

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER



MAUNDY THURSDAY

ST ALBAN & ST STEPHEN

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2021

Please Stand as the priest and ministers enter the church. The cantor sings the entrance antiphon

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
In whom is our salvation, life and resurrection,
Through whom we are saved and delivered.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Penitential Rite

Priest Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

Priest You come in word and in sacrament
to strengthen us and make us holy: Christ have
mercy
Christ have mercy

Priest You will come again in glory
with salvation for your people. Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

Priest May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Gloria

This evening the Gloria is intoned by the cantor alone. As is customary the beginning of the Gloria is accompanied with the ringing of bells.

Glory to God in the highest
And on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise You. We bless You. We adore You.
We glorify You. We give you thanks

For your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, Almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father.
You take away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us;
You take away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
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.

Opening Prayer

Please Sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Exodus (12: 1-8, 11-14)

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month is to be the first of all the others for you, the first month of your 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 until 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 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 R/ **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Sung by the cantor

R/ The blessing -cup that we bless
is a communion with the blood of Christ

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.

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.

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.

Second Reading

A reading from the First letter to the Corinthians (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 **R/Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Sung by the cantor

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! I give you a new commandment: Love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (13:1-15)

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 love those who were his in the world, but 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 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 **R/Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Please Sit

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*In line with the national guidelines there is no foot washing this evening.
The Mass continues with the preparation of the gifts during which the
cantor sings*

If I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet,
How much more should you wash each other's feet?

This is how all will know that you are my disciples:
If you have love for one another.

Jesus said to his disciples: This is how all will know that you are
my disciples: If you have love for one another.

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

Translation

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice in Him and be glad.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one.
Where charity and love are, God is there.

Please Stand

Prayer over the Gifts

Preface & Holy Holy

Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
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.

Please Sit or Kneel

Eucharistic Prayer

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

Lamb of God

Sung by the Cantor

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Communion Antiphon

Sung by the Cantor

This is the Body that will be given up for you;
This is the Chalice of the new covenant in my Blood, says the
Lord; Do this, whenever you receive it, in memory of me.

Please Stand

Prayer after Communion

There is no final blessing this evening and Holy Communion is distributed after the final prayer. In line with the current guidelines there is to be no procession to the altar of repose and no watch until Midnight. Please leave the Church after you have received. From 8pm until midnight the Cardinal invites us to join in prayer, and pay a virtual visit to the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane:

<https://corpuschristimaidenlane.org.uk/live/>

Sung by Cantor

1. Pange lingua gloriosi
Corporis mysterium,
Sanguinisque pretiosi,
Quem in mundi pretium
Fructus ventris generosi,
Rex effudit gentium.

2. Nobis datus, nobis natus
Ex intacta Virgine
Et in mundo conversatus,
Sparso verbi semine,
Sui moras incolatus
Miro clausit ordine.

3. In supremæ nocte coenæ
Recumbens cum fratribus,
Observata lege plene
Cibus in legalibus,
Cibum turbae duodenarum
Se dat suis minibus

4. Verbum caro, panem verum
Verbo carnem efficit:
Fitque sanguis Christi merum,
Et si sensus deficit,
Ad firmandum cor sincerum
Sola fides sufficit.

5. Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

6. Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et iubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Translation

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 noble womb once dwelling
Shed for the world's ransoming.

Given 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 brethren's band,
Meekly with the law complying,
First he finished its command
Then, immortal Food supplying,
Gave himself with his own hand.

Word made Flesh, by word he maketh
Very bread his 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.

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.

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 Easter Triduum continues tomorrow

Good Friday

10:00 am	Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion
6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

8:00 pm	Easter Vigil
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Easter Sunday

9:30 am	Mass
11:30 am	Mass
7:00 pm	Mass