



Maundy Thursday
18 April 2019

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit

Choir

Author of Life Divine – Text C. Wesley, Music “Rhosymedre”
– J. D. Edwards arr. R. Eather

Processional Hymn

Christians, lift your hearts and voices [TIS 540]

**Christians, lift your hearts and voices,
let your praises be outpoured;
come with joy and exultation
to the table of the Lord;
come believing, come expected,
in obedience to his word.**

**See, presiding at his table,
Jesus Christ our great high priest;
where he summons all his people,
none is greatest, none is least;
graciously he bids us welcome
to the eucharistic feast.**

**Lord, we offer in thanksgiving
life and work for you to bless;
yet unworthy is the offering,
marred by pride and carelessness;
so, Lord, pardon our transgressions,
plant in us true holiness.**

**On the evening of his passion
Jesus gave the wine and bread,
so that all who love and serve him
shall for ever more be fed.
Taste and see the Lord is gracious,
feed upon the living bread.**

John Edward Bowers, 1923–

Greeting

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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

And also with you.

The celebrant invites people to observe the Paschal mysteries over the next three days.

On this night we begin the Great Three Days of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection, the journey from the supper table to the cross, from the cross to Easter dawn.

We are followers in his way, exploring his truth, encountering his life.

This is the night when Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would betray him.

This is the night when Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the night when Christ our Lord gave us this holy feast, that as we break the bread and drink the cup, we may here proclaim his holy sacrifice, and come at the last to his table in heaven.

This is the night when Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, showing us how to honour and serve one another in love.

This is the night for watching and prayer.

We give ourselves freely to the demands of these great days, confident that those who die in Christ will surely live with him.

Scripture Sentence

'I give you a new commandment,' says the Lord,' that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.
John 13:34

Prayer of Approach

**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.**

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

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

Confession

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Silence may be kept.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought and 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 repent and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith,
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise, *Gloria in excelsis.*

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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.**

Collect of the Day.

O God,
your love was embodied in Jesus Christ,
who washed the disciples' feet
on the night of his betrayal:
wash us from the stain of sin,
so that, in hours of danger, we may not fail,
but follow your Son through every trial,
and praise him always as Lord and Christ,
to whom be glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Exodus 12:1–4,11–14

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 neighbor 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 judgments: 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.

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:11-18



I love the LORD,
because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
I said in my consternation, "Everyone is a liar."
What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,
I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.
O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.
I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

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, 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.

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

John 13:1–17,31b–35

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I

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, “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.” For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

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? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

The Sermon

THE FEET WASHING CEREMONY.

The celebrant will introduce the ceremony of feet washing, and invite people to participate by washing one another's feet.

Beloved in Christ, we have heard that, on the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. I therefore invite you, to come forward, that we may recall whose servants we are, remembering his teaching that what will be done for us is also to be done for others.

The following hymn is sung by the choir during the washing of feet.

In the heart where love is abiding (Ubi Caritas) - Plainsong arr. John Barnard

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. As we commit ourselves to his example of love and service, teach us humility.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

On this night, Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one. Tonight we pray that we and all people of this earth may know that we are one.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

On this night, Jesus commanded his friends to love, but he suffered rejection himself. As we open our hearts to the rejected and the unloved, fill us with your love.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

On this night, Jesus reminded his people that, if the world hated them, it had hated him first. As we face our own fears, we pray for those who are persecuted for their faith or their politics; give us your peace.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

On this night, Jesus loved his friends to the very end. As we open our hearts to all who face darkness tonight, we pray for the sick, those who mourn, those trapped by violence, addiction, or pain: give healing and hope.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Faithful God, these are our prayers

We offer them trusting and hoping in you.

**Hear and help us, challenge and change us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

The Greeting of Peace is introduced with these or other suitable words.

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross

We meet in his name and share his peace/

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn

An upper room [TIS 536]

**An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there
to celebrate their risen friend.**

**A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his cross shall lift us up.**

**And after supper he washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In him our joys shall be made complete —
sent out to serve, as he was sent.**

**No end there is! We depart in peace.
He lives beyond the uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house
he will be there, as Lord and host.**

Frederick Pratt Green, 1903 – 2000

The gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's Table.

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
He offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

The tree of defeat became the tree of victory;
where life was lost, there life has been restored.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name.
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

A minister may say

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise.

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

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

The celebrant breaks the bread.

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.**

The celebrant says

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Holy things for holy people.
Broken things for broken people.

All the children of God have a place at God's Table.

Anyone who would normally receive Holy Communion in their own Christian tradition is welcome to receive the Sacrament with us here today.

Those who prefer to receive a personal blessing from the priest rather than Holy Communion are invited to come to the Altar and simply cross their arms in front of them so the priest knows their desire.

