

**Holy Thursday**  
**Evening Eucharist of the Lord's Supper**

**Preparation**

**Hymn 273** (UNDE ET MEMORES, *New English Hymnal*)

And now, O Father, mindful of the love  
That bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,  
And having with us him that pleads above,  
We here present, we here spread forth to thee  
That only offering perfect in thine eyes,  
The one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

Look, Father, look on his anointed face,  
And only look on us as found in him;  
Look not on our misusings of thy grace,  
Our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim;  
For lo, between our sins and their reward  
We set the passion of thy Son our Lord.

And then for those, our dearest and our best,  
By this prevailing presence we appeal;  
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,  
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal;  
From tainting mischief keep them white and clear  
And crown thy gifts with grace to persevere.

And so we come: O draw us to thy feet  
Most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;  
And by this food, so awful and so sweet,  
Deliver us from every touch of ill:  
In thine own service make us glad and free,  
And grant us nevermore to part from thee.

Music: W. H. Monk 1823-89  
Text: William Bright 1824-1901

*Holy Thursday, 1 April 2021*

*The priest says*

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another as I have loved you.

*The priest may introduce the service with an invocation*

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

*The priest greets the people*

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

*This prayer may be said*

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask the Father's forgiveness, for he is full of gentleness and compassion.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do. We have not loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The priest says this or another absolution*

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant you ✠ pardon and deliverance from all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Kyrie Eleison is sung in this or a seasonal form*

**Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy.**

*The 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**

*The priest says the collect*

Let us pray.

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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

The **First Reading** is taken from the **Book of Exodus**,  
Chapter 12, beginning to read from the 1<sup>st</sup> verse

NOW THE LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you. Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, ‘On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers’ households, a lamb for each household. Now if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his neighbor nearest to his house are to take one according to the number of persons in them; according to what each man should eat, you are to divide the lamb. Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight. Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that same night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water, but rather roasted with fire, both its head and its legs along with its entrails. And you shall not leave any of it over until morning, but whatever is left of it until morning, you shall burn with fire. Now you shall eat it in this manner: with your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste—it is the Lord’s Passover. For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments—I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ‘Now this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance.’”

*After the reading:*

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

*Gradual Psalm: sung by the Choir alone, the congregation seated.*

### **Psalm 116:11-16**

11. How shall I repay the Lord for all his benefits to me?
12. I will take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.
13. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
14. Grievous in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.
15. O Lord, I am your servant, your servant and the child of your  
handmaid: you have unloosed my bonds.
16. I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving: and call on the  
name of the Lord.

The **Second Reading is taken from the First Epistle of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**, the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter, beginning to read at the 23<sup>rd</sup> verse

FOR I RECEIVED from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which 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.

*After the reading*

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

## **The Holy Gospel**

*All stand to sing the sequence hymn*

### **Hymn 304** (ALBANO, *New English Hymnal*)

Once, only once, and once for all,  
His precious life he gave;  
Before his Cross in faith we fall,  
And own it strong to save.

‘One offering, single and complete’  
With lips and hearts we say;  
But what he never can repeat  
He shows forth day by day.

For as the priest of Aaron’s line  
Within the holiest stood,  
And sprinkled all the mercy-shrine  
With sacrificial blood,

So he, who once atonement wrought,  
Our Priest of endless power,  
Presents himself for those he bought  
In that dark noontide hour.

His Manhood pleads where now it lives  
On heaven’s eternal throne,  
And where in mystic rite he gives  
In presence to his own.

And so we show thy death, O Lord,  
Till thou again appear,  
And feel, when we approach thy board,  
We have an altar here.

Music: Vincent Novello 1781-1861  
Text: William Bright 1824-1901

*Before the Gospel*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory**

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:  
love one another as I have loved you.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John,**

Chapter 13, beginning to read from the 1<sup>st</sup> verse

*The Deacon or Priest makes the Sign of the Cross on the book and, together with the people, on his forehead, lips, and breast. At the same time the people acclaim:*

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

BEFORE THE FEAST of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end. The devil had already induced Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, to hand him over. So, during supper, fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, he rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Master, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well." Jesus said to him, "Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is clean all over; so you are clean, but not all." For he knew who would betray him; for this reason, he said, "Not all of you are clean." So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and

teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."

