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HYMN

*We hail thy presence glorious,
O Christ our great high priest,
O'er sin and death victorious,
At thy thanksgiving feast:*

O living Bread from heaven,
Jesu, our Saviour good,
Who thine own self hast given
To be our souls' true food;
We hail thy presence glorious.....

For us thy body broken
Hung on the Cross of shame:
This bread its hallowed token
We break in thy dear name.
We hail thy presence glorious.....

*Text: Richard Parsons (1882-1948) Music: St Theodulph - Melody by M. Teschner, c.1613,
Adapted and harmonized by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ,
who accepted death, death on a cross, be with you all.
And also with you.

The priest gives an Introduction to the Eucharist and calls the people to penitence

Silence is kept

Let us confess to almighty God, our sins against his love,
and ask him to cleanse us.

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.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you and set you free from sin,
strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

*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

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.**

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. 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.

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116: 12-16

R:



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. **R:**

O 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. **R:**

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. **R:**

I CORINTHIANS II: 23-26

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Beloved: 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.

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

JOHN 13: 1-17, 31B-35

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.

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

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John:

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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you, O Christ.

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

THE SERMON *The Rev'd Randolph Ellis*

THE WASHING

The washing of one another's feet, following the example of Jesus when he washed the feet of his disciples, is a symbol of our need for renewed cleansing and forgiveness, made possible by the love of God and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. In our own culture, we wash our hands before we eat. By symbolically washing one another's hands, we also commit ourselves to lives of service, in the spirit of Christ, who took on human form, humbling himself in cross-bearing service to others. By pouring water for each other and washing, we express the love which serves human needs, both within our fellowship and outside this place.

This evening you might like to remember this at home by washing the hands or feet of someone you live with, or by resting your own hands or feet in a bowl of water, and imagining Jesus present with you. As we do so, we pray that God will help us to commit ourselves anew to lives of service and care for one another.

O Eternal Father, blessed is our brother Jesus, who on that night before Passover, rose from the Supper, laid aside his garments took a towel and poured water, and washed his disciples' feet, saying to them: "If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

The washing takes place.

During the washing, the Cantors will sing Ubi Caritas, Gregorian Chant Mode iii

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Where charity and love are, God is there.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Christ's love has gathered us into one.

Exultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.

Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.

Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.

Let us fear, and let us love the living God.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Where charity and love are, God is there.

Simul quoque cum beatis videamus,

And may we with the saints also,

Gloriam tuam, Christe Deus:

See Thy face in glory, O Christ our God:

Gaudium quod est immensum, atque bonum,

The joy that is immense and good,

Saecula per infinita saeculorum. Amen.

Unto the ages through infinite ages. Amen.

The washing ends with this prayer:

God our Father,
you have taught us through your Son,
that love is the fulfilling of the law;
Grant to us your servants
that, serving you in one another,
we may remain in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant

As we enter into the Passover of the Lord,
let us pray for the Church and the world in the name of Jesus, our Teacher and Lord.

Petitions

For the Church, the household of faith, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb: may all
Christians celebrate these holy days as a feast of liberation and new life.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For all priests: may they fulfil, by lives of service, the love they celebrate in the Eucharist.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For those waiting to be baptized into Christ's paschal mystery: may their washing in the
saving waters give them a full share with Christ.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For the world God loved so much that he gave his only Son: may his love overflow and his
justice and peace influence all leaders and nations.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For the sick and housebound of this community and for all who receive the Eucharist at
home: may their communion with us in Christ be a source of healing and strength.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

For those whose works of love in our community fulfil the law of Christ: may Christ's gift
of the Eucharist sustain their love of others.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

In silence let us reflect on the mystery of Christ's love and offer our personal prayers of
need and concern, praying especially for those who come to us when we are in need and
who wash our feet through acts of love and service.

Silence

Celebrant

Loving Father, as we break bread and raise the cup of salvation, we proclaim Christ's
saving death. May we, and all for whom we have prayed, be nourished and sustained and
come at last to the banquet of heaven. We ask this through Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles. I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom, where you live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

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.

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.

German, Johann Franck 1618-77

Tr Catherine Winkworth 1827-78

Tune: Schmücke Dich, Melody from Geistliche Kirchen-Melodien 1649

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.

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

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (3)

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 our thanks and praise.

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, everliving God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.

On this night, before he was betrayed,
your Son knelt before his disciples and washed their feet.
He had loved them to the end
and now he gave them a new commandment, to love one another.
He knew that his hour had come,
and he gave them this supper to be a memorial of his passion,
that as we take and eat these holy gifts and feed on his body and blood,
we proclaim his death, and grow in strength to follow his example and obey his command
until that day when we come to feast in his kingdom.

And so with the host of angels and all the company of heaven
we proclaim the glory of your name
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

*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.*

Hear us, heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Through him accept our sacrifice of praise,
and grant that, by the power of your Spirit,
these gifts of bread and wine may be for us
his body and his blood;
who on this 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 from this, all of you;
for 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come in glory.

Therefore, Father,
remembering the saving death and resurrection of your Son
we offer to you in thanksgiving this bread and this cup, your gifts to us,
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon all of us
who share this bread and this cup.
Strengthen our faith, make us one
and welcome us and all your people
into the glorious kingdom of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory are yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Silence

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly 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.**

THE COMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread.

Every time we eat this bread and drink of this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until his comes.

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.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy 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.**

*As the priest receives Holy Communion, you may like to
pray this prayer for Spiritual Communion*

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Motet during Communion:

*I give to you a new commandment,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
Where charity and love are, there God is
The love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us exult, and in Him be joyful.
Let us fear and let us love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love each other.*

*Words: John 13. 34-35
Music: Peter Nadone (b. 1965)*

POST COMMUNION

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:
His love is everlasting.

Almighty and heavenly Father,
we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament
you have given us the memorial of the
passion of your Son Jesus Christ.
Grant us so to reverence
the sacred mysteries of his body and blood,
that we may know within ourselves
and show forth in our lives the fruits of his redemption;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The altar is stripped bare.

During the Stripping of the Altar the Lay Clerks sing:

*Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,
Sing the ending of the fray;
O'er the cross, the victor's trophy,
Sound the loud triumphant lay:
Tell how Christ the world's Redeemer,
As a victim won the day.*

*God in pity saw man fallen,
Shamed and sunk in misery,
When he fell on death by tasting,
Fruit of the forbidden tree:
Then another tree was chosen
Which the world from death should free.*

*Therefore when th'appointed fullness
Of the holy time was come,
He was sent who maketh all things
Forth from God's eternal home:
Thus he came to earth, incarnate,
Offspring of a maiden's womb.*

*Thirty years among us dwelling,
Now at length his hour fulfilled,
Born for this, he meets his Passion,
For that this he freely willed,
On the cross the lamb is lifted,
Where his life-blood shall be spilled.*

*To the Trinity be glory,
To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit
Ever Three and ever one,
One in love and one in splendour,
While unending ages run.
Amen.*

*Text: Venantius Fortunatus (530-609), tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)
Pange Lingua, Gregorian Chant Mode ii*

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.

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