

University
Church

***Sung Eucharist
of the Last Supper***

Maundy Thursday

Thursday 1 April 2021

20.00

Welcome to the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford. This booklet will guide you through the service of Choral Eucharist of the Last Supper.

This service celebrates the institution of the Eucharist by Christ with his disciples in the upper room, where he washes their feet like a servant, instructs them to remember him in blessing and sharing bread and wine, and gives them a new commandment (*Mandatum novum*, from which 'Maundy Thursday' receives its name) to 'love one another' (John 13.34).

The Revd Dr William Lamb, the Vicar, is presiding this evening, and our preacher is the Revd Professor Graham Ward, Regius Professor of Divinity.

The Mass Setting is *Mass for Three Voices* by Antonio Lotti (1667-1740), and is sung by three cantors, directed by Robert Howarth.

Please note that incense is used at this service.

PUBLIC HEALTH: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please note that special arrangements are in place this morning in the light of government guidance to ensure that the risk of infection by Coronavirus is reduced as much as possible. **Please follow the direction of stewards at all times, using the hand sanitiser provided. It is now a legal requirement to wear a face covering in a place of worship. We regret that no congregational singing is permitted at this time.** Please sit where indicated and kindly refrain from approaching other members of the congregation for conversations before the service. To protect the most vulnerable, there is no sharing of the common cup at this time. Communion is in one kind and should be received in your hands in silence. At the end of the service, there is a Watch for a quarter of an hour. Please remain in your seats in the nave.

INFORMATION ABOUT ST MARY'S

Lavatories, including accessible provision, are situated at the West End of the Nave behind the glass brick screen. Entry is on the North Side.

To enable our worship to be uninterrupted, please ensure that all mobile phones and other electronic devices are switched off before and during the service. You are kindly requested to refrain from making any audio or visual recording of any part of this service without the written permission of the Vicar.



An induction loop is available in the nave area for those who are hard of hearing. Please turn your hearing aid to the 'T' setting.



Large print copies of this booklet are available. Please ask the stewards.

THE GATHERING

President The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you

All and also with you.

Words of welcome may be offered

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

President 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.

Please kneel

**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.**

President 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.

Please stand

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Cantor

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi propter
magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus,
Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis; qui tollis
peccata mundi, suscipe
deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus,
Iesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu
in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

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 the God the Father.
Amen.

THE COLLECT

President God our Father, your Son was obedient to the end and drank the
cup prepared for him: may we who share his table watch with
him through the night of suffering and be faithful to him who is
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 12.1-14

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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. 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 lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Please stand as the Cantors sing the hymn

O Bread to pilgrims given, O food that angels eat,
O Manna sent from heaven, for heav'n-born natures meet,
give us, for thee long pining, to eat till richly filled;
till, earth's delights resigning, our every wish is stilled.

O Water, life bestowing, forth from the Saviour's heart,
a fountain purely flowing, a fount of love thou art:
O let us, freely tasting, our burning, thirst assuage;
thy sweetness, never wasting, avails from age to age.

Jesus, this feast receiving, we thee unseen adore;
thy faithful word believing, we take, and want no more:
give us, thou true and loving, on earth to live in thee;
then, death the veil removing, thy glorious face to see.

Words: *O esca viatorum*, Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274), trans Ray Palmer (1808-1887), alt
Tune: KING'S LYNN, English Traditional Melody (NEH 492)

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

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

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.'

President This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE WASHING OF FEET

The Revd Susannah Reide washes the feet of a single member of the congregation, while the Cantors sing an Antiphon for Maundy Thursday

Ubi caritas et amor,
Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos
in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus, 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.

Text: Latin Antiphon for Maundy Thursday

President Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and forever.

All Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please kneel

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

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. Give us the humility to love and serve others after his example.

Lord of every blessing:

All make us one in your love.

Minister On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one, as you and the Father are one. Unite your Church in every land, and give us grace to love those whose faith and fervour we struggle to recognise, that we may see your gifts in all our brothers and sisters.

Lord of every blessing:

All make us one in your love.

Minister On this night, he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved, and for all who are persecuted for their beliefs. Grant us the courage of our convictions when hardship and disappointment weary us.

Lord of every blessing:

All make us one in your love.

Minister 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. Welcome all your children into paradise, where you have prepared a place for them, and make their joy complete.

Lord of every blessing:

All make us one in your love.

Minister In fellowship with Mary and all your saints, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to your unfailing love, saying:

Merciful Father,

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

Please stand

President 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.

President Let us greet one another in the name of Christ.

