

Mass of the Lord's Supper

1 April 2021

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

When the bell rings, all stand and sing:

God is love, and where true love is God is truly there.

Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
When we Christ - ians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,
Grant us love's ful - fil - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,

Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
Let there be in us no dis - cord, but one spi - rit.
When we see your face, O Sa - viour, in its glo - ry.

Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal,
Ba - nished now be an - ger, strife and eve - ry quar - rel.
Shine on us, O pu - rest Light of all cre - a - tion,

Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
Christ, our God, be al - ways pre - sent here a - mong us.
Be our bliss while end - less ag - es sing your prais - es.

From the Liturgy of Maundy Thursday,
trans James Quinn SJ 1919-2010

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Galatians 6.14

The choir sings:

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.

Greeting

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Tonight 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 Jesus' way,
exploring Jesus' truth,
encountering Jesus' life.

This is the night when Christ the Lamb of God
was given into the hands of betrayers.

This is the night when Christ gathered with the 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 the holy sacrifice,
and come at the last to the Lord's 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 be made alive.

Penitential Act

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

A brief pause for silence follows.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.

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Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner:
Christ, have mercy.

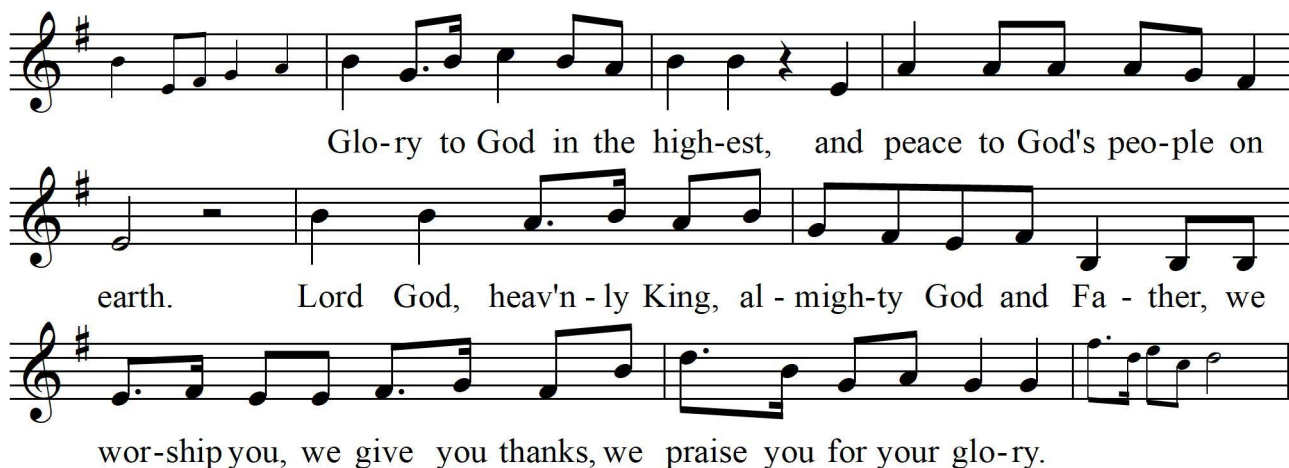
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bring light to those in darkness:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Hymn of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are
 seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer. For
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone
 are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi-rit,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

After the hymn of praise, the organ is silent until Easter.

Collect

Let us pray.

Grant, Lord,
 that we who receive the holy sacrament
 of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 may be the means
 by which the work of his incarnation shall go forward:
 take, consecrate, break and distribute us,
 to be for others a means of your grace,
 and vehicles of your eternal love;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14

A reading from the book of Exodus.

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 neighbour 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 judgements: 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.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116.9–10, 12–17 **R.** v.11

****R.** I will take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

9 I believed, even when I said, "I have been brought very low."

In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted."

10 How shall I repay the LORD

for all the good things he has done for me? **R.**

12 I will fulfil my vows to the LORD

in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD

is the death of his servants. **R.**

14 O LORD, I am your servant;

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

and call upon the name of the Lord. **R.**

16 I will fulfil my vows to the LORD

in the presence of all his people.

