



THE LITURGY
OF
MAUNDY THURSDAY



THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 2026

7:30 P.M.

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ON PHONE/TABLET

INTRODUCTION

Today we begin the holiest three days of the Christian faith, known as The Triduum.

We begin in festal celebration as we rejoice at Christ's presence in our midst by his gift of the Eucharist. White vestments are worn and the Gloria sung again, but as our service progresses we gradually turn towards Good Friday, as Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane.

By the time we leave the altars will be stripped and darkness will fall.

The Watch in St Margaret's Chapel will last until 10:00pm. You are invited to return for our worship tomorrow (details on the back cover) as we continue our journey to the Cross and the Empty Tomb.

¶ *All are welcome at our acts of worship, regardless of background or faith. All baptised Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion, or otherwise please bring this booklet up with you to receive a blessing.*

¶ *Throughout this booklet references to standing, sitting, and kneeling are all optional, and if you are unable to stand, or would prefer to remain sitting, please feel free.*

THE GATHERING

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

All **Amen.**

Rector The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

THE RECEPTION OF HOLY OILS

Rector 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. Those of our community who are to be baptized this Eastertide will be made one with Christ, dying to sin and rising to newness of life in him. As we begin, therefore, we receive from our Archbishop Sarah the holy oils blessed and set apart for the sacramental life of our parish.

¶ *As the oils are brought forward, we sing:*

**Blessed 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**

*Words: From an early Latin hymn
(tr Richard Rutt 1925-2017)*

Music: Gonfalon Royal NEH 512

Minister The oil of the sick.

Rector 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 **Amen.**

**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.**

Minister The oil of baptism.

Rector 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.

All **Amen.**

**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.**

Minister The oil of chrism.

Rector 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.

All **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Minister 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 kneel or sit*

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Rector Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

¶ *The Choir lead the Gloria, the congregation joining in the bold parts.*

Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth. **Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. **Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

We worship you, **glory in the highest**, give you thanks, **glory in the highest**, praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

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, **have mercy on us.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer, **receive our prayer.**

Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth. **Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

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 glory of God the Father. **Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth. Amen. Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Rector Let us pray that we may love one another
as Christ has loved us.

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.**

¶ *All sit*

THE FIRST READING

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.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Exodus 12:1-4,11-14

THE SECOND READING

For 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.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

THE GRADUAL HYMN

¶ *As the organ introduction begins, all stand to sing.*

¶ *During this hymn, the Gospel Procession moves to the centre of the nave, please turn to face it.*

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.

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

Of Christ's love and agony.

Words and Music: Richard Gillard

¶ *The Choir sing the Gospel Acclamation*

THE GOSPEL

Rector The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now 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.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘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.’

Rector This is the Gospel of the Lord

All **Praise to you, O Lord.**

John 13:1-17,31b-35

THE WASHING OF FEET

- ¶ *The washing of feet was strange and uncomfortable for Peter, and it remains odd to this day. Nobody is forced to have their feet washed, but all are warmly invited forward.*
- ¶ *As feet are washed, the Choir sing ‘In the heart where love is abiding (Ubi Caritas)’, Trad. arr John Barnard.*

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rector In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father through Christ the saviour of the world.

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

All **and humble us.**

Minister On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church. Lord, hear us

All **and unite us.**

Minister On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your Church. Lord, hear us

All **and renew our zeal.**

Minister On this night, he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved. Lord, hear us

All **and fill us with your love.**

Minister On this night, he reminded his disciples that if the world hated them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, hear us

All **and give us your peace.**

Minister On this night, he accepted the cup of death and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom. We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ. Lord, hear us

Amen.

THE PEACE

¶ *All stand*

Rector 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.

All **And also with you.**

¶ *We offer one another a sign of peace, which may be a smile, a nod, or whatever feels appropriate.*

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

¶ *During this hymn, the altar is prepared.*

**This is the night, dear friends, the night for weeping,
When darkness' power overcomes the day,
The night the faithful mourn the weight of evil
Whereby our sins the Son of Man betray.**

**This night the traitor, wolf within the sheepfold,
Betrays himself into his victim's will;
The Lamb of God for sacrifice preparing,
Sin brings about the cure for sin's own ill.**

**This night Christ institutes his holy supper,
Blest food and drink for heart and soul and mind;
This night injustice joins its hands to treason's,
And buys for death the ransom of mankind.**

This night the Lord by slaves shall be arrested,
He who destroys our slavery to sin;
Accused of crime, to criminals be given,
That judgement on the righteous judge begin.

O make us sharers, Saviour, of your passion,
That we may share your glory that shall be;
Let us pass through these three dark nights of sorrow
To Easter's laughter and its liberty.

Words: Peter Abelard Trans., Richard L. Sturch

Music: R. R. Terry

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rector 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.

Rector The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Rector Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Rector Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Rector 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:

All **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.**

¶ *All kneel or sit*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
that is, this very night,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy

to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Mary, Clement,
Peter, Paul, and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
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.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

Rector We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

THE AGNUS DEI

All Jesus, lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

¶ *The altar party and Choir receive Holy Communion, then the congregation will be invited to come forward.*

¶ *All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward holding this booklet in your hands and the priest will bless you.*

¶ *The Choir sing 'Jesus, our Master, on the night that they came' (Slane), and 'Ave Verum Corpus' (Edward Elgar)*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Rector Let us pray.

¶ *All stand*

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.

All **Amen.**

THE STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

- ¶ *As we turn towards Good Friday, the remaining consecrated hosts are taken from Holy Communion to St Margaret's Chapel for The Watch*
- ¶ *The altars are striped bare, and the Choir sing Psalm 22, vv 1-22*
- ¶ *Lights are dimmed, and the Choir and altar party depart silently.*
- ¶ *All are invited to join the Watch, which will continue until 10:00pm. Please leave in silence when you wish.*



Good Friday
3rd April

9:45am Morning Prayer
Noon Churches Together in St Peter's Gardens
1:00pm Meditations, Silence, & Hymns
2:00pm Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday
4th April

10:30am Morning Prayer
8:00pm The Great Easter Vigil
with the unveiling of the restored tiles. Bring a bell!

Easter Day
5th April

8:00am Holy Communion
10:30am Festal Parish Eucharist