

Maundy Thursday

INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN— **397**

Hymns Old & New

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

All respond: Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing
and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love and power
forgive ✠ you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

KYRIE ELEÏSON *is sung.*

Kyrie, eleïson. (× 3) *(Lord, have mercy.)*

Christe, eleïson. (× 3) *(Christ, have mercy.)*

Kyrie, eleïson. (× 3) *(Lord, have mercy.)*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *is sung.*

**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.**

**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.**

All remain standing for the COLLECT.

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. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Exo 12.1-4,11-14

A reading from the book of Exodus.

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *from Ps 116*

R. The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. (*All repeat*)

How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me? The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call upon the name of the Lord. R.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful. Your servant Lord, your servant am I; you have freed me from my bonds. R.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call upon the name of the Lord. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil in the presence of all his people. R.

SECOND READING *1 Cor 11.23–26*

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN—**238**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 13.34

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.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

GOSPEL READING

Jn 13.1–17.31–35

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glorify to you, O Lord.

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it round his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped round him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterwards you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not 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, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord,

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

All stand as the priest introduces the PEACE.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN— **314**

All stand for the PRAYER over the OFFERINGS.
Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice
and yours may be acceptable to God, the
almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands, for the praise and glory of his
name, for our good, and the good of all
his Church.**

Lord, make us worthy to celebrate these
mysteries, for each time we offer this memorial
sacrifice, the work of our redemption is
accomplished. We ask this through Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The PREFACE follows.

All respond with the SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.

**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. After the Consecration, all acclaim:

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection

you have set us free.

You are * the Saviour of the world. (* repeat)

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:

... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your
Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you
also ought to wash one another's feet. For I
have given you an example, that you also
should do just as I have done to you. Truly,
truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than
his master, nor is a messenger greater than the
one who sent him. If you know these things,
blessed are you if you do them.

"Now is the Son of Man glorified, and
God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in
him, God will also glorify him in himself, and
glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little
while I am with you. You will seek me, and
just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to
you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A
new commandment I give to you, that you
love one another: just as I have loved you, you
also are to love one another. By this all people
will know that you are my disciples, if you
have love for one another."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

A SERMON *may follow.*

*The INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all
kneel. This response is used:*

∇. Lord, hear us. ℣. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

At the Commemoration of the Departed:

∇. Rest eternal ✠ grant unto them, O Lord;

℣. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The Intercessions end:

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers, for the sake of your
Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

RITE OF COMMUNION

The priest introduces 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.

The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is said.

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.

The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Holy Communion is distributed.

COMMUNION HYMN— **379**

The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.

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. **Amen.**

REPOSITION & STRIPPING OF ALTAR

All *kneel* to sing HYMN **355** while the Blessed Sacrament is taken to the Altar of Repose.

PSALM 88 is read as the Sanctuary is stripped.

O Lord, God of my salvation : I cry out day and night before you.

Let my prayer come before you : incline your ear to my cry.

For my soul is full of troubles : and my life draws near to the land of death.

I am counted among those who go down to the pit : I am a man who has no strength; like one lost among the dead : like the slain that lie in the grave;

like those whom you remember no more : for they are cut off from your hand.

You have put me in the depths of the pit : in the regions dark and deep.

Your wrath lies heavy upon me : and you overwhelm me with all your waves.

You have caused my companions to shun me : you have made me a horror to them.

I am shut in so that I cannot escape : my eye grows dim through sorrow.

Every day I call upon you, O Lord : I spread out my hands to you.

Do you work wonders for the dead : do the departed rise up to praise you?

Is your steadfast love declared in the grave : or your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

Are your wonders known in the darkness : or your righteousness in the land of oblivion?

But I, O Lord, cry to you : in the morning my prayer comes before you.

O Lord, why do you cast my soul away : why do you hide your face from me?

Afflicted and close to death from my youth up, I suffer your terrors : I am helpless.

Your wrath has swept over me : your dreadful assaults destroy me.

They surround me like a flood all day long : they close in on me together.

You have caused my beloved and my friend to shun me : my companions have become darkness.

There is no formal conclusion to the Maundy Thursday Liturgy. A Watch of Prayer will be kept before the Altar of Repose for at least an hour. The people may remain in prayer, departing in silence in their own time. 28.3.24