17 In the courts of the LORD's house,

in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Beloved: 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.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13.34

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you, says the Lord.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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.'

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.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Fr Gwilym Henry-Edwards

Silence is kept for a space, then the Priest introduces the prayer:

The Prayers

The prayers conclude:

Faithful God, these are the prayers of your Church.

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

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

We meet in God's name and share God's peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

U-bi ca-ri - tas et a - mor. U-bi ca-ri - tas De-us i³ - bi est.

(Where charity and love are, God is there.)

Jacques Berthier 1923-94

When all is prepared, the celebrant says

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

**May the Lord accept our sacrifice
for the praise and glory of God's name,
for our good, and the good of all God's holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Father,
we spread this table
to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ, your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day.
Bind us together in his love
and in the love he has commanded us to bring one another;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 him thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

You sent him from heaven to take our flesh:
born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
he was revealed as your Son.

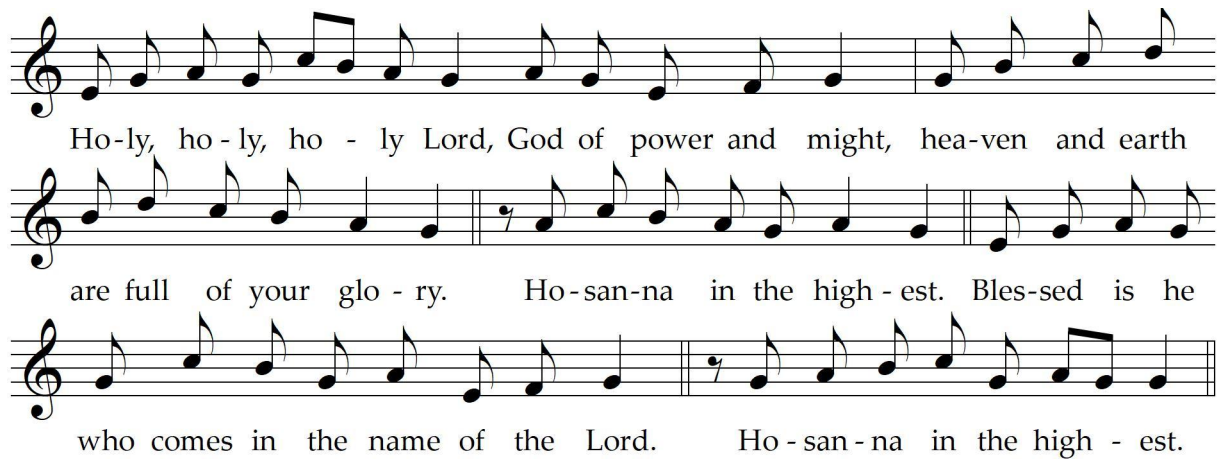
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might break the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.

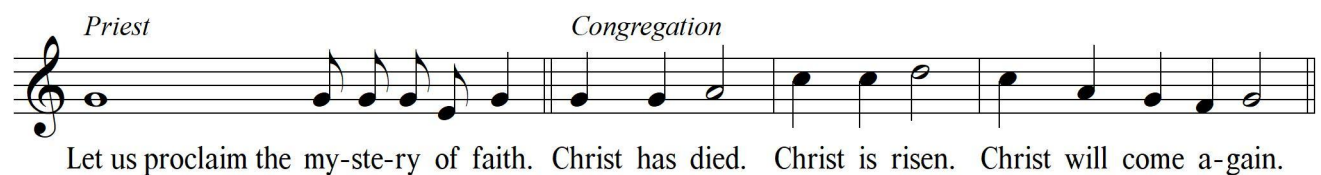
Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name:



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea-ven and earth
are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God,
accept our sacrifice of praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
even this night,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying to his disciples, 'Take, and eat:
this is my body which will be given for you.'

In the same way he took the cup,
saying, 'This is my blood which will be shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me.'



Priest *Congregation*

Let us proclaim the my-ste-ry of faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come a-gain.

