

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. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread *Breaking the consecrated host, the priest 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 priest says The Invitation to Communion

✠ 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 Agnus Dei: *is then played on the organ as the altar party receive Holy Communion and the priest moves with the ciborium to the chancel step.*

Communion Antiphon: Entrance Antiphon is sung.

This body will be given for you as the new covenant:
Do this in remembrance of me.

After that is intoned, the people then come forward walking up the centre aisle to received Holy Communion in one kind only, standing at the Chancel Step. No accompanying words will be given, but mediate on Christ's body. Then return via the North Aisle to their places. Please keep a 2 meter gap!

During Holy Communion the Organ Voluntaries are played followed by the recorded Anthem: 'I give you a new commandment' by Peter Aston sung by our choir.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray
Almighty God,
we receive new life from the supper your Son gave us on earth. May we find full contentment in the meal we hope to share in heaven. **All Amen.**

The Conclusion

The Stripping of the Sanctuary

The priest exchanges the chasuble for the cope and the procession of the Blessed sacrament to the Altar of Repose begins.

The procession includes the priest, sanctuary party and those who are observing the 'first watch'.

The Cantors sing the Pange Lingua *as the Holy Eucharist is processed to the Altar of Repose (Kneel for last 2 verses) at West of the Nave.*

When the Pange Lingua is finished, sit as Keith Spillett sings Psalm 22 during the stripping of the Altar and sanctuary.

Those observing the first watch remain in the seat indicated for their use at West end of the Nave.

All please leave in silence, or move quietly to the Altar of Repose at the West End of the Nave.

Please observe social distancing and if keeping the watch please do not sit in a 'reserved' seat and leave space around that seat.

The Watch

The 'first' watch finishes at midnight with Compline.

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

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Maundy Thursday Mass

7.30pm 1st April 2021

Welcome to St Thomas' Church, Boston Road!

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic we forced to do things a little differently to protect all of us, especially the most potentially vulnerable. Therefore,

- Please observe 2 metre social distancing.
- Be guided by the sidesmen.
- Follow any instructions given by the priest.
- Masks must be worn.
- NO communal singing inc. hymns. Music will still feature and it aims to deepen our devotion and celebration, as we gather in this sacred space and rejoice in Christ's presence in word and sacrament.

The altar party enter as the recorded Introit sung by our Choir is played: 'God be in my head'.

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you
All and also with you.

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; 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.

The Gloria in Excelsis is said and during the saying of the first part of the Gloria bells are rung

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

The ringing of the bells stops. No bells are rung again until the Gloria on Easter Day.

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; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

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.

The Collect

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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading Exodus 12.1-4 & 11-14 read by Eileen Sinclair

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴If 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. ¹¹This 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. ¹²For 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 judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The 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. ¹⁴This 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. This is the Word of the Lord. **All Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 116 (Dilexi, quoniam) is sung by Keith Spillett

¹ I am well pleased : that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer; ¹⁰ I believed, and therefore will I speak, but I was sore troubled : I said in my haste, All men are liars.

¹¹ What reward shall I give unto the Lord : for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

¹² I will receive the cup of salvation : and call upon the Name of the Lord.

¹³ I will pay my vows now in the presence of | all his | people : right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

¹⁴ Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant : I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

¹⁵ I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving : and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

¹⁶ I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his people : in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

Glory be to the and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

New Testament Reading I Corinthians 11.23-26 Linda Williams

²³For 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,

²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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."

²⁶For 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

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.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All ✠✠✠Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³¹Now 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For 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.**

The Sermon followed by the Intercessions led by Stephen Brooks

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Introduction to the Peace on Maundy Thursday

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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

During The Offertory an Organ piece is played

Offertory Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, make us worthy to celebrate these mysteries which you instituted this night, and work your salvation in 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

Father, it is very meet right and our bounden duty to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

He is the true and eternal priest

who established this unending sacrifice.

He offered himself as a victim for our deliverance and taught us to make this offering in his memory.

As we partake of this heavenly gift

may we grow in strength and be made clean.

Now, with angels and archangels, and the whole company of heaven we say the unending hymn of praise:

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.✠

Christ is the bread of life:

All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.