



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

open doors ... open hearts ... open minds

A celebration of the
Holy Eucharist
on Maundy Thursday



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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Introit

Choir

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– 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 priest 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.**

The 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 116:1–2,11–18

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.

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 priest 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 following 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 any reason; 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

The Son of God proclaim [TIS 528]

**The Son of God proclaim,
the Lord of time and space;
the God who bade the light break forth
now shines in Jesus' face —
hosanna, hosanna,
now shines in Jesus' face.**

**He, God's creative word,
the church's Lord and Head,
here bids us gather as his friends
and share his wine and bread —
hosanna, hosanna,
we share his wine and bread.**

**Behold his outstretched hands;
though all was in his power
he took the towel and basin then,
and serves us in this hour —
hosanna, hosanna,
he serves us in this hour.**

**The Lord of life and death
with wond'ring praise we sing;
we break the bread at his command,
and name him God and King —
hosanna, hosanna,
we name him God and King.**

**We take this cup in hope;
for he, who gladly bore
the shameful cross, is risen again
and reigns for evermore —
hosanna, hosanna,
he reigns for evermore.**

Basil Ernest Bridge, 1927–

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.

The priest will continue with the words of the Great Thanksgiving.

... 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.**

A minister may say

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Great Thanksgiving concludes with these words

... 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 priest 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 priest 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 priest 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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Welcome to the Cathedral Church of Christ the King, commonly referred to as *Christ Church Cathedral*.

Since its dedication on the Feast of St James (25 July) in 1884, the Cathedral has exercised a special role in the City of Grafton and also in the life of the Anglican Diocese of Grafton, whose parishes, schools and other agencies serve communities throughout the Northern Rivers of New South Wales.

The Cathedral stands on the traditional lands of the Bundjalung nation. We acknowledge and pay our respect to their elders past and present, as well as to indigenous people with us tonight.

You are sharing in worship from *A Prayer Book for Australia*, which stands in the long Anglican tradition of ‘common prayer’ in which people, choir and clergy offer God and each other the best of ourselves (‘our souls and our bodies’) for the common good. We seek the peace and well-being of our nation, and especially our local community.

We are delighted that you are with us for this service: please come and worship with us again.

Whether you are Anglican, from another Christian Church or from another faith tradition, you are warmly welcome to take part in the service. If you want to find out more about the Christian faith, please make yourself known to a member of the clergy after the service.

The service today is a Eucharist during which there will be an opportunity for people to receive Holy Communion. Communicant members of other Christian churches are invited to receive the Sacrament here today, as their own conscience allows. Everyone is welcome to come for a blessing, even if not receiving the consecrated Elements.

The Cathedral is open every day. You are always welcome to use the Cathedral and its grounds for prayer and reflection, and we encourage you to make this House of Prayer a place of pilgrimage and prayer for our City.



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