# HOLY THURSDAY

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

## SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING

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

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

## **PENITENTIAL ACT**

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen** 





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#### THE GLORIA

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.

#### COLLECT

Let us pray. O God, who have called us to participate in this most sacred Supper, in which your Only Begotten Son, when about to hand himself over to death, entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity, the banquet of his love, grant, we pray, that we may draw from so great a mystery, the fullness of charity and of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

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#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### **First reading**



In those days: The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 'This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbour shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male, a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

'Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.

'In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, 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 pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and 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 are. 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.

'This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute for ever, you shall keep it as a feast.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

The cup of blessing is a communion in the blood of Christ.

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

The cup of blessing is a communion in the blood of Christ.

How precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful. Your servant am I, the son of your handmaid; you have loosened my bonds.

The cup of blessing is a communion in the blood of Christ.

I will offer a thanksgiving sacrifice; I will call on the name of the LORD. My vows to the LORD I will fulfil before all his people.

The cup of blessing is a communion in the blood of Christ.

#### Second reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Brothers and Sisters: I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you; that the Lord Jesus on the night when 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 also he took the cup, 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

The assembly stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation to welcome the Gospel. They remain standing in honour of the Gospel reading, the high point of the Liturgy of the Word.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

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

#### Gospel

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, 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.'

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



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#### John 13:1-15

#### THE HOMILY

THE WASHING OF FEET

Those who have been chosen are led by the ministers to seats prepared in a suitable place. Then the Priest goes to each one, and, with the help of the ministers, pours water over each one's feet and then dries them.

#### **THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

We kneel or stand for the prayers

As we pray with Our Lady

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.** 

As we pray for the souls of the departed

#### Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.** 

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

#### Merciful Father,

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen. And at the end







## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray, 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 holy Church.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 thanks and praise.** 

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

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 congregation kneel and the president recalls the Last Supper

Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly

Amen.





#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### The congregation stands and the priest says:

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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 PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.** 

#### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. **Though we are many, we are one body,** because we all share in one bread. 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.

After the Agnus Dei, the people kneel

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

This is the Body that will be given up for you; this is the Chalice of the new covenant in my Blood, says the Lord; do this, whenever you receive it, in memory of me.

> If you are a baptised Christian, and the discipline of your church allows, please come forward to receive the Body & Blood of Christ

If you would prefer to receive a blessing, come forward with your arms crossed over your chest

A Communion Hymn is now sung

Let us pray... Grant, almighty God, that, just as we are renewed by the Supper of your Son in this present age, so we may enjoy his banquet for all eternity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**.





## THE TRANSFER OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

After the Prayer after Communion, the Priest puts incense in the thurible while standing, blesses it and then, kneeling, incenses the Blessed Sacrament three times. Then, having put on a white humeral veil, he rises, takes the ciborium, and covers it with the ends of the veil.

A procession is formed in which the Blessed Sacrament, accompanied by torches and incense, is carried through the church to a place of repose prepared in a part of the church or in a chapel suitably decorated.

When the procession reaches the place of repose, the Priest, with the help of the Deacon if necessary, places the ciborium in the tabernacle, the door of which remains open. Then he puts incense in the thurible and, kneeling, incenses the Blessed Sacrament. Then the Deacon or the Priest himself places the Sacrament in the tabernacle and closes the door.

After a period of adoration in silence, the Priest and ministers genuflect and return to the sacristy.

At an appropriate time, the altar is stripped and, if possible, the crosses are removed from the church. It is expedient that any crosses which remain in the church be veiled.

## **THE WATCH**

We depart in silence

We sit in silence and adoration in front of the tabernacle. The altars have been stripped. We wait. We pray.

The Watch will continue until midnight. You are invited to stay in your seat, or to move around the church, to approach the altar of repose and to kneel, to be still, to light a candle.

Please stay for as long, or a short a time as you feel helps you to pray.

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

## **17th April - Maundy Thursday**

7pm - Joint Mass with Washing of Feet & Watch, St. John's (Watch to continue at St. Luke's from 8:30pm)

## **18TH APRIL - GOOD FRIDAY**

10am - Walk of Witness, St. Paul's, Devon Square 3pm - Mass of The Lord's Passion, St. Luke's & St. John's

## **19TH APRIL - HOLY SATURDAY**

8pm- Vigil Mass of Easter, St. John's

## **20TH APRIL - EASTER SUNDAY**

6am - Dawn Mass, St. Luke's 9:15am - Mass of Easter Sunday, St. John's. 11am - Mass of Easter Sunday, St. Luke's