

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Ordinary Setting: *Missa Passionis Christi*

Arthur Wills (b. 1926)

This setting of the Ordinary of the Mass will be sung by the choir.

Introit (choir) *Nos autem gloriari*

Mode IV

[*Antiphon*] But as for us, it behoveth us to glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ: in whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection: by whom we were saved; and obtained our freedom. [*Psalm*] God be merciful unto us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us. [*Repeat Antiphon.*]

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: ✠ His mercy endureth for ever.

Collect for Purity

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

KYRIE eleison. Christ eleison. Kyrie eleison.
 [Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy]

Gloria in excelsis (*sung by all*)from *Missa Marialis*

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
 good will to - wards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless
 thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee,
 we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry,
 3. O Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, God the
 Fa - ther Al - might - y. 4. O Lord, the on - ly be -
 got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ; 5. O Lord God, Lamb of God,
 Son of the Fa - ther, that ta - kest a - way the
 sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,
 re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the

right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the

Lord; thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly

Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of God the

Fa - ther. A - - - - - men.

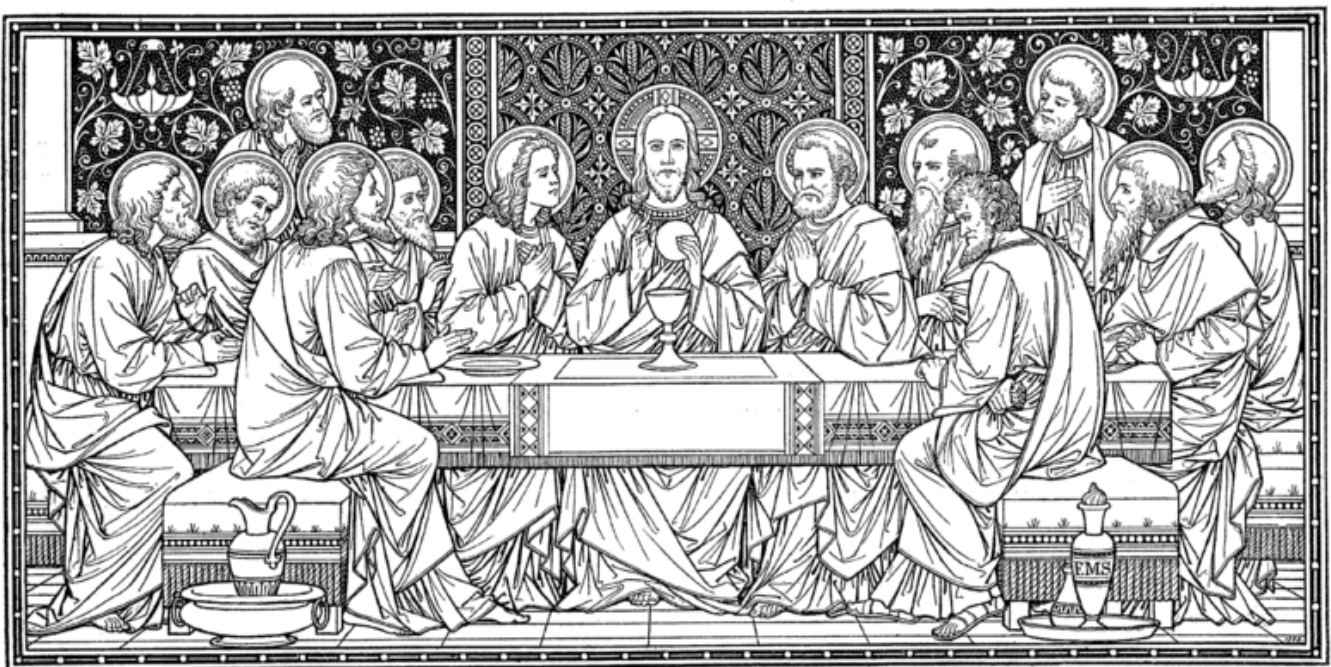
The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY FATHER, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, did institute the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of him who in these holy mysteries giveth us a pledge of life eternal, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*



The Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 12: 1-4, (5-10), 11-14 [NRSV]

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 neighbor 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 judgments: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Congregation's Response: Thanks be to God.

