



S^T NICOLAS'
PARISH CHURCH



MAUNDY
Thursday

¶ Please **STAND** for the entry of the Sanctuary party and **HYMN**

Great God, your love has called us here
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined,
yet seeking hope for humankind.

Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own,
not through some merit, right or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.

Words: Brian Wren

The Gathering

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

All **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you:

All **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 baptized 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 Andrew, the holy oils blessed and set apart for the sacramental life of our parish.

The three oils are processed together to the chancel step

The oil of the sick.

President 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.

All **Amen.**

The oil of baptism.

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

All **Amen.**

The oil of chrism.

President 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.

All Amen.

All 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.

Confession

¶ Please SIT OR KNEEL

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.**

Choir Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison — Darke in F

Absolution

Priest 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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Choir *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

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.

All

The Liturgy of the Word

¶ Please SIT

A reading from the OLD & NEW TESTAMENT

At the end of which, the reader says,

Lector This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

¶ Please **STAND** for the **GRADUAL HYMN**

This is the Lord's command, to all who follow him,
the new command that love must be our offering,
and by this love the world shall see
how faithful can his servants be.

Teach me your ways, Lord God,
the way of gentleness, that I may service and love,
and your creation bless,
that in my life, the world shall see
your holy gift of love in me.

Words: J P Kennington (b1961)

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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.

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the Gospel:

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

¶ Please **SIT**

The Homily

The Washing of Feet

The Priest washes the feet from members of the assembled congregation during which we sing A New Commandment:

Refrain

James Biery
MANDATUM NOVUM DEO VEOBIS
Mode 3 chant

John 13:34

"A new com-mand-ment I give you,
that you love one an - oth - er,
as I have loved you," says the Lord.

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Choir: "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another, as I have loved you," says the Lord.

All: **Refrain**

Choir: The Lord Jesus, when he had eaten with his disciples, poured water into a basin and began to wash their feet, saying, "This example I leave you."

All: **Refrain**

Choir: "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus said to him, "If I do not wash your feet, you can have no part with me." So he came to Simon Peter, who said to him: "Lord, do you wash my feet?" "Now you do not know what I am doing, but later you will understand." "Lord, do you wash my feet?"

All: **Refrain**

Choir: "If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, then surely you must wash one another's feet."

All: **Refrain**

Choir: Jesus said to his disciples: "If there is this love among you, all will know that you are my disciples."

All: **Refrain**

Choir: Faith, hope and love, let these endure among you; and the greatest of these is love.

All: **Refrain**

At the end of the ministration, this prayer is offered:

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.**

The Prayers of the People

¶ Please **SIT OR KNEEL**

Priest 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.

All 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.

All 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.

All 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

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.

Lord, hear us

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

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 with you always

All **And also with you**

We all may exchange a sign of peace

¶ Please **STAND** for the **OFFERTORY HYMN**

O Passover of gladness, O supper so profound!
The blood of lambs unblemished announces holy ground.
Aloud in grace and judgement, the God of freedom cries;
oppression's night is ended, and all the victims rise.

O night of dark betrayal, yet lit by love unknown;
the Son's eternal glory in humble service shown!
All things to him entrusted, he plays the simple rule;
his splendour lightly wearing he carries towel and bowl!

The bread and wine he offers: "This also you must do,
and live for one another, as I have died for you."
In this most simple action, the covenant is sealed,
and all the hopes of glory in bread and wine revealed.

Words: Michael Forster (b 1946)

*During which a collection will be taken for the work of the church and good causes.
Consider using the Giving envelope so we can be tax efficient or do ask about using the
cordless payment machine.*

Priest Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord is here
All **His Spirit is with us.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Priest 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:

Choir *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.*

¶ Please SIT or KNEEL

Priest 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.

All Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

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 Our Lady, Nicolas, George,
Catherine, Benedict, Helena 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.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest At our Saviour's command and formed by Divine teaching,
we are bold to say:

All **Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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.**

The Fracture

Priest 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.

Agnus Dei

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

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

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

*You are welcome to make your communion. Sidespeople will guide you.
Anyone baptised may receive the Eucharist.*

Communion Motet

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 Sanctuary

Psalm 88 is sung as the Altar and the sanctuary are stripped bare.

A priest processes to the Lady Chapel.

Vesting in the Humeral veil, he collects the Blessed Sacrament from the Monstrance in the Lady Chapel and moves to the chancel step.

The Blessed Sacrament leads the altar party and people to the Chapel of St George, singing,

**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 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.**

At the altar of St George, incense is offered to the Blessed Sacrament as we sing

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.

¶ Remain SEATED or kneeling

The Dismissal Gospel

When the disciples had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prayed to the Father, 'If it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me.' He said to his disciples, 'How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me for one hour? The hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinners.'

Christ was obedient unto death.

Go in His peace.