



MAUNDY THURSDAY

CHORAL EUCHARIST
THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTARS
AND
THE WATCH

Thursday 28th March 2024
8.00 p.m.

MUSICAL SETTING

Missa brevis in F - *Andrea Gabrieli (1533-1585)*

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Good Friday

12 noon Sung Passion Gospel & Solemn Proclamation of the Cross
8.00pm Liturgical Performance - *The Crucifixion* by John Stainer

Holy Saturday

8.00pm Lighting of the Paschal Fire, The Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter

Easter Day

11.15am Festal Choral Eucharist
3.30pm Festal Choral Evensong

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THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Stand for the

HYMN OF THE PROCESSION

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 soul's 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.

William Bright (1824-1901)

THE GREETING

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.

On this most holy night we enter into the 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.

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.

RECEIVING THE OILS OF HEALING, BAPTISM AND CHRISM

We give ourselves freely to the demands of these great days, confident that those who die in Christ will surely live with him. As we begin, we receive from our bishop Paul, the holy oils blessed and set apart for the sacramental life of our community.

The Oil of Healing is presented:

The oil of the sick.

Celebrant

By the laying on of hands and anointing with this oil,
and with the prayerful support of this community,
may those who are sick experience the healing presence of Christ.

Amen.

The Oil of Baptism is presented:

The oil of baptism.

Celebrant

Anointed with this oil, and assisted by the example of this community,
may those who are to be baptized know that Christ calls them by name and makes
them his own and shares with them his victory over sin and the power of evil.

Amen.

The oil of Chrism is presented

The oil of chrism.

Celebrant

Anointed with this fragrant oil,
may all who are baptized and confirmed,
all who are ordained to the service of God's people,
and this community whose house of prayer is dedicated to God's glory,
fill the world with the sweet fragrance of Christ's gospel
and be built up as living stones into a temple filled with the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

The Choir sings

Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead
but now have life through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

Sit for

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14

At the end the reader says:
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116: 1, 10-17 *is sung by the choir.*

I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication:
because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.

How shall I repay the Lord:
for all the benefits he has given to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation:
and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people.

Precious is the sight of the Lord:
is the death of his faithful servants.

O Lord, I am your servant, your servant the child of your handmaid:
you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:
and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people.

In the courts of the house of the Lord:
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia.

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand for the

HYMN OF THE GRADUAL

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever 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 thy 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.

All face the reader for

THE GOSPEL

John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

The reader says

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.
I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:
Love one another as I have loved you.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to John,
chapter 13, beginning at verse 1.

*All sing: **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ***

At the end of the Gospel the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All sing: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

The hymn continues

So, Lord, at length when sacraments 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 blessèd still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.

William Turton (1856-1938)

Sit for

THE SERMON

Rev. Martin Steele - Dean's Vicar

Stand for

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
with the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Kneel for

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Father, on this night, when 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.

**Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

Stand for

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.

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY

We hail thy presence glorious,
O Christ our great high priest,
o'er sin and death victorious,
at thy thanksgiving feast:
As thou art interceding
for us in heaven above,
thy Church on earth is pleading
thy perfect work of love.

Through thee in every nation
thine own their hearts upraise,
offering one pure oblation,
one sacrifice of praise:
With thee in blest communion
the living and the dead
are joined in closest union,
one body with one head.

O living Bread from heaven,
Jesu, our Saviour good,
who thine own self hast given
to be our souls' true food;
For us thy body broken
hung on the cross of shame:
this bread, its hallowed token,
we break in thy dear name.

O stream of love unending,
poured from the one true vine,
with our weak nature blending
the strength of life divine;
Our thankful faith confessing
in thy life-blood outpoured,
we drink this cup of blessing
and praise thy name, O Lord.

Richard Parsons (1882-1948)

CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

At the Eucharist we are with our crucified and risen Lord.

We know that it was not only our ancestors, but we who are redeemed
and brought forth from slavery to freedom, from mourning to feasting.

We know that as he was with them in the upper room
so our Lord is here with us now.

Until the Kingdom of God comes, let us celebrate this feast.

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe, you bring forth bread from the earth.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe, you create the fruit of the vine.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God,
at all times and in all places
it is right to give you thanks and praise;

And now we give you thanks
because, having loved his own who were in the world,
he loved them to the end;
and on the night before he suffered,
sitting at table with his disciples,
he instituted these holy mysteries,
that we, redeemed by his death
and restored to life by his resurrection,
might be partakers of his divine nature.

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

*The **SANCTUS** and **BENEDICTUS** are sung by the Choir*

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy
you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us:
he made there the one complete
and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, 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 when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them saying, Drink this, all of you,
for 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.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
**we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him;

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say
Our Father ...

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

sung by the Choir

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin 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.**

During Communion, the Choir sings the

COMMUNION MOTET

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur,
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Amen.

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.
Where charity and love are, God is there. Amen.*

Maurice Duruflé (1902 - 1986)

THE GREAT SILENCE

All kneel for silent prayer

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

All kneel to sing

TANTUM ERGO SACRAMENTUM

Of the glorious body telling,
O my tongue, its mysteries sing,
and the blood, all price excelling,
which the world's eternal King,
in a spotless womb once dwelling,
shed for this world's ransoming.

Given for us, for us descending,
of a virgin to proceed,
man with man in converse blending,
scattered he the gospel seed,
till his sojourn drew to ending,
which he closed in wondrous deed.

At the last great supper lying
circled by his chosen band,
duly with the law complying,
first he finished its command,
then, immortal food supplying,
gave himself by his own hand.

Word-made flesh, by word he maketh
bread his very flesh to be;
man in wine Christ's blood partaketh:
and if senses fail to see,
faith alone the true heart waketh
to behold the mystery.

Part 2 *Tantum ergo*

Therefore we, before him bending,
this great sacrament revere:
types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes the inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
honour, might and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing,
who, from both, with both is one. Amen.

St Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274)
Tr J.M. Neale (1818-1866) and others

The remaining consecrated elements are brought to the Deans' Chapel

THE FINAL READING

Mark 14: 32-50

At the end of the reading almost all the Cathedral's lights are turned off signifying the descent into the darkness of Christ's trials and crucifixion.

Remain standing for
THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTARS

In silence, the altars are stripped and crosses are covered as

PSALM 22

is sung

*Those leaving at this stage are asked to do so in complete silence and not to
congregate outside the Cathedral.*

THE WATCH

*The Watch takes place in the Dean's Chapel for one hour
as soon as the Stripping of the Altars is complete.*