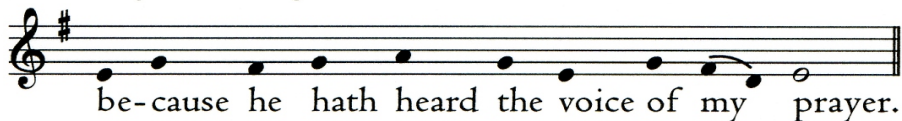
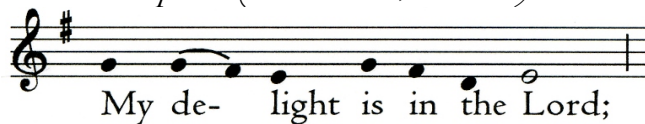
The Gradual Psalm 116

Dilexi, quoniam

Tone II

(Congregation remains seated and sings the italicized verses.)

Antiphon (cantor first, then all)



- 11 WHAT RE-ward shall I give unto the | LORD
* *for all the benefits that he hath done | unto me?*
- 12 *I will receive the cup of sal- | vation,*
* *and call upon the Name | of the LORD.*
- 13 I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his | people:
* right dear in the sight of the LORD is the death | of his saints.
- 14 *Behold O LORD, how that I am thy | servant;*
* *I am thy servant and the son of thine handmaid;*
thou hast broken my bonds | in sunder.
- 15 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanks- | giving,
* and will call upon the Name | of the LORD.
- 16 *I will pay my vows unto the LORD in the sight of all his | people,*
* *in the courts of the LORD's house; even in the midst of thee O | Jeru^salem.*

[All repeat antiphon.]

The Epistle: I Corinthians II: 23-26 [NRSV]

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Congregation's Response: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 320, vv. 1-4 (*sung by all*) "Zion, praise thy Savior"

Lauda Sion Salvatorem

1 Zi - on, praise thy Sa - vior, sing - ing hymns with ex - ul -
Hon - or Christ, thy voice up - rais - ing, who sur - pass - eth
ta - tion ring - ing, praise thy King and Shep - herd true.
all thy prais - ing; nev - er canst thou reach his due.

2 Let the Bread, life - giv - ing, liv - ing, be our
as of old the Lord pro - vid - ed when the
theme of glad thanks - giv - ing, now in truth be - fore thee set;
twelve, di - vine - ly guid - ed, at the ho - ly ta - ble met.

3 What he did, at sup - per seat - ed, Christ or - dained to
4 Full and clear sing out thy prais - ing, gra - cious hymns of
be re - peat - ed, his me - mo - rial ne'er to cease;
joy up - rais - ing in thy heart and soul to - day;
his com - mand for guid - ance tak - ing, bread and wine we
for to - day the new ob - la - tion of the new King's
hal - low, mak - ing thus our sac - ri - fice of peace.
rev - e - la - tion bids us feast in glad ar - ray.

The Holy Gospel: St. John 13: 1-17, 31b-35 [RSV]

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

People: ✠ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

NOW before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. And during supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper, laid aside his garments, and girded himself with a towel. Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded. He came to Simon Peter; and Peter said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not know now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part in me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but he is clean all over; and you are clean, but not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "You are not all clean." When he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. Now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified; if God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation's Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

Gregory Simmons





Christ washing the feet of the disciples; Veronese, 1528-1588

The Maundy: Ceremony of the Washing of Feet

The Invitation

FELLOW servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, and act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service. We all need to remember his example, but none stand more in need of this reminder than those whom the Lord has called to the ordained ministry.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that I may recall whose servant I am by following the example of my Master. But come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for “a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

Those wishing to receive the foot-washing should now come forward to the chancel and remove shoes and socks.

Maundy Anthems (choir)

THE LORD JESUS, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them: “Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done.”

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

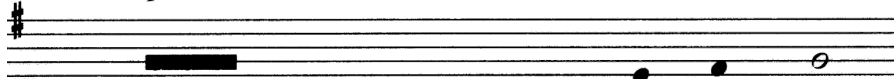
Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give I give to you. I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

This said Jesus to his disciples: “By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.”

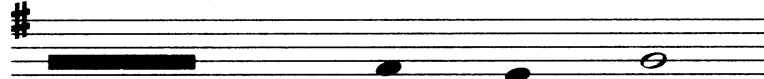


The Prayers of the People

Form IV



Leader: Let us pray for the Church and | for the world.



