



# The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday

Setting: *Gloria* - New English Folk Mass;  
*Mass for Four Voices* - Byrd

*We gather to worship*

*The choir enters and when the bell rings, we stand to sing.*

**1. 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.**

**2. 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.**

**3. 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.**

**4. 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.**

**5. 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.**

**6. 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.**

*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 choir sings*

*Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy.)*

*Christe eleison (Christ, have mercy.)*

*Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy.)*

*The priest pronounces the absolution.*

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.

**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 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.**

## *The Ministry of the Word*

*We sit for the Old Testament Reading*

*Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

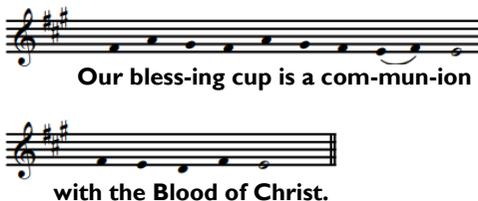
This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 116.

*We sing the response after the choir and where indicated.*



## New Testament Reading

## I 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.**

## The Gospel Reading

## John 13.1-17,31b-35

*We all stand and sing,*

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.*

*The choir sings Ubi caritas – Duruflé*

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.  
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

*Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in him.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

*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.**

# *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

## **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 ev'ry room in our Father's house  
he will be there, as Lord and host.**

*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 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 thanks and praise.**

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts, and the choir sings*

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

*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.*

*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,*

... by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*We sit or kneel*

As our Saviour taught us, 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.**

*The choir sings*

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

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

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

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace*

*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 priest invites the people 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.

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

*The choir sings Christus factus est - Bruckner*

*Christus factus est pro nobis  
Obediens usque ad mortem  
Mortem autem crucis  
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum  
Et dedit illi nomen  
Quod est super omne nomen*

*Christ became obedient  
for us unto death,  
Even the death of the cross.  
Wherefore God also hath exalted Him,  
And hath given him a name,  
Which is above every name*

*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.**

**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.**

*The choir sings Tantum ergo – Laloux*

*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,  
honor, 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 sings Psalm 22.*

*The wooden cross is brought forward. We leave in silence.*