



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Choral Eucharist with a Symbolic Stripping of the Sanctuary

1st April 2021



THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE



The **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** (268*) during the entrance of the clergy:



Hail, thou once-despised Jesus!
 Hail, thou Galilean king!
 Thou didst suffer to release us,
 thou didst free salvation bring.
 Hail, thou universal Saviour,
 bearer of our sin and shame;
 by thy merits we find favour;
 life is given through thy name!

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
 all our sins on thee were laid;
 by almighty love anointed,
 thou has full atonement made.
 All thy people are forgiven
 through the virtue of thy blood;
 opened is the gate of heaven,
 we are reconciled with God.

Worship, honour, power and blessing
 thou art worthy to receive;
 loudest praises, without ceasing,
 meet it is for us to give.
 Help, ye bright angelic spirits,
 bring your sweetest, noblest lays;
 help to sing our Saviour's merits,
 help us chant Emmanuel's praise.

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819)

Tune: HYFRYDOL Melody by Rowland Hugh Pritchard (1811-87)

The Dean welcomes the online congregation

THE GREETING

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you. *John 13.34*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all **and also with you.**

PENITENCE

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: If you love me, keep my commandments. Unless I wash you, you have no part with me. Let us confess to almighty God our sins against his love, and ask him to cleanse us. (*John 14:15; 13:8*)

Please kneel or sit whilst the choir sings the **KYRIE**:

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Setting: Missa Brevis Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-94)

Almighty God, **our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF MAUNDY THURSDAY

Almighty God, at the Last Supper your Son Jesus Christ washed the disciples' feet and commanded them to love one another. Give us humility and obedience to be servants of others as he was the servant of all; who gave up his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

WATER IS Poured INTO A BOWL AND A TOWEL IS PLACED ON A TABLE

In Covid-restricted times, this symbolises how Jesus washed the feet of his disciples before the Last Supper.



PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD



Please sit for the **FIRST READING**: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

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.

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.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated whilst the choir sings the **PSALM**: 116:1, 10-17

I am well pleased:
that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer.
What reward shall I give unto the Lord:
for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

I will receive the cup of salvation:
 and call upon the Name of the Lord.
 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.
 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.
 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving:
 and will call upon the Name of the Lord.
 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 Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

Please stand for the **GLORIA:**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
 and to the Holy Ghost.
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
 world without end. Amen.

Please sit for the **SECOND 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.

Please stand to sing the **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

1st time: Cantor
2nd time: All
Verse: Cantor
Repeat: All

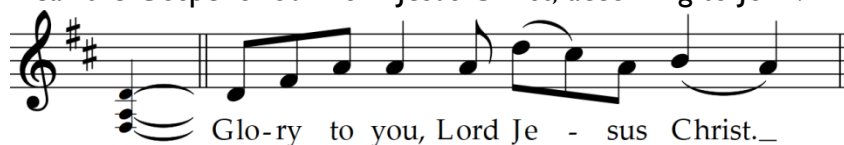


I give you a new commandment: just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL READING: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.



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.'

When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, '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.



Please sit for the **SERMON** by Canon Mark Niblock

Please stand and face east for the **NICENE CREED**:

We believe in one God, **the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Please kneel or sit

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.

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.

Lord, hear us **and unite us.**

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through their coming to faith. We pray for the mission of your Church.

Lord, hear us **and renew our zeal.**

On this night, he commanded them to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved.

Lord, hear us **and fill us with your love.**

On this night he reminded them that if the world hated then it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, hear us **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 **and welcome all your children into paradise.**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Most merciful Lord, **your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

Please stand for **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 always with you
and also with you.



CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE



Please remain standing for the **OFFERTORY HYMN (438*)**:



**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'.
O 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.**

**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.**

Words: William Henry Turton (1856-1938)

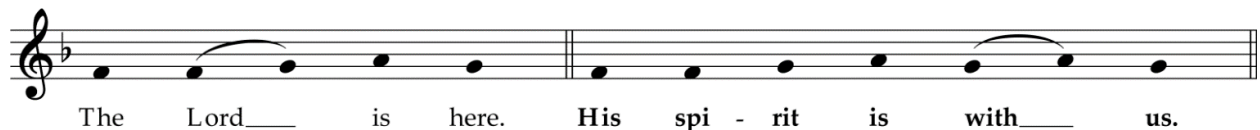
Tune: SONG I Melody and bass by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Please remain standing

Lord, yours is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty; for all things come from you and of your own we give you. *1 Chron 29:11,14*

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
 therefore let us celebrate the feast.



Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise;

Through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who, for the redemption of the world, humbled himself to death on the cross; that, being lifted up from the earth, he might draw all people to himself:

And so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

The choir sings the **SANCTUS:**

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
 Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
 Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
 Hosanna in excelsis.

