


ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE
BOSTON ROAD, HANWELL, W7 2AD

Mass of the Lord's Supper

during COVID-19 -

Maundy Thursday

9th April 2020 at 7pm



As the Altar is censed we sing the following:

The Gathering *The priest says*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. *All* **Amen.**

The Greeting *The priest greets the people*

The Lord be with you *All* **and also with you.**

The Confession

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, in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion blot out our offences.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Against you only have we sinned and
done what is evil in your sight.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean;

Ubi caritas

Paul Mealor (b. 1975)

Ubi caritas

Taize

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May the Father ✠forgive you by the death of his Son and strengthen you to live in the power of the Spirit all your days.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis *During the singing of the first verse of the Gloria bells are rung*

Glory be to God in heaven,

Songs of joy and peace we bring;

Thankful hearts and songs of raising

To creation's Lord we sing.

Lord we thank you:

Lord we bless you:

Glory be to God our king.

The ringing of the bells stops.

No bells are rung again until the Gloria at the Easter Vigil on Saturday Night at 8pm.

Lamb of God who on your shoulders

Bore the load off this world's sin:

Only son of God the Father

You have brought peace within.

Lord have mercy,

Christ have mercy,

Now your glorious reign begin.

You O Son of God are holy,

You we praise with one accord:

None in heaven or earth is like you,
Only you are Christ the Lord:
With the Father
And the Spirit
Ever worshipped and adored.

The Collect *The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words*

Let us pray that we may love one another as Christ has loved us. *Silence is kept.*

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.

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 *read by Alexander Chapman*

²³ 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, ²⁴ 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.' ²⁵ 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.' ²⁶ 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.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading *his acclamation heralds the Gospel reading*

All 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.

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

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

All Glory to you, O Lord. *John 13.1-15*

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. ² The devil had already put it into the heart of

Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ 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. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' ⁷ Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' ⁸ Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' ¹⁰ 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.' ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'¹² 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? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

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

Sermon

The Washing of Feet

Let us pray

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 servant 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.

All Amen.

Traditionally the priest washes the feet of some members of the congregation, however this will not happen this year. Yet this moment reminds us that God, in Jesus, was willing to wash the feet of sinners. Tonight, why wash each others, or your own, hands as a reminder of that moment as we sing the:

Offertory Hymn

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,

Enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Offertory Prayer at the Preparation of the Table *is given.*

Lord Jesus Christ, the source and
summit of this holy meal,
be present in bread and wine,
as you are present in your word and
within us. *All Amen*

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is truly right to give you thanks,
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,
he gave this supper as a memorial of his passion,

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

4. Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place;
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

that we might proclaim his death until he comes again.

Therefore as earth unites with heaven,
we join with angels and archangels saying:

**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.

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,
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. ✠

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

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, virgin Mother of God,
St Thomas the Apostle and our patron, 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

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.

The Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and
unity in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All And also with you

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Breaking of the Bread *The priest breaks the consecrated bread, and says:*

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 *is said.*

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

✠ Jesus is 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 Priest and others receive holy communion.

Prayer after Communion for the day is said.

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 Conclusion

The Stripping of the Altar & Watch

The priest and server strip the altar and area surrounding as a reminder of Christ being stripped of his garments at his arrest. Once this is done flowers are placed on the Altar along with consecrated bread. This marks the other event of that first Maundy Thursday, Jesus praying in the garden and asking the disciples to 'watch and pray' with him. Hence, this symbolic Garden of Gethsemane becomes the Altar of Repose.

While this happens the hymn Pange Lingua is played:

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 noble womb once dwelling,
Shed for this world's ransoming.

2 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.

3 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.

*At the end of the hymn there is
silence.*

*There will be a camera focused on
the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar
of Repose live-streaming until
Midnight when Compline is said on :*

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*Please take some time out to 'join' the
watch.*

*You may like to meditate on the
following from:* Matthew 26:30-46

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he

4 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.

Part 2 Tantum ergo

5 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.

6 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.

threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

The watch resumes at 6am Good Friday until 3pm when the Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday begins.

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