **BANGOR**

- 1 **ACCORDING to thy gracious word,
 In meek humility,
This will I do, my dying Lord,
 I will remember thee.**
- 2 **Thy body, broken for my sake,
 My bread from heaven shall be;
Thy testamental cup I take,
 And thus remember thee.**
- 3 **Gethsemane can I forget?
 Or there thy conflict see,
Thine agony and bloody sweat,
 And not remember thee?**
- 4 **When to the cross I turn mine eyes
 And rest on Calvary
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice,
 I must remember thee:**
- 5 **Remember thee, and all thy pains,
 And all thy love to me;
Yea, while a breath, a pulse remains,
 Will I remember thee.**
- 6 **And when these failing lips grow dumb,
 And mind and memory flee,
When thou shall in thy kingdom come,
 Jesu, remember me.**

James Montgomery 1771–1854

After the distribution of communion, the Blessed Sacrament for Good Friday's Liturgy is left on the altar, and Mass concludes with the prayer after communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *STAND*

The Priest says the Prayer after Communion. Then may be said the following prayer:

Grant, almighty God,
that, just as we are renewed
by the Supper of your Son in this present age,
so we may enjoy his banquet for all eternity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

TRANSFER OF THE EUCHARIST

After the prayer after communion, the priest, accompanied by the ministers, carries the Blessed Sacrament to the place where it is kept until tomorrow.

During the procession, the hymn Pange Lingua is sung, ALL KNEELING.

Pange lingua gloriosi corporis mysterium

- 1 **OF the glorious body telling,
 O my tongue, its mysteries sing,
And the blood, all price excelling,
 Which the world's eternal King,
In a spotless womb once dwelling,
 Shed for this world's ransoming.**

- 2 **Given for us, for us descending,
 Of a virgin to proceed,
Man with man in converse blending,
 Scattered he the gospel seed,
Till his sojourn drew to ending,
 Which he closed in wondrous deed.**

- 3 **At the last great supper lying
 Circled by his chosen band,
Duly with the law complying,
 First he finished its command,
Then, immortal food supplying,
 Gave himself by his own hand.**

- 4 **Word-made-flesh, by word he maketh
 Bread his very flesh to be;
Man in wine Christ's blood partaketh:
 And if senses fail to see,
Faith alone the true heart waketh
 To behold the mystery.**

Part 2 Tantum ergo

- 5 **Therefore we, before him bending,
 This great sacrament revere:
Types and shadows have their ending,
 For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
 Makes the inward vision clear.**

**6 Glory let us give and blessing
 To the Father and the Son,
 Honour, might and praise addressing,
 While eternal ages run;
 Ever too his love confessing,
 Who, from both, with both is one. Amen.**

St Thomas Aquinas 1227–74
Tr J.M. Neale 1818–66
and others

The Blessed Sacrament is placed on the Altar of Repose.

After a period of silent adoration, the priest and ministers genuflect and return to the sacristy.

Then the altar and church are stripped as a reminder of the humiliation Christ endured as he was stripped of his glory and dignity in his passion. Meanwhile Psalm 22 is recited by two readers.

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me:
 why are you so far from helping me
 and from the words of my groaning?
- 2 My God, I cry to you by day, but you do not answer:
 and by night also I take no rest.
- 3 But you continue holy:
 you that are the praise of Israel.
- 4 In you our forebears trusted:
 they trusted, and you delivered them;
- 5 To you they cried and they were saved:
 they put their trust in you and were not confounded.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man:
 the scorn of all and despised by the people.
- 7 Those that see me laugh me to scorn:
 they shoot out their lips at me and wag their heads saying,
- 8 “He trusted in the Lord—let him deliver him:
 let him deliver him, if he delights in him.”
- 9 But you are he that took me out of the womb:
 that brought me to lie at peace on my mother’s breast.
- 10 On you have I been cast since my birth:
 you are my God, even from my mother’s womb.
- 11 O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand:
 and there is none to help.

- 12 Many oxen surround me:
fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.
- 13 They gape wide their mouths at me:
like lions that roar and rend.
- 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint:
my heart within my breast is like melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried up like a potsherd:
and my tongue clings to my gums.
- 16 My hands and my feet are withered:
and you lay me in the dust of death.
- 17 For many dogs are come about me:
and a band of evildoers hem me in.
- 18 I can count all my bones:
they stand staring and gazing upon me.
- 19 They part my garments among them:
and cast lots for my clothing.
- 20 O Lord, do not stand far off:
you are my helper, hasten to my aid.
- 21 Deliver my body from the sword:
my life from the power of the dogs;
- 22 O save me from the lion's mouth:
and my afflicted soul from the horns of the wild oxen.
- 23 I will tell of your name to my companions:
in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.
- 24 O praise the Lord, all you that fear him:
hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob,
and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.
- 25 For he has not despised nor abhorred
the poor man in his misery:
nor did he hide his face from him,
but heard him when he cried.
- 26 From you springs my praise in the great congregation:
I will pay my vows in the sight of all that hear you;
- 27 The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied:
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him—
may their hearts rejoice for ever!
- 28 Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord:
and let all the families of the nations worship before him.

- 29 For the kingdom is the Lord's:
and he shall be ruler over the nations.
- 30 How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage:
or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?
- 31 But he has saved my life for himself:
and my posterity shall serve him.
- 32 This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation:
and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

*You are encouraged to remain (or return later)
for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
for a suitable period of half an hour or more during the night,
until midnight.*

Those not staying for the first part of the Watch depart in silence.

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