



*St. Thomas of Canterbury,
the Parish Church for
Brentwood*

Maundy Thursday



***The Easter Triduum
The Mass of the Lord's Supper***

These prayers are suitable as preparation for Mass

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

From the Book of Common Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, I approach the sacrament of Your only-begotten Son Our Lord Jesus Christ, I come sick to the doctor of life, unclean to the fountain of mercy, blind to the radiance of eternal light, and poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth. Lord, in your great generosity, heal my sickness, wash away my defilement, enlighten my blindness, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness. May I receive the bread of angels, the King of kings and Lord of lords, with humble reverence, with the purity and faith, the repentance and love, and the determined purpose that will help to bring me to salvation. May I receive the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood, and its reality and power.

Kind God, may I receive the Body of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, born from the womb of the Virgin Mary, and so be received into His mystical body and numbered among His members. Loving Father, as on my earthly pilgrimage I now receive Your beloved Son under the veil of a sacrament, may I one day see him face to face in glory, who lives and reigns with You for ever. Amen

St Thomas Aquinas

It is our custom to keep a prayerful silence before Mass

STAND: When the bell rings, we sing the introit hymn while the sacred ministers enter and the altar is censed. During this hymn, the oils are carried to the front of the nave.

Processional Hymn

NEH 512



**Blest by the sun, the olive tree,
Brought clusters of fair fruit to birth,
Whose ripeness now we bring with prayer,
Lord Christ, redeemer of the earth.**

**Eternal King, look down and bless
The oil your servants offer here,
And may it be a lively sign
Which all the powr's of darkness fear**

**From those washed in the sacred font
Let Satan's influence depart,
And when this oil the brow shall seal,
Transforming grace invade the heart.**

**Our wounded nature thus be healed,
By your anointing grace, O Lord;
In men and women so renewed
Shall God's own image be restored**

**Lord Christ, the Father's only Son,
Who took our flesh in Mary's womb,
Give light to your anointed ones,
And break the power of death's dark tomb.**

**So may this joyous Paschal feast,
The time when saving grace is given,
Fill every Christian soul with praise,
And raise our minds from earth to heaven**

Trans. Richard Rutt

The Gathering

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

Amen.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you;
and also with you.

Brothers and sisters, on this most holy night, we enter into the three days of the celebration of our Lord's paschal victory, his death and resurrection. Those of our community who are to be baptised this Eastertide will be made one with Christ, dying to sin and rising to newness of life in him. As we begin, therefore, we receive from our bishop the holy oils blessed and set apart for the sacramental life of our parish.

Minister: The oil of the sick.

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.**

Minister: The oil of baptism.

Anointed with this oil, and assisted by the example of this community, may those who are to be baptised 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.**

Minister: The oil of chrism.

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

Have mercy on us, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out our offences.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Against you only have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean; wash us and we shall be whiter than snow. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis.

During the Gloria, bells are rung for the last time until we celebrate the Lord's resurrection

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 sins 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 Celebrant introduces a period of silent prayer with the words '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.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

SIT

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

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.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

STAND for the acclamation and the Gospel



Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 13.1–17, 31b–35

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

SIT

The Foot Washing

The priest removes the chasuble and ties a towel around his waist. He will then wash the feet of the twelve disciples. Please remain seated. During the foot washing, the choir will sing an anthem and there will be periods of silence.

Prayers of Intercession – Universal Prayers

KNEEL

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. 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.**

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST The Peace

STAND

The Celebrant introduces 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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Offertory

A collection is not taken at this celebration. If you don't have cash or are not part of our planned giving scheme and would like to support the ministry costs of St Thomas' please scan the QR code on the back of the chair in front of you, to be taken to the online donations page where you can easily donate to support the work of St Thomas' and complete the details allowing the reclamation of Gift Aid on your donation. We sing this hymn while the altar is prepared.

The Offertory Hymn

NEH 513

Refrain

God is love, and where true love is, God him - self is there.