Grant almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory / in the world. (*Silence*)



Lord, in thy mer - cy *People* hear our prayer. (*Sung after every intercession*)

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the / common good. (*Silence*)
 Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as thine own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to thy hon-/or and glory. (*Silence*)
 Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

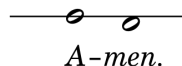
Leader: We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish; that we may have the hands and hearts to carry / out thy will. (*Silence*)
 Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to thy gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad [*especially N.*]. Defend them day by day with thy heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of thine abiding presence wherever / they may be. (*Silence*)
 Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*pause*); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of / thy salvation. (*Silence*)
 Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to thy mercy all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled (*pause*); and we pray that we may share with all thy saints in thine e-/ternal kingdom. (*Silence*)
 Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People*



A-men.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Deacon: Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

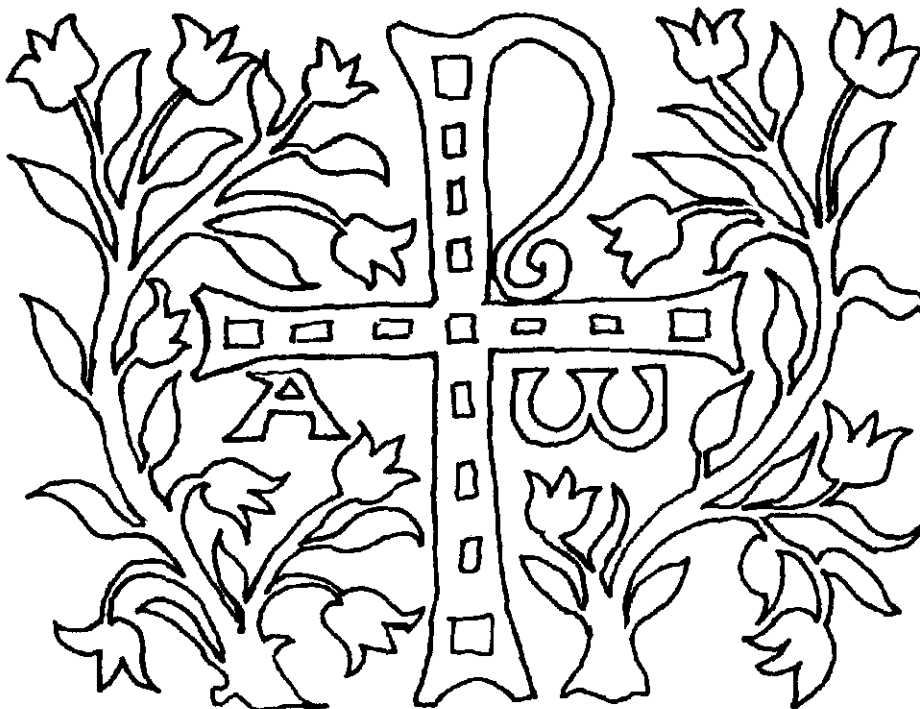
God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.



The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalm 50: 14*

Offertory (*choir*) *Ubi caritas*

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

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

[Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.]

Hymn 704 (*sung by all*)

“O thou who camest from above”

Hereford

1 O thou who cam - est from a - bove the fire ce -
2 There let it for thy glo - ry burn with ev - er -
3 Je - sus, con - firm my heart's de - sire to work, and
* 4 Still let me prove thy per - fect will, my acts of

les - tial to im - part, kin - dle a flame of
bright, un - dy - ing blaze, and trem - bling to its
speak, and think for thee; still let me guard the
faith and love re - peat, till death thy end - less

sa - cred love up - on the al - tar of my heart.
source re - turn in hum - ble prayer and fer - vent praise.
ho - ly fire and still stir up the gift in me.
mer - cies seal, and make the sac - ri - fice com - plete.

The Consecration

Celebrant: Let us pray.

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender Mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

BY whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People

—●—○—+
A- men.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy Name,
 thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven.
 Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pas-ses,
 as we for-give those who tres-pass a- gainst us. And lead us not in- to
 temp-ta- tion, but de-liv-er us from e- vil. For thine is the king-dom,
 and the power, and the glo- ry, for ev- er and ev- er. A- men.

The Fraction

Celebrant

Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri- ficed for us.