*After the Gospel:*

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

*The sermon or homily*

## **The Washing of Feet**

*During the washing of the feet, the Cantor will chant Ubi Caritas ("Where charity and love are found, there is God.")*

*Up to twelve chairs are placed in a prominent and convenient position. After the homily those taking part move to their places, the priest, with a basin of water and a towel kneels before each, pours water over the uncovered foot, and touches it with the towel.*

*Silence may be kept. The washing of feet may end with this prayer.*

Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to be the servant of others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Intercession**

*The form below, or other suitable words may be used.*

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 their message. We pray for the mission of your Church. Lord, hear us  
**and renew our zeal.**

On this night, he commanded them 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 them 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.**

Mindful of the holy apostles and martyrs, and of all your servants departed this life in your faith and fear, we commend ourselves and one another and our whole life, to Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **The Eucharist**

*The Eucharist continues in the customary manner. At the Greeting of Peace:*

Christ is our peace. He was pierced for our faults, bruised for our sins; on him fell the punishment that brought us peace; by his wounds we have been healed.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you**

**Hymn 302** (SONG I, *New English Hymnal*)

O Thou, who at the Eucharist didst pray  
That all thy Church might be forever one,  
Grant us at every Eucharist to say  
With longing heart and soul, “Thy will be done.”  
Oh, may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
One through this Sacrament of unity.

For all the Church, O Lord, we intercede;  
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;  
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,  
By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;  
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
One through this Sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;  
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,  
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,  
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:  
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
One through this Sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacrament shall cease,  
May we be one with all thy Church above,  
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,  
One with thy saints in one unbounded love:  
More blessed still, in peace and love to be  
One with the Trinity in Unity.

Music: Orlando Gibbons 1583-1625  
Text: William Turton 1856-1938

*The gifts of the people are presented, and the bread and wine are placed on the Altar. These prayers may be said*

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 our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*This, or another appropriate prayer, may be said*

Lord Jesus Christ, by word and example you call us to penitence and humility, wash away our sins that we may be worthy to offer these holy mysteries of your body and blood, for you are now alive and reign for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer begins*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right, it is our duty, our joy and our salvation, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord. Because he always loved those who were his own in the world.

When his hour had come he showed the depth of his love: he gave this supper to his disciples, and offered himself as a victim for our deliverance; that we, redeemed by his dying and raised to new life by his rising, might feast with him in his kingdom.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing,

**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.**

Holy and gracious God, all creation rightly gives you praise. All life, all holiness, comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, whom you sent to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. Hear us, merciful Lord: through Christ accept our sacrifice of praise; and, by the power of your Word and Holy Spirit, sanctify this bread and wine, that we who share in this holy sacrament may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

Who, when his hour had come, on this very night before he went up to the cross to make full atonement for the sins of the whole world, offering once for all his one sacrifice of himself, 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.

*Memorial Acclamation.*

*After the words of institution, when the priest has replaced the chalice on the Altar and genuflected.*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again**

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command, we remember his life of obedience to you, his suffering and death, his resurrection and exaltation, and his promise to be with us for ever. With this bread and this cup we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration that all who eat and drink at this table may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people, may we proclaim the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Communion**

*The Lord's Prayer is sung*

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so in faith and trust we pray:

**Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your Name; your kingdom come; your will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sin, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The priest may say*

As this broken bread was once many grains, which have been gathered together and made one bread:  
**so may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

*Agnus Dei is said or sung as the priest breaks the consecrated Host*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us your peace.**

*The Priest invites the people to receive Holy Communion, he genuflects, takes the Host and, holding it slightly raised above the paten or above the chalice and says aloud:*

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

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

*The Prayer of Humble Access may be said*

**We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting  
in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your  
table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have  
mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of  
your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may  
evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*The priest and other communicants receive Holy Communion. One of the following forms is used at the distribution:*

The body of Christ. **Amen**

The blood of Christ. **Amen**

*The Eucharist concludes with the prayer after Communion*

Loving Father,

we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: Sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth, until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Holy Thursday, 1 April 2021*

*The Sanctuary Party depart in silence as the High Altar is stripped in silence*

*The stripping of the Altar reminds us of Jesus going out into the Garden of Gethsemane, where he will be taken, stripped of all his dignity and nailed to a cross. The starkness of this moment is to remind us of the awful events that are to come.*