All may exchange a sign of peace by saying 'Peace be with you!' Please refrain from any physical contact with people outside your household.

*Please be seated while the table is prepared and the Offertory Hymn is sung. If you would like to support the ministry of the University Church, you may wish to make a donation online: www.universitychurch.ox.ac.uk or via the contactless card machine by the High Street entrance. If you wish to make a cash donation, please ask a steward for a Gift Aid envelope. You can also make a donation by sending a text: Text "SMV X" to **70085** to donate £X. For example "SMV 5" to 70085 will donate £5.00. Texts cost £X plus one standard rate message. Thank you!*

OFFERTORY HYMN

Sung by the Cantors

Please stand as the hymn is sung, and as the altar is prepared and censed.

Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee,
who in thy Sacrament art pleased to be;
both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,
yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
who living bread from heav'n doth here afford!
O may our souls for ever feed on thee,
and thou, O Christ, for ever precious be.

Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,
cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood;
increase our faith and love, that we may know
the hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
may what we thirst for soon our portion be,
to gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face,
the vision of thy glory and thy grace.

Words: Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274), trans James Woodford (1820-1885)

Tune: RADCLIFFE SQUARE, Geoffrey Webber (b. 1959)* (SP 253)

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

President At the Eucharist we are with our crucified and risen Lord. We know that it was not only our ancestors, but we who were redeemed and brought forth from bondage 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, as we bless the bread of the earth, and the fruit of the vine, and bless God's holy name.

All **Blessed be God forever.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

President The Lord be with you.

All **and also with you.**

President Lift up your hearts.

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

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

President It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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

Sung by the Cantors

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni
sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine
Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

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.

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender
mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer
death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his
one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient
sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction 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.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the
power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your
creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our
Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his
death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body
and blood;

who, in this very same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; 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 gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; 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.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith:

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

President Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of sins and all other benefits of his passion. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be your almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please sit or kneel

President 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

President Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Cantors

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
the world, have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
the world, have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
the world, grant us peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

President Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin 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.**

President The Body of Christ.

All Amen.

President The Blood of Christ.

All Amen.

*All who seek to follow Christ are invited to receive communion. To protect the
most vulnerable, there is no sharing of the common cup at this time.*

Communion is in one kind.

*When directed by the stewards, please go forward to receive communion.
There is one station in front of the Nave Altar. Please wash your hands with
the sanitiser provided and remove your mask. The priest will place the
sacrament on your hands in silence. You should consume the host
immediately and replace your mask. If you wish to receive a gluten-free
wafer or a blessing, please indicate in silence by pointing at the sign
provided.*

ORGAN INTERLUDE

Hoc corpus, by Heinrich Isaac (c.1450-1517)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President 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.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Please kneel

The congregation kneel as the Cantor sings the hymn. During the hymn, the Blessed Sacrament is laid in repose on the High Altar, as we journey with Christ to the garden of Gethsemane.

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,
mortal 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 brethren's band,
meekly with the law complying,
first he finished its command,
then, immortal food supplying,
gave Himself with his own hand.

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

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.

Words: *Pangue lingua* and *Tantum ergo*, Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274),
tr John M Neale (1818-1866) et al
Tune: PANGE LINGUA, *Mode iii* (NEH 268)

THE CONCLUSION

STRIPPING OF THE ALTARS

Lights are dimmed, and the altar and sanctuary are stripped of their decorations. During the stripping of the altars, an Organ Interlude is played quietly as we contemplate Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. The church is veiled in darkness.

ORGAN INTERLUDE

Hoc corpus, by Heinrich Isaac (c,1450-1517)

THE WATCH

All are invited to observe a silent vigil in the Chancel.

After an extended time of silence, the following passage is read.

THE GOSPEL OF THE WATCH

Matthew 26.36-56

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay

awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Again he went away for the second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.' Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.' At once he came up to Jesus and said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him. Jesus said to him, 'Friend, do what you are here to do.' Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, 'Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?'

At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.' Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

THE DEPARTURE

Silver coins are scattered on the Chancel floor, and all leave promptly in silence.

The Blessed Sacrament is placed in the hanging pyx in readiness for the Liturgy of Good Friday.

Holy Week Services

Friday 2 April Good Friday

- 10.30 Stations of the Cross
- 14.00 The Liturgy of Good Friday
Preacher: The Revd Professor Graham Ward

This Sunday

Sunday 4 April Easter Day

- 8.30 Holy Eucharist
Preacher: The Revd Dr William Lamb
- 10.30 Choral Eucharist with Easter Ceremonies
Preacher: The Revd Dr William Lamb

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