**Here in Christ, we gather, love of Christ our calling.
Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be His greeting.
Let us all revere and love him, God eternal
Loving Him, let each love Christ in all his brothers.**

Refrain

**God is love, and where true love is
God Himself is there.**

**When we Christians gather, members of one Body,
Let there be in us no discord but one spirit.
Banished now be anger, strife, and every quarrel.
Christ, our God, be always present here among us.**

Refrain

*God is love, and where true love is
God Himself is there.*

**Grant us love's fulfilment, joy with all the blessed,
When we see Your face, O Saviour, in its glory.
Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,
Be our bliss while endless ages sing Your praises.**

Refrain

Trans. James Quinn SJ

The Preparation of the Altar

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that this 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 Church.

Lord, make us worthy to celebrate these mysteries. Each time we offer this memorial sacrifice the work of our redemption is accomplished. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

The Preface

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.

It is indeed right to give you thanks,
Father most holy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For on this night, he girded himself with a towel
and, taking the form of a servant,
washed the feet of his disciples.
He gave us a new commandment
that we should love one another as he has loved us.
Knowing that his hour had come,
in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples
to be a memorial of his passion,
that we might proclaim his death until he comes again,
and feast with him in his kingdom.
Therefore earth unites with heaven
to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosana, hosana in the highest.
✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosana, hosana in the highest.**

We KNEEL after the Sanctus and Benedictus.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power
of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and
wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the 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.

After the consecration, the following acclamation is said/sung:

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection,
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Joseph her spouse, St Thomas of Canterbury and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, 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 yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Amen

COMMUNION RITE

As our Saviour taught and commanded us, we are bold to pray:

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.

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.**

We sing the Agnus Dei:

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

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

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

The Celebrant invites the people to communion

Behold the Lamb of God ✠ who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed 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.

*Please follow the direction of the celebrant and sidespersons to come forward and receive communion. Those who are confirmed are welcome to make their communion at our celebration today. Otherwise, please come forward for a blessing with you hands crossed across your chest. The response after receiving a blessing is **Amen***

The Choir sing – ‘Panis Angelicus’ by Franck

Communion Hymn

KNEEL After the anthem, we all sing the communion hymn while the servers prepare for the procession of the Blessed Sacrament.



**1 An Upper Room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there
to celebrate their Risen Friend.**

**2 A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his Cross shall lift us up.**

**3 And after Supper he washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In him our joy shall be made complete —
sent out to serve, as he was sent.**

**4 No end there is! We depart in peace.
He loves beyond the uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house
he will be there, as Lord and Host.**

Fred Pratt Green 1973

Act of Spiritual Communion

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 at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen.**

St Alphonsus Liguori

Post Communion

KNEEL

The Blessed Sacrament is placed on the High Altar. The Priest kneels facing east and sings this 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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Translation of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Please remain kneeling in your places as we sing the following hymn while the Solemn Procession makes its way to the Altar of Repose.



A - men.

**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 the 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 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;
man in wine Christ's Blood partaketh:
and if senses fail to see,
faith alone the true heart waketh
to behold the mystery.**

The procession makes its way to the Lady Chapel, where the Altar of Repose has been set up and where the watch will be kept until midnight.

If the Blessed Sacrament is not in the Tabernacle of the Altar of Repose, the hymn stops until the Blessed Sacrament is placed inside. We then continue with the final couple of verses



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.

St Thomas Aquinas 1227-74

Trans J. M. Neale 1818-66

The Tabernacle door is closed, and the sacred ministers stay kneeling before the Altar of Repose for a while in silent adoration.

The Sacred Ministers remove their white vestments and put on a purple stole and return to the chancel.

The stripping of the altars then begins as all ornaments and linens are removed from the church.

During the stripping of the altars, Psalm 22 is chanted by the choir.

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me * and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;* by night as well, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One*, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 Our forebears put their trust in you;* they trusted and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered;* they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man,* scorned by all and despised by the people.

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; * they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

8 'He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;* let him rescue him, if he delights in him.'

9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,* and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; * you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, * and there is none to help.

- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; *strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, * like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; * my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; * and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; * they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.
- 17 They stare and gloat over me; * they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.
- 18 Be not far away, O Lord; * you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword, * my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, * my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your name to my people; * in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; * neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: * 'May your heart live for ever!'

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; * he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

Once the Psalm finishes, the Watch begins and continues until midnight. Please move to the Lady Chapel after the psalm has finished.

Please stay for as long as you wish. When you decide to leave, please do so in **COMPLETE SILENCE** and do not talk until you are outside.

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