

As we gather together at the beginning of the three holiest days in the Christian year, let us be silent and still as the mystery of our salvation unfolds.

- 1. Maundy Thursday** takes its name from 'Mandatum' – 'the New Commandment' – when Christ told his disciples to love one another.

The presiding priest washes the feet of twelve people who represent the parish community. This is meant as a sign of service. The priest, who exercises leadership within the parish, is showing that Christian leadership is achieved through service of others, not by lording it over them. Like all that we do in our worship, we are expected to carry it over into our daily lives. We become fuller members of the Body of Christ the more we serve its members. Afterwards we recommit ourselves to serving the needs of each other.

- 3 The Liturgy of the Eucharist.** We do not imitate what Jesus did at the Last Supper; the Eucharist is a commemoration of his passion, death and resurrection in the setting of a sacrificial meal. We conclude with the transfer of the reserved sacrament to be distributed tomorrow, signifying the link between the two liturgies as we maintain the Watch. The concluding Gospel of the Watch and stripping of the altars points us into Good Friday. There is no conclusion/ dismissal tonight – **we go in silence and continue tomorrow.**

Cover: Jesus washing Peter's feet during the Last Supper. Detail from the window originally in the Becket Chapel and now in the south aisle extension. Photo: John Cheal

THE GATHERING

A minister welcomes the people, after which a moment of stillness is kept as we remember God's presence here with us now

Please stand as the hymn begins

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *the words for which are found on the separate sheet*

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

All **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE RECEPTION OF THE HOLY OILS

President Brothers and sisters, on this most holy night we enter into the sacred Triduum, the three days of the celebration of our Lord's paschal victory, his death and resurrection. As we begin, let us receive the holy oils blessed this morning by our Bishop, *N*, and set apart for the sacramental life of our parish.

Minister The oil of the sick.

President 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.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The oil is placed on the altar

Minister The oil of baptism.

President Anointed with this oil, and assisted by the example of this community, may those who are to be baptised share in Christ's victory over sin and the power of evil.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The oil is placed on the altar

Minister The oil of chrism.

President Anointed with this fragrant oil, may all who are baptised and confirmed, with all who are ordained, fill the world with the sweet fragrance of Christ's love.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The oil is placed on the altar

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

President My sisters and brothers,
Christ has given us a new commandment:
to love and serve one another.
As we gather with him around his supper table
let us call to mind, in a moment of silence, those times
when we have failed to serve one another,
when we have not followed the Lord's example
of love and compassion.

A brief period of silent reflection follows

Deacon 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.

All **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

President 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.**

THE GLORIA

Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;
of heavenly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,
Lord God, Almighty Father, heavenly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
you bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, your glorious vict'ry won,
receive our pray'r, grant us your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, you only are the Lord,
at God's right hand, in majesty most high:
who with the Spirit worshipped and adored:
with all the heav'nly host we glorify.

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THE COLLECT

The President introduces the Collect, followed by a short silence

President 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.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE BIBLE *concluding:*

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Please stand

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The words and music of the response are on the separate sheet

GOSPEL READING

Minister The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

Minister 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.'
All Praise to you, O Christ, King of Eternal Glory.

President Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel reading:

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

SERMON *for which we sit*

THE WASHING OF FEET

President 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 power, authority, or even miracle,
but by such lowly service.

Therefore, I invite you who have been appointed
as representatives of this Christian family
to accept this ministry,
that I may recall whose servant I am
by following the example of my Master.
But remember his teaching:
that what will be done for you
is also to be done by you 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.'

During the foot washing the Choir sings or music is played.

The washing of feet ends with this prayer:

President 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.

All Amen.

THE MANDATUM *A recommitment to serve one another*

All stand.

A representative of the people addresses those ordained to serve:

Representative

Christ came not to be served but to serve.
Will you, as baptised Christians
called to serve the people of God in the ministerial
priesthood, serve the royal priesthood of God's holy people
in self-giving love,
and lead, teach and guide us in the faith of Christ,
to the building up of his body
and the increase of his kingdom?

Priests

By the help of God, we will.

A Priest

As members of Christ's body in this place, baptised into his
death and resurrection, will you support us your servants
and one another, in prayer and acts of charity, that together
we may extend the hand of fellowship to all our brothers and
sisters in the love, compassion and reconciliation of Christ?

All

By the help of God, we will.

A Priest

Let us all together renew our commitment to Christ and to
one another.

All

**The love of Christ has gathered us together into one.
Let us rejoice and be glad in him.
Let us fear and love the living God,
and love each other from the depths of our heart.
Let us take heed not to be divided in mind.
Let there be an end to bitterness and quarrels,
an end to strife, and in our midst be Christ our God.**

(based on 1 John 2,3,4)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

President

In the power of the Spirit, let us pray to the Father through
Christ the Saviour of the world.

Please sit or kneel

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

All Lord, hear us,
and humble us.

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one.
We pray for the unity of your church.

All Lord, hear us,
and unite us.

On this night, he prayed for those
who were to believe through their message.
We pray for the mission of your Church.

All Lord, hear us,
and renew our zeal.

On this night he commanded them to love,
but suffered rejection himself.

We pray for the rejected and unloved.

All Lord, hear us,
and fill us with your love.

On this night, he reminded them
that if the world hated them, it hated him first.

