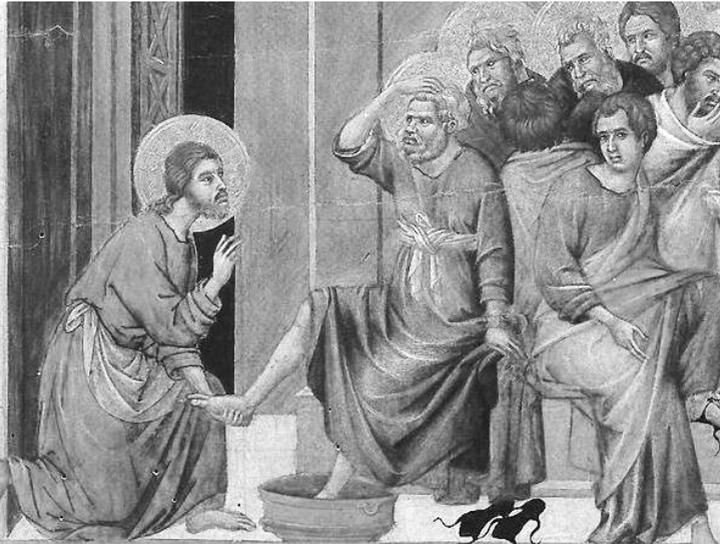


The Parish of St Paul, Wokingham

# The Mass of the Lord's Supper

*The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday*







# ¶ *The Gathering*

## **Processional hymn**

*Please stand to sing the opening hymn. See the boards on the pillars for the hymn numbers.*

*During the hymn, the altar is honoured with incense.*

## **The Greeting**

*The priest says*

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

*All* **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*The priest introduces the service.*

# Prayers of Penitence

*The priest introduces the prayers of penitence, then all say*

**All** Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.

*The Kyrie Eleison ('Lord, have mercy') is sung.*

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

*The priest says*

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

**All** Amen.

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*All stand to sing the Gloria in Excelsis, celebrating the great gift of the Mass at the heart of Christ's Church.*

**All    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 Collect

*The priest says*

The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

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 is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

# ¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

## **First reading**

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

*At the end, the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel reading**

*The deacon or priest says*

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 13.1-17, 31b-35

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*A sermon is preached.*

## The Washing of Feet

*The priest washes the feet of some members of the congregation. During the washing, the hymn Ubi caritas is sung by the choir.*

## Prayers of intercession

*Prayers of intercession are said. After each petition is said*

Lord, in your mercy,

**All** hear our prayer.

*At the end is said*

Merciful Father,

**All** accept these prayers,  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

# ¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

## **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

**All and also with you.**

*You are invited to share the sign of peace with those around you. This is done by shaking hands, by waving, or by bowing, and saying 'Peace be with you.'*

## **The Preparation of the Altar**

*A hymn is sung.*

*During the hymn, the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar on behalf of the congregation.*

*When the altar is prepared and the gifts and people have been honoured with incense, the priest says,*

Pray, my brothers and sisters  
that our sacrifice may be acceptable  
to God, the almighty Father.

**All 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 Church.**

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,  
that we may participate worthily in these mysteries,  
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated  
the work of our redemption is accomplished.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

# The Eucharistic Prayer

*Please remain standing if you are able. The priest says or sings*

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The priest says or sings the Eucharistic preface, calling to mind the great works of God in bringing about our salvation.*

*All sing together*

**All 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 priest recalls the Last Supper, when Christ gave us the Eucharist, and says the Words of Institution by which the bread and wine are consecrated for us. The priest then says*

Great is the mystery of faith.

**All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The priest continues in prayer, concluding*

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,

for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel. Silence is kept.*

# The Lord's Prayer

*The priest says*

Gathered at the foot of the Cross,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**All** 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 Breaking of the Bread

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All** **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*As the bread is broken, all sing*

**All** **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.**

# The Giving of Communion

*The priest holds the consecrated bread and says*

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

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

*The priest and people receive Holy Communion.*

*If you normally receive communion in your own church or have done so in the past, you are very welcome to do so here.*

*If you do not receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come to the altar rail to receive a blessing. Please bow your head to indicate to the priest that you would prefer to receive a blessing.*

*While communion is distributed, a hymn is sung. The choir sings a motet.*

## Post-communion prayer

*The priest stands at the altar and says*

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.

*All* **Amen.**

## Procession to the Altar of Repose

*The priest and servers take the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose in procession. The hymn Pange lingua gloriosi is sung.*

*It is customary to kneel as the Sacrament passes you.*

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 noble 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.

*When the priest and servers reach the Altar of Repose, these verses are sung.*

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 (c. 1225–74)  
Trans. John Mason Neale (1818–66)

*The Blessed Sacrament is placed in the tabernacle.*

## **The Stripping of the Sanctuary**

*The priest stands in the sanctuary and says*

They part my garments among them  
and cast lots upon my vesture.

*The choir sings Psalm 22 (653 in the green hymnbook).*

*When the altar is stripped and the psalm finishes, the priest says*

They part my garments among them  
and cast lots upon my vesture.

*The lights are extinguished. The clergy and people leave in silence. The Watch is kept at the Altar of Repose until Midnight and all are invited to sit and pray with our Lord.*

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