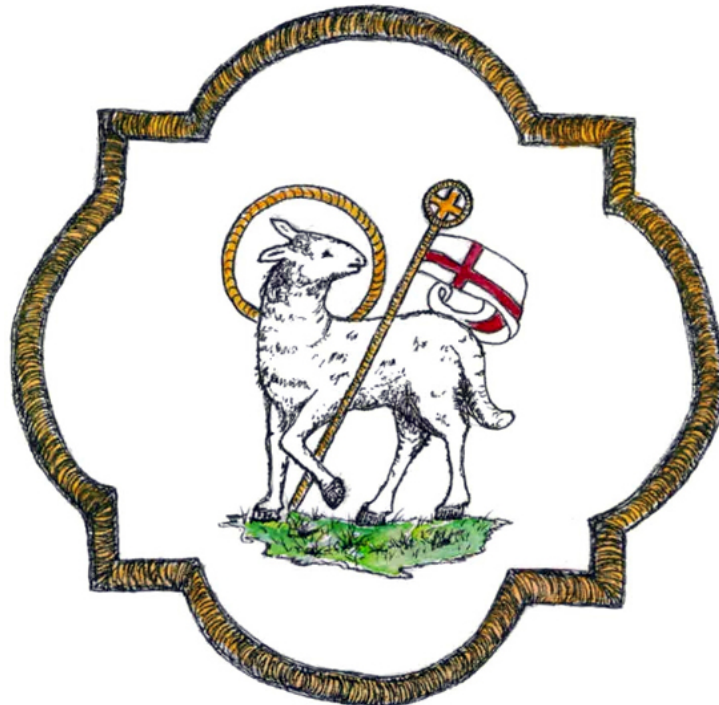
People

There- fore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei (*choir*)

A. Wills

○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. ○
 ○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.



Prayer of Humble Access (*said by all*)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Communion (*choir*) *Hoc Corpus est*

Mode VIII

THIS is my Body, which is given for you: this is the cup of the new covenant in my Blood, said the Lord: from henceforth, whenever you receive them, do this in remembrance of me.



Prayer of Spiritual Communion (*said by those worshipping virtually*)

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.

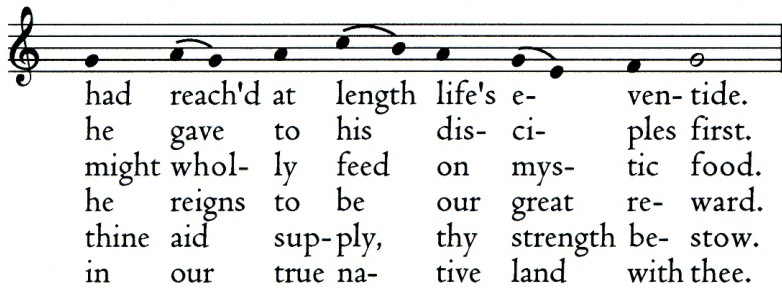
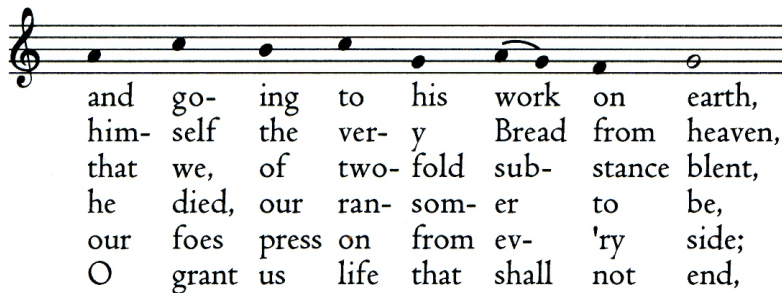
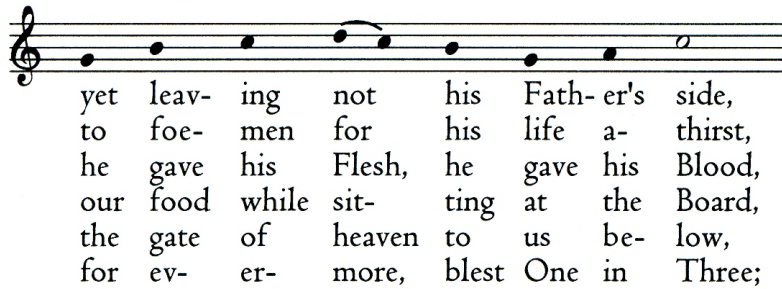
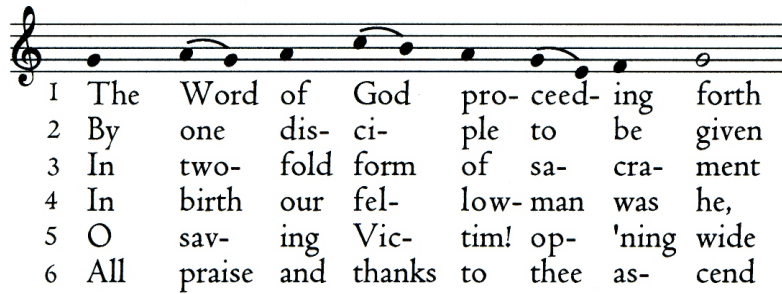
Motet (*choir*)

Ralph Vaughan Williams (d. 1958)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is. Blest is the man that trusteth in him.