We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

All Lord, hear us,
and give us your peace.

All **Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of
your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand

THE PEACE

The President introduces the Peace and says:

President 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.'

All The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

It is our custom to shake hands and say "Peace be with you"

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY HYMN *(no collection)*

During the Offertory Hymn bread and wine are brought to the altar by representatives of the community and prepared for their holy use.

President At the Eucharist we are with our crucified and risen Lord. We know that it was not only our ancestors, but we 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.

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

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We remain standing. However, feel free to sit or kneel if you need to.

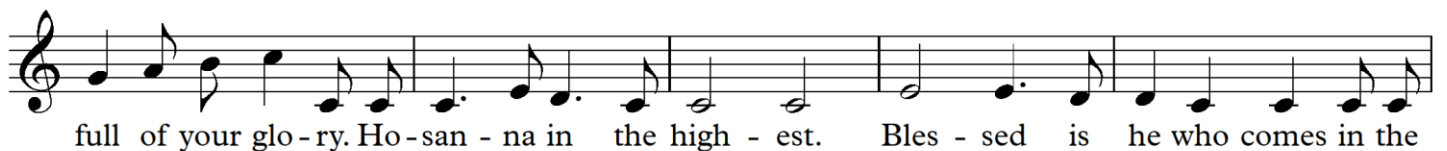
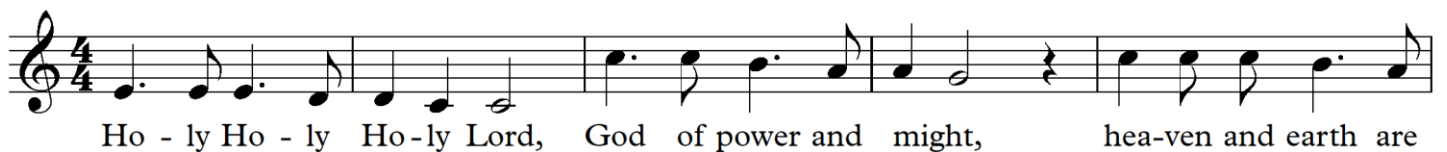
President The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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 President continues the Eucharistic Prayer
which includes the following words:*

President

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.



Lord Je - sus Christ_ by your cross and res - ur - rec - tion
You have set the whole world_ free, you are our sa - viour Lord.

The Eucharistic prayer continues, concluding:

President

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.



A - - - - - men.

*We acknowledge the presence of Christ in our midst as the consecrated
bread and wine are elevated and the bell is rung*

Please kneel or sit when the President bows

THE LORD'S PRAYER

President

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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

President **Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
All** **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

THE INVITATION

The President invites the people to receive Holy Communion

President **God's holy gifts for God's holy people.**

All **Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

*Please come forward to a side chapel, or to the High Altar when indicated
by a Warden. Baptised, communicant members of any church are able to
receive communion. Otherwise, do come forward anyway, holding this order
of service, and a minister will give you a blessing instead.
During the distribution anthems and hymns may be sung,
and quiet music played.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please kneel

as the President and Deacon kneel before the reserved sacrament.

President 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.

All **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 fruits of your redemption,
for you are alive and reign,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Remain kneeling to sing the final hymn. *As Jesus retired to the Garden of Gethsemane, so now the reserved sacrament is taken to the Altar of Repose. It will remain here as a focus of our devotion during the Watch which will be maintained until midnight.*

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 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.

3 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.

4 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.

5 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 GOSPEL OF THE WATCH Matthew 26:36-46

*The Gospel of the Watch is read
without the usual introduction or conclusion.*

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTARS

*Reminding us of the humiliation Christ underwent in the hours between
Gethsemane and Calvary. The choir sing Psalm 22:1-22*

They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

- 1 My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me :
and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not :
and in the night-season also I take no rest.
- 3 And thou continuest holy : O thou worship of Israel.
- 4 Our fathers hoped in thee :
they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.
- 5 They called upon thee, and were holpen :
they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm, and no man :
a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.
- 7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn :
they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,
- 8 He trusted in God, that he would deliver him :
let him deliver him, if he will have him.
- 9 But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb :
thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.
- 10 I have been left unto thee ever since I was born:
thou art 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 me.
- 12 Many oxen are come about me :
fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.
- 13 They gape upon me with their mouths :
as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

- 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint :
my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.
- 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my
gums : and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.
- 16 For many dogs are come about me :
and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.
- 17 They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones :
they stand staring and looking upon me.
- 18 They part my garments among them :
and cast lots upon my vesture.
- 19 But be not thou far from me, O Lord :
thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.
- 20 Deliver my soul from the sword :
my darling from the power of the dog.
- 21 Save me from the lion's mouth :
thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.
- 22 I will declare thy Name unto my brethren :
in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

*There is no Blessing and Dismissal; the Triduum liturgy continues tomorrow
with the **Good Friday Liturgy at 2.00pm.***

Please leave in absolute silence.

*Those wishing to make their Watch for the first half hour
are invited to go now to the Altar of Repose.*

*Alternatively, you are invited to return for the Watch at any time
between now and midnight, perhaps remaining for a period of half an hour.
Please use the choir vestry door to enter and exit the church.*

Compline will be sung at 11.45pm to conclude the Watch.

Please return this booklet to a sidesperson

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