

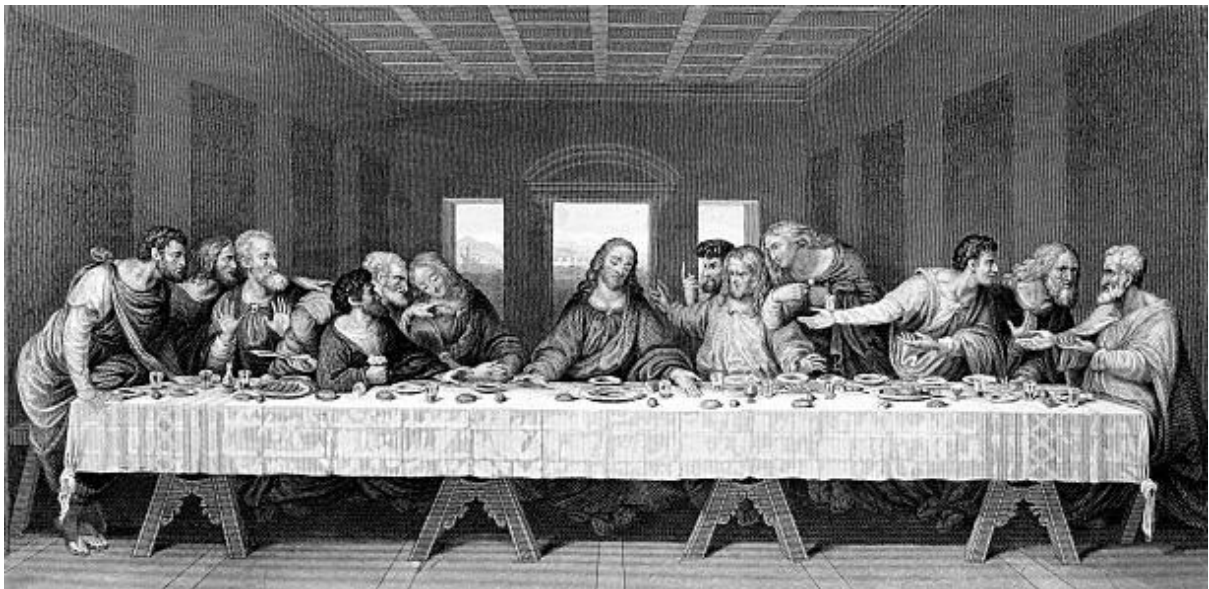
ST GEORGE, BICKLEY

SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

ON

MAUNDY THURSDAY

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Welcome to St George's! This booklet contains all the material you will need for today's celebration of Mass. We hope you will find this service easy to follow, but please also do not be afraid to ask if you are unsure what to do at any point. The building is fitted with an Induction Loop - sit away from the pillars for best results!

Families with small children are very welcome to make use of the carpeted area at the back of church, where you will find books, crayons and soft toys. There are two further play stations in the side aisles.

A toilet is at the back of church behind the screen. Before Mass, please try to maintain an atmosphere of quiet prayer.

The choral Mass setting is Harold Darke's Communion Service in F.

Please stand when the bell rings, for the procession of the clergy and servers, and to sing the opening hymn (NEH 302)

**O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
That all thy Church might be for ever one,
Grant us at every Eucharist to say
With longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'
Oh, may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.**

**For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.**

**We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.**

**So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
May we be one with all thy church above,
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
One with thy saints in one unbounded love:
More blessed still, in peace and love to be
One with the Trinity in Unity.** *W Turton (1856-1938)*

Then the priest sings,

Priest In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

The Priest introduces the Mass and invites the people to recall and confess their sins:

Priest 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.

People **I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

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

People **Amen.**

Remain standing as the choir sings the Kyrie Eleison and Gloria from the Communion Service in F by Harold Darke,

Then the Priest prays the Collect:

Priest O God, who have called us to participate in this most sacred Supper, in which your Only Begotten Son, when about to hand himself over to death, to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity, the banquet of his love, grant, we pray, that we may draw from so great a mystery, the fullness of charity and of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Now sit to listen to the First Reading.