The Last Supper ~ Leonardo da Vinci, late 15th Century



Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

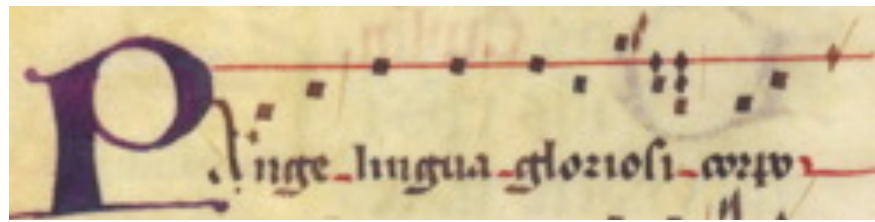
Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these Holy Mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical Body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Prayer over the People

ALMIGHTY GOD, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose



Hymn 329 (*sung by all*)

“Now, my tongue, the mystery telling”

Pange lingua



1 Now, my tongue, the mys - tery tell - ing of the glo - rious
 2 Given for us, and con - de - scend - ing to be born for
 3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing mid the twelve, his
 4 Word made flesh, the bread he tak - eth, by his word his
 *5 There - fore we, be - fore him bend - ing, this great Sac - ra -
 *6 Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



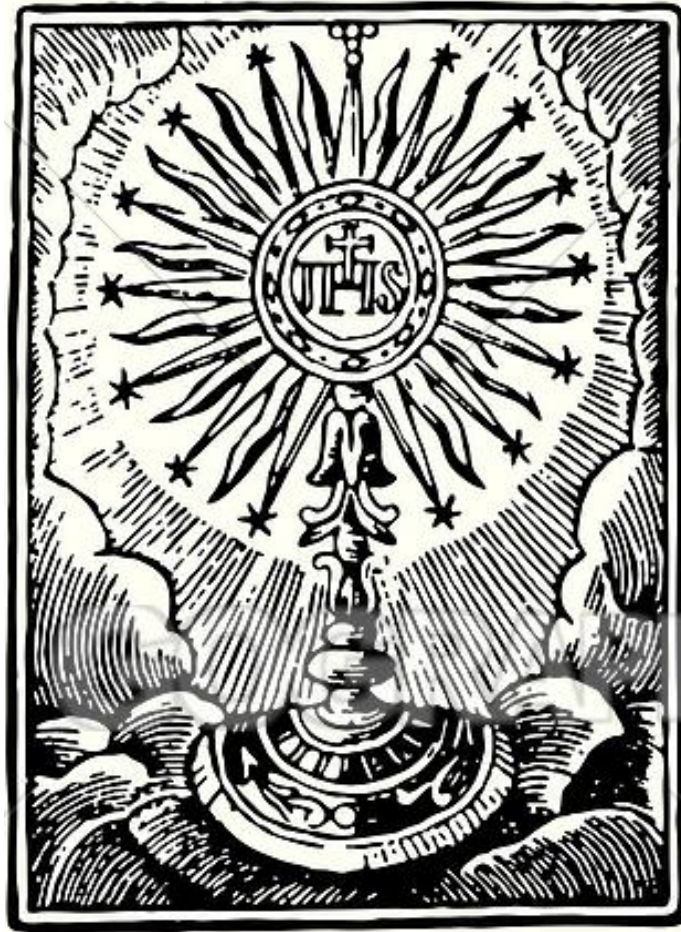
1 Bo - dy sing, and the Blood, all price ex - cell - ing,
 2 us be - low, he with us in con - verse blend - ing
 3 cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,
 4 Flesh to be; wine his sa - cred Blood he mak - eth,
 5 ment re - vere; types and sha - dows have their end - ing,
 6 and the Son, hon - or, thanks, and praise ad - dress - ing,



1 which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, once on earth a -
 2 dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, till he closed with
 3 keeps the feast its rites de - mand; then, more pre - cious
 4 though the sens - es fail to see; faith a - lone the
 5 for the new - er rite is here; faith, our out - ward
 6 while e - ter - nal a - ges run; ev - er too his



1 mong us dwell - ing, shed for this world's ran - som - ing.
 2 won - drous end - ing his most pa - tient life of woe.
 3 food sup - ply - ing, gives him - self with his own hand.
 4 true heart wak - eth to be - hold the mys - ter - y.
 5 sense be - friend - ing, makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.
 6 love con - fess - ing who from both with both is One.