In remembrance of his death and resurrection,
with this bread and this cup,
we give you thanks that you have counted us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon the celebration of your Church:
gather into one all who share in these holy mysteries,
filling them with your Spirit
and confirming them in the truth,
that together we may praise you and give you glory
through Jesus your servant.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE COMMUNION RITE

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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The celebrant breaks the bread, saying

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies,
it remains just a single grain;
but if it dies it bears much fruit.

If we have died with him, we shall live with him.

While the bread is broken Agnus Dei is sung.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

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.**

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ
in remembrance that he died for us,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All receive Holy Communion.

Communion will be administered in one kind only.

Communicants are asked to approach in single file, maintaining physical distance, returning to their places via the side aisles.

Those who are not to receive the Blessed Sacrament are invited to unite themselves with Jesus by making a Spiritual Communion.

Act of Spiritual Communion

St Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

During Communion, the choir will sing anthems.

After the distribution of Communion, a ciborium with hosts for Communion on the following day is left on the altar. The Priest says the Prayer after Communion.

Communion Antiphon

1 Cor 11.24-25

The choir sings

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.

Prayer after Communion

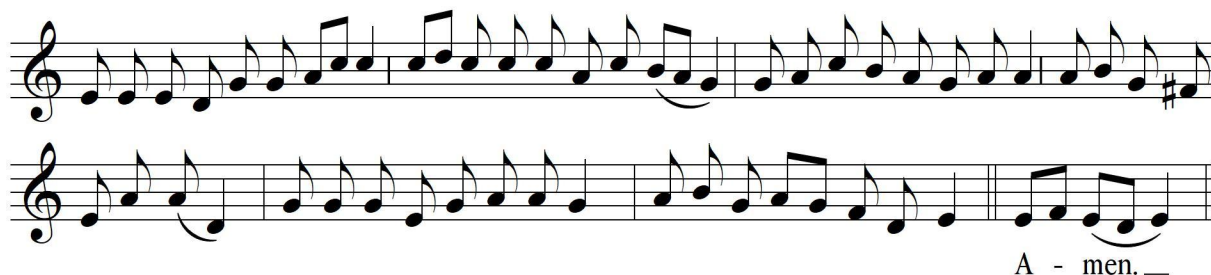
Let us pray.

Holy God,
source of all love,
on the night of his betrayal
Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment,
to love one another as he loved them.
Write this commandment in our hearts;
give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave his life and died for us,
yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE TRANSFER OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Procession to the Altar of Repose

The celebrant, accompanied by the ministers, carries the Blessed Sacrament in procession to the place where it is to be kept until the Liturgy of Good Friday, while the following hymn is sung:



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| <p>1 Hail our Saviour's glorious Body
which his Virgin Mother bore;
Hail the Blood which, shed for
sinners,
did a broken world restore;
Hail the sacrament most holy,
Flesh and Blood of Christ adore!</p> <p>2 To the Virgin, for our healing,
his own Son the Father sends;
from the Father's love proceeding,
Sower, Seed and Word descends;
wondrous life of Word incarnate
with his greatest wonder ends!</p> | <p>3 On that paschal evening see him
with the chosen twelve recline,
to the old law still obedient
in its feast of love divine;
Love divine, the new law giving,
gives himself as Bread and Wine!</p> <p>4 By his word the Word almighty
makes of bread his flesh indeed;
Wine becomes his very life-blood:
Faith God's living Word must heed!
Faith alone may safely guide us
where the senses cannot lead!</p> |
| <p>5 Come, adore this wondrous presence;
bow to Christ, the source of grace!
Here is kept the ancient promise
of God's earthly dwelling-place!
Sight is blind before God's glory,
Faith alone may see his face!</p> | <p>6 Glory be to God the Father,
praise to his co-equal Son,
adoration to the Spirit,
bond of love, in Godhead one!
Blest be God by all creation
joyously while ages run. Amen.</p> |

When the procession reaches the place of reservation:

Thomas Aquinas, 1227-74

tr. James Quinn SJ, 1919-2010

Stripping of the Altars

Then the altars and shrines are stripped of their candles, linen and decorations.

Psalm 88, Psalm 22, or another appropriate psalm or hymn may be sung, or Mark 14.31b-50 may be read.

Then the ministers and people depart in silence.

The Watch of the Passion

The Watch of the Passion begins.