



**The Eucharist of the  
Last Supper**  
*Maundy Thursday*



## *The Gathering*

### **Introit**

*The choir sings an introit during which servers and clergy take their places.*

### **Hymn**

*We stand to sing.*

### **The Greeting**

*The president says*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*The president introduces the celebration.*

## Prayers of Penitence

*The deacon introduces the confession.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ says:

'If you love me, keep my commandments.'

'Unless I wash you, you have no part in me.'

Let us confess to almighty God our sins against his love,  
and ask him to cleanse us.

*Silence is kept.*

When we take our ease  
rather than watch with you:  
Lord, forgive us.

*All* **Christ have mercy.**

When we bestow a kiss of peace  
yet nurse enmity in our hearts:  
Lord, forgive us.

*All* **Christ have mercy.**

When we strike at those who hurt us  
rather than stretch out our hands to bless:  
Lord, forgive us.

*All* **Christ have mercy.**

When we deny that we know you  
for fear of the world and its scorn:  
Lord, forgive us.

*All* **Christ have mercy.**

*The president prays*

May the Father forgive us  
by the death of his Son  
and strengthen us  
to live in the power of the Spirit  
all our days.

*All* **Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

*The choir sings*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, Benedicimus te,  
Adoramus te, Glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis  
Deus Pater omnipotens.*

*Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris,  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.*

*Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.*

*Quoniam tu solus sanctus.  
Tu solus Dominus.  
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.  
Cum sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei  
Patris.  
Amen.*

*Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace,  
goodwill towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee  
for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God  
the Father, have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God  
the Father.  
Amen.*

## The Collect

*The president says 'Let us pray' and silence is kept.*

God our Father,  
you have invited us to share in the supper  
which your Son gave to his Church  
to proclaim his death until he comes:  
may he nourish us by his presence,  
and unite us in his love;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

### **First Reading**

*Exodus 12.1-14*

*Please sit. At the end of the reading*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Psalm**

*Please remain seated while the choir sings.*

### **Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 11.23-26*

*At the end of the reading*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

*Please stand to sing and face the Gospel.*

## Gospel Reading *John 13.1-17, 31b-35*

*The deacon says*

The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*All* **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel concludes*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Sermon

*Please sit. A sermon is preached.*

## The Washing of Feet

*The president introduces the ceremony of the Foot-Washing and washes the feet of representatives of the cathedral community. During the foot-washing the choir sings an anthem.*

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ:

On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service. We all need to remember his example, but none stand more in need of this reminder than those whom the Lord has called to the ordained ministry.

Therefore, I invite you who have been appointed as representatives of the congregation, and who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that we who wash your feet may recall whose servants we are by following the example of our Master. But come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done to others, for 'a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.'

*At the end the president prays*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*A minister leads the intercessions.*

Father,  
on this, the night he was betrayed,  
your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet.  
We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.  
Lord, hear us

*All* **and humble us.**

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one.  
We pray for the unity of your Church.  
Lord, hear us

*All* **and unite us.**

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through  
his disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your Church.  
Lord, hear us

*All* **and renew our zeal.**



On this night, he commanded his disciples to love,  
but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved.  
Lord, hear us

*All* **and fill us with your love.**

On this night, he reminded his disciples  
that if the world hated them it hated him first.  
We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.  
Lord, hear us

*All* **and give us your peace.**

On this night, he accepted the cup of death  
and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom.  
We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ.  
Lord, hear us

*All* **and welcome all your children into paradise.**

## *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### **The Peace**

*Please stand. The president says*

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
neither let them be afraid.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*The deacon says*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*And all may exchange a sign of peace.*

### **Offertory Hymn**

*We sing.*

## Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

*The president takes the bread and wine.*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*The president says*

The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to give you thanks,  
Father most holy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
For on this night he girded himself with a towel  
and, taking the form of a servant,  
washed the feet of his disciples.  
He gave us a new commandment  
that we should love one another as he has loved us.  
Knowing that his hour had come,  
in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples  
to be a memorial of his passion,  
that we might proclaim his death until he comes again,  
and feast with him in his kingdom.

Therefore earth unites with heaven  
to sing a new song of praise;  
we too join with angels and archangels  
as they proclaim your glory without end:

*The choir sings*

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.  
[Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.]*

*Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.  
[Blessed is he that cometh  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.]*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On this, the night before he died  
he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

*All* **Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Silence is kept.*

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup:

*All* **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## Agnus Dei

*The choir sings*

*Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.*

*O Lamb of God  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.*

*O Lamb of God  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.*

*O Lamb of God  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.*

## Giving of Communion

*The president invites the congregation to receive Holy Communion.*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*The president and people receive Communion.*

*Please follow the guidance of the stewards. We welcome communicant  
members of all Christian denominations to receive Communion.  
Please bring this booklet with you, if you would prefer to receive a blessing.*

*During Communion an anthem is sung.*

## Hymn

*During which the president takes the remaining consecrated bread to the altar of repose in St Mark's Chapel.*

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

*Words St Thomas Aquinas 1227-74*

*Tr. J M Neale 1818-66*

*At the altar of repose the president prays*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament  
you have given us the memorial of your passion:  
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood  
that we may know within ourselves  
and show forth in our lives  
the fruit of your redemption,  
for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Stripping of the Sanctuary**

*Psalm 22 Plainsong*

*The choir sings while the altars are stripped.*

## **The Watch of Prayer**

*Until 10.00pm*

*The cathedral remains in silence.*

*Those who wish to share in the Watch go to St Mark's Chapel when ready.*

*Please come and go as you wish, the North Door will remain open  
until 10.00pm.*

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