(Exodus 12; 1-8, 11-14)

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: 'This month is to be the first of all the others for you, the first month of your year. Speak to the whole community of Israel and say, "On the tenth day of this month each man must take an animal from the flock, one for each family: one animal for each household. If the household is too small to eat the animal, a man must join with his neighbour, the nearest to his house, as the number of persons requires. You must take into account what each can eat in deciding the number for the animal. It must be an animal without blemish, a male one year old; you may take it from either sheep or goats. You must keep it till the fourteenth day of the month when the whole assembly of the community of Israel shall slaughter it between the two evenings. Some of the blood must then be taken and put on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where it is eaten. That night, the flesh is to be eaten, roasted over the fire; it must be eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. You shall eat it like this: with a girdle round your waist, sandals on your feet, a staff in your hand. You shall eat it hastily: it is a passover in honour of the Lord. That night, I will go through the land of Egypt and strike down all the first-born in the land of Egypt, man and beast alike, and I shall deal out punishment to all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord! The blood shall serve to mark the houses that you live in. When I see the blood I will pass over you and you

shall escape the destroying plague when I strike the land of Egypt. This day is to be a day of remembrance for you, and you must celebrate it as a feast in the Lord's honour. For all generations you are to declare it a day of festival, for ever.'"

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm follows the reading. Remain seated to sing,

Choir The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ.

People **The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ.**

Choir How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.

People **The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ.**

Choir O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

People **The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ.**

Choir A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people.

People **The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ.**

Remain seated for the Second Reading.

(1 Corinthians 11; 23-26)

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

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

We pause for reflection. Then stand for the Gospel Acclamation,

Choir Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

People **Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Choir I give you a new commandment:
love one another just as I have loved you,
says the Lord

People **Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Deacon The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Deacon A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

People **Glory to you, O Lord.** *(John 1; 1-15)*

Deacon It was before the festival of the Passover, and Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to the Father. He had always loved those who were his in the world, but now he showed how perfect his love was. They were at supper, and the devil had already put it into the mind of Judas Iscariot son of Simon, to betray him. Jesus knew that the Father had put everything into his hands, and that he had come from God and was returning to God, and he got up from table, removed his

outer garment and, taking a towel, wrapped it round his waist; he then poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'At the moment you do not know what I am doing, but later you will understand.' 'Never!' said Peter 'You shall never wash my feet.' Jesus replied, 'If I do not wash you, you can have nothing in common with me.' 'Then, Lord,' said Simon Peter 'not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!' Jesus said, 'No one who has taken a bath needs washing, he is clean all over. You too are clean, though not all of you are.' He knew who was going to betray him, that was why he said, 'though not all of you are.' When he had washed their feet and put on his clothes again he went back to the table. 'Do you understand' he said 'what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am. If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.'

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please sit for the Homily.

After the Homily the Washing of Feet takes place, after the example of Christ. The choir sings the traditional anthem "Ubi Caritas" as this takes place.

Please stand for the Prayers of Intercession.

The Priest introduces and concludes the prayers.

Priest In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father through Christ, the Saviour of the world.

Reader Lord, in your mercy or *Reader* Lord, hear us

People **hear our prayer** or *People* **Lord, graciously hear us**

At the prayer for the departed,

Reader Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,

People **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

When the prayers of the saints are asked for,

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed

art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

In conclusion to the prayers,

Priest As we come to the table of the Lord, let these our prayers be united with the great prayer of thanksgiving. Merciful Father,

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

Please sit. The Holy Oils, newly consecrated by Bishop Norman at his Chrism Mass earlier this week, are presented in procession,

O.I The Oil of the Sick.

Priest May the sick who are anointed with this oil experience the compassion of Christ and his saving love, in body and soul.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

O.C. The Oil of Catechumens.

Priest Through anointing with this oil, may our catechumens who are preparing to receive the saving waters of Baptism be strengthened by Christ to resist the power of Satan and reject evil in all its forms.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

O.S.C. The holy Chrism.

Priest Through anointing with this perfumed Chrism may children and adults, who are baptised and confirmed, and Priests, who are ordained, experience the gracious gift of the Holy Spirit.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

Please remain seated. Bread and wine are brought to the altar as the choir sing the anthem "Wash Me Thoroughly" by SS Wesley (1810-76).

