

‘The Holy Eucharist for Maundy Thursday with the Liturgy of the Shadows

The Greeting

Jesus said: “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another.”

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.

*That ‘new commandment - mandatum – that you love one another’
gives its name to this Thursday of Holy Week
– **Maundy** – mandatum - **Thursday**.*

*Welcome to this Service on another very different Maundy Thursday.
Usually clergy, readers and others gather in the cathedral in the
morning for the Chrism Eucharist when we renew our ordination
vows, and prayers are said over the oils for holy anointing.*

*And then in the evening we celebrate the Eucharist in our parishes
when we receive the holy oils, and in the foot-washing re-enact Jesus’
washing of his disciples’ feet at the Last Supper. For a number of
years we have celebrated Maundy Thursday at St Andrew’s Church,
Cubley, with friends from the Benefices of both the South Dales and
the Longford 8 benefices as we are doing this evening.*

*In the Eucharist and Tenebrae this evening’s service takes us to upper
room and to the Garden of Gethsemane.*

The themes express humble Christian service in Christ's washing of his disciples' feet; the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper; and the perfection of Christ's loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane.

♪ Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Richard Gillard (b.1953)

The Holy Eucharist

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.'

Silence is kept.

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

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Against you only have we sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.

Christ, have mercy.

All **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.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father forgive *you* by the death of his Son
and strengthen *you* to live in the power of the Spirit
all *your* days.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

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

Let us pray that we may love one another as Christ has loved us.

Silence is kept.

God our Father,
your Son Jesus Christ 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.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Book of the Exodus (12.1-4, 11-14)

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Some verses from Psalm 116

Psalm 116.1, 10-17

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 in the sight of the Lord ◆
is the death of his faithful servants.

**○ 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.

All Alleluia.

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (11.23-26)

For 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

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.

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

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.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, '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.’

John 13.1-17, 31b-35

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Washing of Feet

We are not going to wash feet tonight, but we will use the prayer that follows the action. We will give thanks for all those serving others during this pandemic: doctors, nurses, all those who work in hospitals and care workers, but also our local shopkeepers, delivery drivers and all those going out of their way to help their neighbours.

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 for ever.

All **Amen.**

♪ **Jesus, the King divine,**
took up the servants bowl,
and as his kingship’s sign
fulfilled the humble role.
This is his call: that such as we
should gladly be the slaves of all.

Low at our feet he kneels,
our Saviour and our Lord!
The love which Christ reveals

is more than earth affords!
We crush our pride, accept with grace,
then take our place at Jesus's side.

A new command I give:
to love as I love you,
and by the way you live
to show that love is true.
If this you do, the world will see
you are in me and I in you.

Prayers of Intercession

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

All **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

All **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

All **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

All **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

All **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,
especially those known to us:

Lord, hear us

All **and welcome all your children into paradise.**

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.**

Let us offer one another, a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

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.

All **Until the kingdom of God comes
let us celebrate this feast.**

The president takes the bread and wine.

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

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

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

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

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:

**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.**

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,
that is - this very night,
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.

Christ is the bread of life:

All **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

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 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.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,

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

Jesus is 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.**

The body of Christ, broken for you.

Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

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.**

The Stripping of the Altar

During the stripping of the altar Psalm 88 is said.

Psalm 88

- ¹ O Lord, God of my salvation, ◆
I have cried day and night before you.
- ² Let my prayer come into your presence; ◆
incline your ear to my cry.
- ³ For my soul is full of troubles; ◆
my life draws near to the land of death.
- ⁴ I am counted as one gone down to the Pit; ◆
I am like one that has no strength,
- ⁵ Lost among the dead, ◆
like the slain who lie in the grave,
- ⁶ Whom you remember no more, ◆
for they are cut off from your hand.
- ⁷ You have laid me in the lowest pit, ◆
in a place of darkness in the abyss.
- ⁸ Your anger lies heavy upon me, ◆
and you have afflicted me with all your waves.