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

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image, male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us; he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, 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 to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink 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.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded: **we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please kneel or sit

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

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. Remember that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Please sit whilst the choir sings the **AGNUS DEI**:*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*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.*

THE COMMUNION

*Members of the Choir will first receive communion. While others receive the choir will sing the **ANTHEM**:*

Tantum ergo Sacramentum

Veneremur cernui:

Et antiquum documentum

Novo cedat ritui:

Præstet fides supplementum

Sensuum defectui.

Hence so greatly the Sacrament

Let us venerate with heads bowed

And let the old practice

Give way to the new rite;

Let faith provide a supplement

For the failure of the senses.

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et Jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.
Amen.

To the Begetter and the Begotten,
Be praise and jubilation,
Hail, honour, virtue also,
And blessing too:
To the One proceeding from Both
Let there be equal praise.
Amen.

Words: incipit of the last two verses of 'Pange lingua', a Medieval Latin hymn generally attributed to St Thomas Aquinas (1225-74)

Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-94)

THE GREAT SILENCE

When all have received communion, the presiding minister, other ministers and people keep silence for reflection.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, in this wonderful sacrament you have given us a memorial of your passion. Grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves the fruits of your redemption, for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR



The Dean says:

We read in Holy Scripture, 'They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.' As Christ's clothes were removed from him before he was crucified so we will strip the holy table, a symbol of the cross on which his sacrifice was made, and the ornaments of the sanctuary in token of the events of the Passion. This leaves us with a bare cathedral, expressing the rawness and the bleakness of the events of Good Friday.

*The choir sings **PSALM 22** while a symbolic stripping of the altar takes place and the cathedral gradually falls into darkness:*

My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me:
and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?
O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not:
and in the night-season also I take no rest.
And thou continuest holy:
thou worship of Israel.
Our fathers hoped in thee:
they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.
They called upon thee, and were holpen:
they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.
But as for me, I am a worm, and no man:
a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.
All they that see me laugh me to scorn:
they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,
He trusted in God, that he would deliver him:
let him deliver him, if he will have him.
But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb:
thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.
I have been left unto thee ever since I was born:
thou art my God, even from my mother's womb.
O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand:
and there is none to help me.
Many oxen are come about me:
fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.
They gape upon me with their mouths:
as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint:
my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.
My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums:
and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.
For many dogs are come about me:
and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.
They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones:
they stand staring and looking upon me.
They part my garments among them:
and cast lots upon my vesture.
But be not thou far from me, O Lord:
thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.
Deliver my soul from the sword:
my darling from the power of the dog.
Save me from the lion's mouth:
thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.
I will declare thy Name unto my brethren:
in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
O praise the Lord, ye that fear him:
magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel;
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.
My praise is of thee in the great congregation:
my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied:
they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever.
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.
For the kingdom is the Lord's:
and he is the Governor among the nations.
All such as be fat upon earth:
have eaten and worshipped.
All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him:
and no man hath quickened his own soul.
My seed shall serve him:
they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.
They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness:
unto a people that shall be born, for the Lord hath done it.

The clergy leave in silence.

*On this most holy night we enter into three days which mark
our Lord's suffering on the cross, his death and resurrection.*

Choir: Susan Shepherd (Soprano), India Chapman Webb (Alto), Caolan Keaveney (Tenor), Matthew Owens (Bass)
Organist and Director of Music: Matthew Owens

**FROM GOOD FRIDAY 2nd APRIL
CONGREGATIONS ARE PERMITTED TO RETURN IN PERSON
FOR CATHEDRAL WORSHIP**

Seating will be socially distanced. Face Coverings will be required.
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Good Friday 2nd April

12 noon to 3pm – The Seven Final Words of Jesus from the Cross

Preacher – The Rt Revd Harold Miller, former Bishop of Down and Dromore.

7.30pm – A Good Friday Service of Reflection

Featuring the Choir of Belfast Cathedral singing Stainer's *Crucifixion*

For details see back page

EASTER SUNDAY – 4th APRIL

11.00AM FESTIVAL CHORAL EUCHARIST FOR EASTER DAY.

We look forward to welcoming you in person or online.

Music for this Service:

Setting: *Mozart* Missa Brevis C-dur, K. 217 "Kleine Orgel-Messe"

Anthem: *Handel* Hallelujah (from Messiah)

Please do not forget to make your FWO contributions to support the ongoing life and ministry of this cathedral.

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Belfast Cathedral

Good Friday

STAINER CRUCIFIXION

Good Friday 2 April
7.30pm – 8.45pm

Stainer's Crucifixion is performed
within a devotional service

BELFAST CATHEDRAL CHOIR

OWEN LUCAS tenor

DAVID ROBERTSON baritone

JACK WILSON organ

MATTHEW OWENS conductor

This service is open to the general public but, owing to continued Covid-19 restrictions, seating will be allocated upon request by emailing admin@belfastcathedral.org or by telephoning 028 9032 8332 (10.00am – 4.00pm)

Admission to this service is free; there will be a retiring collection

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