Then stand to sing the hymn (NEH 272)

**All for Jesus! all for Jesus!
This our song shall ever be;
For we have not hope nor Saviour
If we have not hope in thee.**

**All for Jesus! thou wilt give us
Strength to serve thee hour by hour:
None can move us from thy presence
While we trust thy love and power.**

**All for Jesus! at thine altar
Thou dost give us sweet content;
There, dear Saviour, we receive thee
In thy holy sacrament.**

**All for Jesus! thou hast loved us,
All for Jesus! thou hast died,
All for Jesus! thou art with us,
All for Jesus, glorified!**

**All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This the Church's song shall be,
Till at last the flock is gathered
One in love, and one in thee.**

WJ Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952)

Then the Priest says

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

People **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 holy Church.**

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

People **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The priest prays the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer, and then the choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus.

Please kneel. The Eucharistic Prayer continues, until the Memorial Acclamation,

Deacon Great is the mystery of Faith.
People **Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

The Eucharistic Prayer concludes, and all sing,

People **Amen.**

Please stand for the Lord's Prayer,

Priest At the Saviour's command, and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say,

People **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.**

Priest Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our day,
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.

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

Priest Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The choir now sings the Agnus Dei.

Then kneel.

Priest 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.

People **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under
my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be
healed.**

Priest 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.

*The people come forward to receive communion. If you have **not** been baptised
and confirmed, please come forward for a blessing instead of communion,
carrying this Order of Service.*

During communion the following hymn (NEH 280) is sung, for which all remain seated or kneeling,

**Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendour,
There with joy thy praises render
Unto him whose grace unbounded
Hath this wondrous banquet founded;
High o'er all the heavens he reigneth,
Yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.**

**Sun, who all my life dost brighten;
Light, who dost my soul enlighten;
Joy, the sweetest man e'er knoweth;
Fount, whence all my being floweth;
At thy feet I cry, my Maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessèd food from heaven,
For our good, thy glory, given.**

**Jesus, Bread of life, I pray thee,
Let me gladly here obey thee;
Never to my hurt invited,
Be thy love with love requited:
From this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
Through the gifts thou here dost give me,
As thy guest in heaven receive me.**

J Franck (1618-77) tr Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)

Remain kneeling in silent prayer: the Prayer after Communion is said, with the Blessed Sacrament upon the altar,

Priest Grant, almighty God, that, just as we are renewed

by the Supper of your Son in this present age, so we may enjoy his banquet for all eternity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The priest reverences the Blessed Sacrament with incense, and then bears it aloft for the procession to the Altar of Repose (in the Walsingham Chapel). Please leave your place and follow immediately after the priest carrying the Blessed Sacrament, and go to kneel at a seat in the north aisle, facing the Altar of Repose. The following hymn (NEH 268) is sung, as all follow behind the clergy and servers (verses 2 & 4 CHOIR ONLY):

**Of the glorious body telling,
O my tongue, its mysteries sing,
And the blood, all price excelling,
Which the world's eternal King,
In a noble womb once dwelling,
Shed for this world's ransoming.**

Given for us, for us descending,
Of a virgin to proceed,
Man with man in converse blending,
Scattered he the gospel seed,
Till his sojourn drew to ending,
Which he closed in wondrous deed.

**At the last great supper lying
Circled by his chosen band,
Duly with the law complying,
First he finished its command,
Then, immortal food supplying,
Gave himself by his own hand.**

Word-made-flesh, by word he maketh
Bread his very flesh to be;
Man in wine Christ's blood partaketh:
And if senses fail to see,

Faith alone the true heart waketh
To behold the mystery.

At the Altar of Repose, the final verses of the hymn are sung, all kneeling (in the seats in the north aisle)

**Therefore we, before him bending,
This great sacrament revere:
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.**

**Glory let us give and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
Honour, might and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing,
Who, from both, with both is one. Amen.**

St Thomas Aquinas (1227-74) tr J M Neale (1818-66)

The Blessed Sacrament is placed in the tabernacle on the Altar of Repose in the Walsingham Chapel, and the Watch begins, continuing until midnight. Please do stay, or come back later, to be part of the Watch.

The altars of the church are stripped and decorations removed, as the choir reads verses from Psalm 22. Please keep silence, and leave the church quietly if you are not staying for the Watch.

THE REMAINDER OF THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Good Friday	Stations of the Cross 12 noon. Solemn Liturgy, 3pm. Followed by hot cross buns
Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil 7pm. Followed by fireworks & feasting
Easter Day	Low Mass 8am Sung Mass 10.30am. Followed by Easter egg hunt.

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