- ⁹ You have put my friends far from me ♦
and made me to be abhorred by them.
- ¹⁰ I am so fast in prison that I cannot get free; ♦
my eyes fail from all my trouble.
- ¹¹ Lord, I have called daily upon you; ♦
I have stretched out my hands to you.
- ¹² Do you work wonders for the dead? ♦
Will the shades stand up and praise you?
- ¹³ Shall your loving-kindness be declared in the grave, ♦
your faithfulness in the land of destruction?
- ¹⁴ Shall your wonders be known in the dark ♦
or your righteous deeds in the land where all is forgotten?
- ¹⁵ But as for me, O Lord, I will cry to you; ♦
early in the morning my prayer shall come before you.
- ¹⁶ Lord, why have you rejected my soul? ♦
Why have you hidden your face from me?
- ¹⁷ I have been wretched and at the point of death from my
youth; ♦
I suffer your terrors and am no more seen.
- ¹⁸ Your wrath sweeps over me; ♦
your horrors are come to destroy me;
- ¹⁹ All day long they come about me like water; ♦
they close me in on every side.
- ²⁰ Lover and friend have you put far from me ♦
and hid my companions out of my sight.

Tenebrae

The Liturgy of the Shadows

1. The Shadow of Betrayal

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.' And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, 'Surely not I, Lord?' He answered, 'The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.' Judas, who betrayed him, said, 'Surely not I, Rabbi?' He replied, 'You have said so.'

Matthew 26.20-25

President We extinguish this light, O Lord,
for whenever we turn away from your presence in sin
we betray you and extinguish
a small part of your light in our world.
Help us to fight against sin, the world and the devil.

The first candle is extinguished.

The light grows dim.

All: **The darkness deepens.**

2. The Shadow of Agony of Spirit & Arrest

Then Jesus went with them 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.

Matthew 26.36-50

President We extinguish this candle, O Lord,
for whenever we are tempted to violence
we betray you and wander from your path of peace.
Help us to further your kingdom of peace
here on earth, and show us the way
to your Father's eternal kingdom in heaven.

The second candle is extinguished.

The light grows dim.

All: **The darkness deepens.**

3. The Shadow of Denial

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, 'You also were with Jesus the Galilean.' But he denied it before all of them, saying, 'I do not know what you are talking about.' When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, 'This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.' Again he denied it with an oath, 'I do not know the man.' After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, 'Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.' Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, 'I do not know the man!' At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: 'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

Matthew 26.69-75

President

We extinguish this candle, O Lord,
for we remember how your Son, the light of the world,
whom the disciples followed in faith was,
in the end, denied by them.
May the cross and passion of Jesus
Be a light to us in the world,
No matter how dark our paths may be.

The third candle is extinguished.

The light grows dim.

All: The darkness deepens.

4. The Shadow of Accusation

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Matthew 27.11-14

President

Jesus, Son of Man, and Son of God,
you came to all your children
to lead them in the way of all truth.

May we, your children, always keep within us
the light of truth and faith
and so lead the world to the foot of your cross.

The fourth candle is extinguished.

The light grows dim.

All: The darkness deepens.

5.**The Shadow of Condemnation**

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!'

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!'

So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. *Matthew 27.15-18,20-26*

President We extinguish this candle, O Lord,
to remind ourselves that the false praises and cheers
of the crowds by day
turned into the darkness of Gethsemane and Golgotha.
May we follow your light, and shun the false light
given by the praise of others.

The fifth candle is extinguished.

The light grows dim.
All: The darkness deepens.

6. The Shadow of Mockery

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. *Matthew 27.27-31*

President We extinguish this candle, O Lord,
for whenever there is suffering,
for whenever your image is marred by human cruelty
and thoughtlessness,
the light of the world is dimmed.
Help us to fight against suffering
and keep your light shining in your creation.

The sixth candle is extinguished.

The light grows dim.
All: The darkness deepens.

President

We bow our heads in silence,
for words are too difficult to speak
when we think what awaits us tomorrow.

We bow our heads in silence,
in shame at the cruelty that exists in our world.

We bow our heads in silence
as Jesus did before, during,
and after the experiences of his life.

We bow our heads before you,
the still, small, voice.

Speak to us when the storms of life have done their worst.

Tomorrow, at the foot of the cross of Jesus,
and in our own suffering, Lord,
speak to our hearts with the silence of your love.

Amen.

The service ends in silence.