

**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
MAUNDY THURSDAY
ST ALBAN & ST STEPHEN
ST ALBANS 2026**



*The Holy Oils blessed at the Chrism Mass for the celebration of Baptism,
Confirmation and the Anointing of the Sick are processed in
at the beginning of this evening's liturgy.*

Opening Hymn

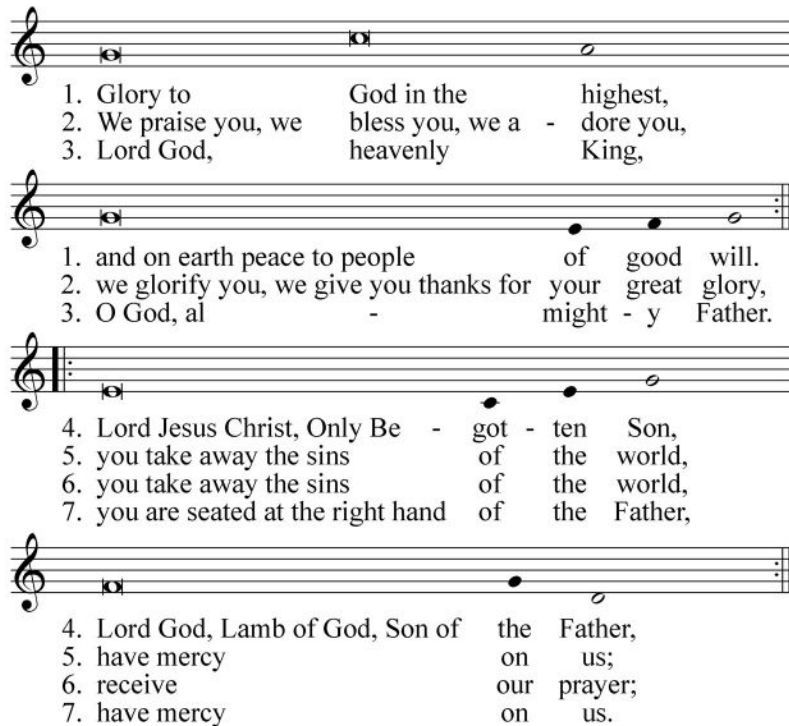
1. The glory of the cross we sing 3. As once the chosen People passed
the cross of Jesus Christ our Lord, from pain to freedom through the sea,
who died and rose to set us free, so now baptismal water saves
our way from death to life secured. the chosen, called to liberty.
2. As once God's people rested safe, 4. At Passover before he died
protected by a lamb's own blood, Christ Jesus broke the bread and wine:
so we acclaim the sacrifice this is my body, this my blood,
of Jesus Christ the Lamb of God. do this as my memorial sign.
5. What once by Jesus was achieved
we celebrate with heart and soul,
recalling and effecting now
the saving work that makes us whole.

Penitential Rite

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Lord have mercy. **R/Lord have mercy.**
Christ have mercy. **R/Christ have mercy.**
Lord have mercy. **R/Lord have mercy.**

Gloria



1. Glory to God in the highest,
2. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
3. Lord God, heavenly King,
1. and on earth peace to people of good will.
2. we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
3. O God, almighty Father.
4. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
5. you take away the sins of the world,
6. you take away the sins of the world,
7. you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
4. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
5. have mercy on us;
6. receive our prayer;
7. have mercy on us.

8. For you a - lone are the Holy One,
 9. you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
 10. A - men,

8. you alone are the Lord,
 9. with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
 10. A - men.

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Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

See p. 192 of *The Parish Mass Book* for the Liturgy of the Word

Homily

Washing of the Feet

Recalling Christ's washing of the Apostles feet and the giving of the command to serve, the feet of twelve parishioners are washed by the priest.

*The Lord Jesus, after eating with his friends,
 Washed their feet and said to them:
 Do you know what I, Your Lord, have done for you?
 I have given you example, that so you also should do.*

You are my friends; and you can have no greater love than to give your life for your friends.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to all who live with sincere love for ev'ry one.

I am the vine and you, the branch: remain in me and you will bear abundant fruit.

Those who come to me will never thirst nor want for food and I will raise them up on the last day.

Prayer of the Faithful

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*This evening's collection will be used to support our parish
St Vincent de Paul Society in their work on behalf of those in need*

Refrain Ubi Caritas est vera, est vera, *Where true charity is,*
Deus ibi est, Deus ibi est. *God is there.*

Holy Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Holy Lord, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is he who comes in the name,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

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

COMMUNION RITE

Lamb of God

Agnus Dei,		Lamb of God,
qui tollis peccata mundi,	you take away, the sins of all the world,	
miserere nobis.		have mercy on us.
Agnus Dei,		Lamb of God,
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miserere nobis.		have mercy on us.
Agnus Dei,		Agnus dei, you take away,
qui tollis peccata mundi,		the sins of all the world,
dona nobis pacem.		grant us peace

Holy Communion

I

*Bread of Life, Truth eternal,
broken now to set us free,
the risen Christ, his saving power,
is here in bread and wine for me.*

Lord, I know, I am not worthy to receive you.
You speak the words and I am healed.
Here at your table, love's mystery,
one bread, one cup, one family.

Lord, by your cross
you reconciled us to the Father,
we have only to believe.
Your sacrifice, our victory;
now by your blood we are redeemed.

Lord, you gave your people manna in the desert;
still you fulfil our every need.
Lord, when we hunger,
Lord, when we thirst,
we come to you and we receive, the

II

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
load of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

At the end of Communion the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the Altar.

Following the final prayer please kneel down.

*The Blessed Sacrament is incensed and then processed to the
Altar of Repose in the Lady Chapel.*

1. Godhead here in hiding,
Whom I do adore,
Masked by these bare shadows,
Shape and nothing more,
See, Lord, at thy service
Low lies here a heart
Lost, all lost in wonder
At the God thou art.

2. Seeing, touching, tasting
Are in thee deceived:
How says trusty hearing?
That shall be believed;
What God's Son has told me,
Take for truth I do;
Truth himself speaks truly
Or there's nothing true.

3. On the cross thy godhead
Made no sign to men,
Here thy very manhood
Steals from human ken:
Both are my confession,
Both are my belief,
And I pray the prayer
Of the dying thief.

5. O thou our reminder
Of Christ crucified,
Living Bread, the life of
Us for whom he died,
Lend this life to me then:
Feed and feast my mind,
There be thou the sweetness
Man was meant to find.

4. I am not like Thomas,
Wounds I cannot see,
But can plainly call thee
Lord and God as he;
Let me to a deeper faith
Daily nearer move,
Daily make me harder
Hope and dearer love.

6. Jesu, whom I look at
Shrouded here below
I beseech thee send me
What I thirst for so,
Some day to gaze on thee
Face to face in light
And be blest for ever
With thy glory's sight.

*When the procession reaches the Altar of Repose the Blessed Sacrament
is placed in the tabernacle on the Altar of Repose.*

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

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

*The door of the tabernacle is closed. There is no final blessing.
The clergy and servers return to the sacristy. The altar is stripped.*

My Soul is Sad, my heart is breaking tonight,
could you not watch, and comfort me until light?
Am I alone? Surrounded only by night,
could you not watch one hour with me?

Could you not keep awake for one hour with me?
Is it so hard that you should do this for me?
I die for you that you might always be free.
Could you not watch one hour with me?

And so I weep, and there is no-one to hear,
I am in pain; will no-one witness my tears?
I am your God, and as my passion draws near,
Could you not watch one hour with me?

*This evening you are asked to leave the Church in silence.
The watch and prayer at the Altar of Repose will continue until 11.30pm.*

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