The Divine Praises (*all repeat each phrase after the Celebrant*)

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

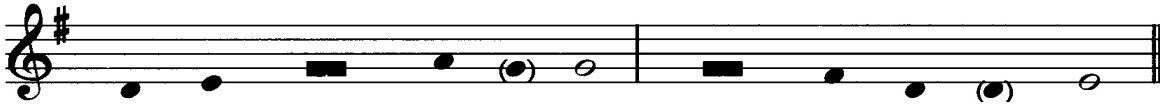
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

Blessed be the Great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, protector of the Holy Mother and Child.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.



- 20 Deliver my soul from the | sword,
* my darling from the power | of the dog.
- 21 Save me from the lion's | mouth;
* thou hast heard me also from among the horns of | the un^icorns.
- 22 I will declare thy Name unto my | brethren;
* in the midst of the congregation will | I praise thee.
- 23 O praise the LORD, ye that | fear him:
* magnify him all ye of the seed of Jacob; and fear him all ye seed | of Is^rael.
- 24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the | poor;
* he hath not hid his face from him; but when he called unto him | he heard him.
- 25 My praise is of thee in the great congre- | gation;
* my vows will I perform in the sight of them | that fear him.
- 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfi-ed†; they that seek after the LORD shall | praise him:
* your heart shall live | for ever.
- 27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the | LORD;
* and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship | before him.
- 28 For the kingdom is the | LORD's,
* and he is the Governor among | the nations.
- 29 All such as be fat upon | earth
* have eaten | and worshipp'd.
- 30 All they that go down into the dust shall kneel be- | fore him;
* and no man hath quicken'd | his own soul.
- 31 My seed shall | serve him:
* they shall be counted unto the LORD for a gen- | eration.
- 32 They shall come and shall declare his | righteous^ness
* unto a people that shall be born, whom | the LORD ^ hath made.



The Lesson: St. Matthew 26: 30-46 [RSV] *The Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane*

Celebrant: A Reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

AND when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter declared to him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." Jesus said to him, "Truly, I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsem'ane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go yonder and pray." And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zeb'edee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt." And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, thy will be done." And 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? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

People: Thanks be to God.

Following the stripping of the altar, the Great Watch begins in the chapel before the Holy Sacrament.



Maundy Thursday

THE name “Maundy Thursday” derives from one of the antiphons of the Foot-washing: “*Mandatum novum*,” “A new commandment I give unto you.” In the Western church there is only one Mass celebrated on this day, usually during the early evening, after sundown. This liturgy was mentioned as early as A.D. 393 at the Council of Hippo. White vestments are prescribed for the celebration of the Mass. Customs of the day have included the foot-washing and the keeping of a watch at the Altar of Repose where there is a special reservation of Hosts for the Mass of the Pre-Sanctified on Good Friday. Altars are stripped and washed, and Holy Water stoups are emptied. The church is left with a stark appearance. All this is *anamnesis*, done in memory of Our Lord's own actions, that we might relive them and make them our own story. For the story of the Great Watch, see St. Mark 14: 37.



Holy Week, Easter Eve, and Easter Day Services

(Choir at all starred services)

Good Friday:	NOON:	*Good Friday Liturgy, Veneration of the Cross & Mass of the Pre-Sanctified <i>(also on Facebook Live)</i>
	1:30-2:30 P.M.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) <i>(appointments may be made with Rev. Rowena)</i>
	6:00 P.M.	Stations of the Cross <i>(also on Facebook Live)</i>
Holy Saturday:	10:00 A.M.	Proper Liturgy for Holy Saturday
Easter Eve:	7:00 P.M.	*The Great Vigil of Easter <i>(also on Facebook Live)</i> <i>(followed by reception in Nason Hall)</i>
Easter Day:	8:00 A.M.	Low Mass with hymns
	10:30 A.M.	*Solemn High Mass <i>(also on Facebook Live)</i>



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