HOLY WEEK 2021 THE LITURGY OF MAUNDY THURSDAY

HYMN

- 1 It is a thing most wonderful, almost too wonderful to be, that God's own Son should come from heav'n, and die to save a child like me.
- 2 And yet I know that it is true:
 He chose a poor and humble lot,
 and wept and toiled and mourned and died
 for love of those who loved Him not.
- 3 But even could I see Him die, I could but see a little part of that great love which, like a fire, is always burning in His heart.
- 4 It is most wonderful to know
 His love for me so free and sure;
 but 'tis more wonderful to see
 my love for Him so faint and poor.
- And yet I want to love Thee, Lord;
 O light the flame within my heart,
 and I will love Thee more and more,
 until I see Thee as Thou art.

William Walsham How (1823-1897)

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

The priest welcomes and greets the people.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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.

Silence is kept.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out our offences. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days.

Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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.

THE COLLECT FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

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. **Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 CORINTHIANS 11: 23-26

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

THE GOSPEL READING JOHN 13: 1-17, 31B-35

The Lord be with you and also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

HOMILY

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

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 and humble us.

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

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

and renew our zeal.

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

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 and give us your peace.

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

and welcome all your children into paradise.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

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 and also with you.

A NEW COMMANDMENT- RICHARD SHEPHARD

A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 13.34-35

THE OFFERTORY

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.

THE EUCHARISTIC 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 thanks and praise.

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:

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.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues.

Great is the Mystery of Faith Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Eucharistic Prayer concludes and all respond boldly: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

AGNUS DEI

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.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father

As the priest receives
The Body of Christ, broken for you
Amen.

The Blood of Christ, shed for you **Amen.**

AVE VERUM CORPUS- W.A. MOZART

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death!

Eucharistic hymn (14th century), attr. Pope Innocent VI (d.1362)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Silence is kept.

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.

THE DISMISSAL

When the disciples had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prayed to the Father, 'If it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me.' He said to his disciples, 'How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me for one hour? The hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinners.'

Christ was obedient unto death. Go in his peace.

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