Communion Anthem

Choir

Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord – Eric Thiman

Reflection Hymn

Sing, my tongue, the Saviour's glory [TIS 501]

**Sing, my tongue, the Saviour's glory,
of his flesh the mystery sing:
of the blood all price exceeding
shared by our eternal king,
destined for the world's redemption
from a virgin's womb to spring.**

**Born for us, and for us given,
born to live like us below,
he, a man with us abiding,
lived the gospel seed to sow;
and at last faced death undaunted,
his self-giving love to show.**

**On the night of that last supper,
seated with his chosen band,
first the Passover observing
he fulfils the law's command,
then as food to his disciples
gives himself with his own hand.**

**Word made flesh! His word life-giving
gives his flesh our food to be,
wine as his own blood he offers;
then, though senses fail to see,
faith alone the true heart wakens
to behold the mystery.**

**Therefore we, before him kneeling,
this great sacrament revere;
ancient forms all have their ending
for the new rite is here;
faith its aid to sight is lending:
though unseen, the Lord is here.**

**Glory let us give and blessing,
to the Father and the Son,
honour, might and praise addressing
while eternal ages run,
in the Spirit's love confessing,
who from both, with both is one.**

Thomas Aquinas, c. 1227–74. *Tr.* Edward Caswall 1814–78 and others.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The celebrant says

Holy God, source of all love,
on this night of betrayal
Jesus commanded his disciples
to love one another as he loved them.
We thank you for feeding us in this supper.
Give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all.

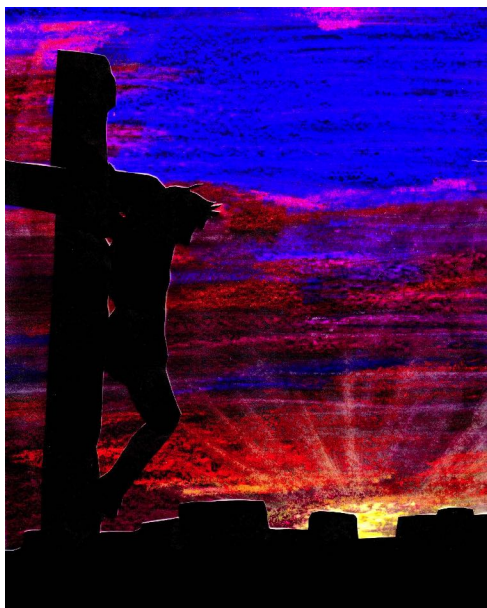
Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.

The service ends in darkness and silence as the Reserved Sacrament is taken to a Garden of Repose in remembrance of Jesus going to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Altar is stripped bare to recall Jesus being abandoned by his disciples.

The choir will sing Psalm 22 as the Altar is stripped.

You are invited to remain in the Cathedral for silent prayer and vigil, or else to leave in silence.

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GOOD FRIDAY

9.00am

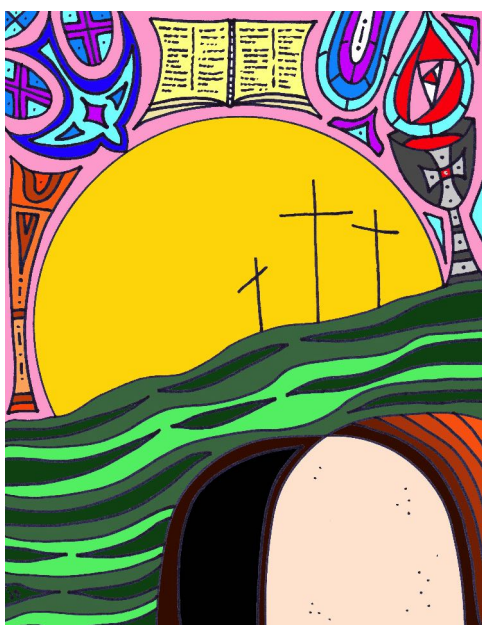
On this most solemn day of Holy Week we remember that Jesus died a victim of the political and religious elites who wanted to run the world for themselves, and not for the benefit of everyone. In his courage we find hope, in his death we find a path to life. On this morning we will have a simple celebration of the Eucharist, as we reflect quietly on the meaning of Jesus' death for us and for the world.



EASTER VIGIL: HOLY FIRE

7.00pm

We begin our Easter celebrations with this Vigil Eucharist as we light the Holy Fire and chant the Easter Proclamation. This ancient liturgy sets the miracle of Easter in the context of thousands of years of spiritual practice, as the flames of the Holy Fire remind us how the faith has been passed from generation to generation like the fire that passes from candle to candle.



EASTER DAY

9.00am

This is the most important day of the Christian year, and a time when every member of our Cathedral community seeks to gather to celebrate the amazing truth at the heart of our faith: the Lord lives, Christ has risen! The Cathedral will be especially decorated for Easter and the music will be superb, as we seek to offer God the very best worship that we can arrange on this holiest of all days. *11.00am services at Copmanhurst and Lawrence that day.*