



The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday 28 March 2024

We gather in worship

When the bell rings the choir enters and we stand to sing,

Blest by the sun, the olive tree
brought clusters of fair fruit to birth,
whose ripeness now we bring with prayer,
Lord Christ, redeemer of the earth.

Eternal King, look down and bless
the oil your servants offer here,
and may it be a lively sign
which all the powers of darkness fear.

From those washed in the sacred font
let Satan's influence depart,
and when this oil the brow shall seal
transforming grace invade the heart.

Our wounded nature thus be healed
by your anointing grace, O Lord;
in men and women so renewed
shall God's own image be restored.

Lord Christ, the Father's only Son,
who took our flesh in Mary's womb,
give light to your anointed ones,
and break the power of death's dark tomb.

So may this joyous paschal feast,
the time when saving grace is given,
fill every Christian soul with praise,
and raise our minds from earth to heaven. Amen

Richard Rutt (1925-2011)

The Priest says,

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

and also with you.

Brothers and sisters, on this most holy night we enter into the three days of the celebration of our Lord's paschal victory, his death and resurrection. As we begin, therefore, we receive from our bishop the holy oils blessed and set apart for the sacramental life of our parish.

The Reception of Holy Oils

A minister presents the oil, saying:

The oil of the sick.

Priest: By the laying on of hands and anointing with this oil, and with the prayerful support of this community, may those who are sick experience the healing presence of Christ. **Amen.**

A minister presents the oil, saying:

The oil of baptism.

Priest: Anointed with this oil, and assisted by the example of this community, may those who are to be baptized know that Christ calls them by name and makes them his own and shares with them his victory over sin and the power of evil. **Amen.**

A minister presents the oil, saying:

The oil of Chrism.

Priest: Anointed with this fragrant oil, may all who are baptized and confirmed, all who are ordained to the service of God's people, and this community whose house of prayer is dedicated to God's glory, fill the world with the sweet fragrance of Christ's gospel and be built up as living stones into a temple filled with the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

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.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving-kindness:
and in your great compassion blot out our offences.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Against you only have we sinned: and done what is evil in your sight.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Purge us from our sin and we shall be pure:
wash us and we shall be clean indeed.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The priest pronounces the absolution.

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

We sing;

Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to his 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 priest says the Prayer of Collect,

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. **Amen.**

We listen for God's word

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 11.23-26

Beloved: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the
Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and
when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is
for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup
also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'
For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the
Lord's death until he comes.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We sing with the choir Psalm 116



Our bless - ing cup is a com-mun-ion with the Blood of Christ.

♪ **Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.**

How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?
The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

♪ **Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.**

Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones
I am your servant, the son of your hand-maid; you have loosed my bonds.

♪ **Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.**

To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the Lord. My vows to the Lord I will pay in the presence of all his people.

♪ **Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.**

The Gospel Reading: John 13.1-17,31b-35

We all stand and sing after the choir,

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

♪ **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:
Love one another as I have loved you.

♪ **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

The Lord be with you; **and also with you.**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet,

but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord - and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit for the **Sermon.***

*We enact Jesus' servant action of washing the feet of his disciples.
All are invited to come forward to have their hands or feet washed.*

The choir sings Ubi caritas – Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

When the foot washing is completed, the priest 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 servants 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. **Amen.**

The Intercession

We respond

... we commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service...
Lord, hear us **and humble us.**

... we pray for the unity of your church...
Lord, hear us **and unite us.**

... we pray for the mission of your church...
Lord, hear us **and renew our zeal.**

... we pray for the rejected and the unloved...
Lord, hear us **and fill us with your love.**

... we pray for those who are persecuted for their faith...
Lord, hear us **and give us your peace.**

... we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ...
Lord, hear us **and welcome all your children into paradise.**

We celebrate and receive Jesus in bread and wine

The Peace

We stand.

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; **and also with you.**

The deacon says,

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We sing,

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 him 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 our uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house
he will be there, as Lord and host.

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

The Offering

At the Eucharist we are with our crucified and risen Lord.

We know that it was not only our ancestors, but we too who were redeemed and brought forth from bondage to freedom, from mourning to feasting. We know that as he was with them in the upper room so our Lord is here with us now.

Until the kingdom of God comes, let us celebrate this feast.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,
you bring forth bread from the earth. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,
you create the fruit of the vine. **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Please remain standing during the Eucharistic Prayer
if it is comfortable for you.*

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here; **God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts; **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest praises God for his mighty acts, and we sing,

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

The priest continues, recalling the events of the Last Supper.

The deacon says,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

We say,

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

The prayer continues, ending,

... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We sit or kneel.

As our Saviour taught, so we pray,
**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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.
Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We sing,

♪ **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 peace.**

The Giving of Communion

The priest invites the people to receive Holy Communion,

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

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

The people receive communion. Those who do not wish to receive are warmly invited to come forward for an individual blessing. Gluten free wafers are available.

Please come to the front and form a queue. Please be mindful of the safety of others and remain distanced. Communion will be administered in both kinds, on the hand and from the chalice (optional). Please do not intinct (dip) the wafer in the chalice.

The choir sings Thee we adore – Richard Hey Lloyd (1933-2021)

Silence is kept.

The priest says this prayer,

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. **Amen.**

The Procession

The congregation kneels. The Blessed Sacrament is carried to the Altar of Repose, where tonight we watch with Christ, as he asked his disciples to watch with him on the night of his arrest. During the procession we sing,

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

St Thomas Aquinas (1227-74) tr. J M Neale 1818-66 and others

The choir sings Tantum ergo – Déodat de Séverac (1872-1921)

*Tantum ergo sacramentum
veneremur cernui,
et antiquum documentum
novo cedat ritui;
praestet fides supplementum
sensuum defectui.*

*Genitori Genitoque
laus et iubilatio,
salus, honor, virtus quoque
sit et benedictio;
procedenti ab utroque compar
sit laudatio.
Amen.*

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 our inward vision clear.

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.

The Stripping of the Altar

The altar and sanctuary are stripped bare as a sign of our shared betrayal of Christ. Whilst this is taking place, the choir moves to the back to sing Psalm 22.

We move to Our Lady Chapel for the Vigil or leave, both in silence.