



The Chapel of The Transfiguration

Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

2nd April 2026
7.30 am



When Jesus washed his disciples' feet, he chose to do so while Judas was still in the room, knowing that his friend would soon afterwards leave to continue his act of betrayal. And Jesus persevered, patiently, despite Peter's misunderstanding and false humility. If Judas and Peter are included in the command to 'wash one another's feet' then so are we all – Jesus meets us where we are, and when, in the midst of our inadequacy and failings, we hear and obey the exhortation to serve others, we may find ourselves drawing closer to Christ himself.



Music before the Service

Pange Lingua (Tantum Ergo) Op. 45. No. 3

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

Order of Service

*The congregation is asked to join in all text printed in **bold**.*

If you are unable to stand at any point during the service, please feel free to remain seated.

The service is sung by the Chapel Choir

Please remain silent before the service

The Gathering

Please remain seated as the Choir enters and takes their place

Please stand as the altar party enters

Processional Hymn

during which the the altar is censed

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.**

**O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;**

**And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.**

**O generous love! that he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;**

**And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

Please remain standing. The Celebrant continues

The Greeting

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

Amen.

“A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another:
just as I have loved you.”

John 13.34

Blessed be God.

Blessed be God's reign for ever. Amen.

The lay assistant invites all to confess their sins

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.'

All kneel and silence is kept

Generous and merciful God,

we confess to you and to our sisters and brothers, that we have sinned against you, against one another and against your creation in thought, word and deed, through our ignorance, our weakness, and our deliberate disobedience. We are truly sorry. Forgive us all that is past and grant us the gift of new life in Christ Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

At the end the Celebrant says

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.

Amen.

The lay assistant continues

The Collect for the Day

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

Silence is kept.

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.

All Amen.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament Reading

I Corinthians 11.23–26

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.

Thanks be to God

All stand

The 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.

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, 13th Chapter, beginning at the 1st verse

Glory to Christ our Saviour

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.’

At the end,

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

Praise to Christ our Lord

Remain standing until invited to be seated

Sermon

The Washing of Feet

All remain seated. The Chaplains gird themselves with towels, as Christ girded himself to wash his disciples' feet. They wash the feet of twelve members of the congregation, re-enacting Christ's act of humility and service. During the washing of feet, the Choir sings

Servant Song

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.

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.

Anthem

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Amen.

*Wherever charity and love are to be found, God is there.
The love of Christ has brought us together as one.
Let us rejoice and be glad in him.
Let us fear and love the living God;
and let us love one another with sincerity in our heart.
Amen.*

The washing of feet ends with this prayer

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.

Amen.

All kneel or sit

Prayers of Intercession

during which the following response is used

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

Greeting of 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.

Preparation of the Table

Offertory Hymn

*during which the bread and wine are placed on the altar,
and a collection is taken for the work of the chapel*

**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.**

Remain standing. The Celebrant invites all to say,

**All things come from you
and for your own do we give you,
Creator and Lord of the universe,
ever adored by the holy Angels.
Accept these gifts of bread and wine
and these offerings which we present at your
holy table and with them the dedication of our
lives for your service, through Jesus Christ our
Lord.
Amen.**

All kneel or sit. The Celebrant continues

We do not come to this your table, O merciful Lord,
**trusting in our own righteousness, but in your
manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so
much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always
to have mercy; Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell
in him, and he in us.
Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up 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, 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 and eternal God.

And now we give you thanks
because, having loved his own who were in the world,
he loved them to the end;
and on the night before he suffered,
sitting at table with his disciples,
he instituted these holy mysteries,
that we, redeemed by his death
and restored to life by his resurrection,
might be partakers of his divine nature.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you, and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whom in your tender mercy, gave your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, offering once for all his one sacrifice, of himself; he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death, until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood by the power of the Holy Spirit:

Who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave 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 when he had given 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.

Giving of Communion

The Celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion, saying

Draw near with faith and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

If you receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to do so here.

Remain seated or kneeling to sing

Communion Hymn

**According to thy gracious word,
In meek humility,
This will I do, my dying Lord,
I will remember thee.**

**Thy body, broken for my sake,
My bread from heaven shall be;
Thy testamental cup I take,
And thus remember thee.**

**Gethsemane can I forget?
Or there thy conflict see,
Thine agony and bloody sweat,
And not remember thee?**

**When to the cross I turn mine eyes
And rest on Calvary
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice,
I must remember thee:**

**Remember thee, and all thy pains,
And all thy love to me;
Yea, while a breath, a pulse remains,
Will I remember thee.**

**And when these failing lips grow dumb,
And mind and memory flee,
When thou shalt in thy kingdom come,
Jesus, remember me.**

All kneel or remain seated

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we now 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.**

Prayers after Communion

The Celebrant says,

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious.
God's mercy endures forever.

“Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

Matthew 26.21

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the Body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through Christ we offer you ourselves
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live
and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Remain kneeling or seated

The Dismissal

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.

Recessional Hymn

*during which the lights of the Chapel are switched off and the
Altar and the Sanctuary are stripped bare.*

**O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame;
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!**

**Return, O holy Dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest:
I hate the sins that made thee mourn
and drove thee from my breast.**

**The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne
and worship only thee.**

**So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.**

Remain standing as the Choir moves out in silence