

Plwyf Aberdâr St Ffagan
The Parish of Aberdare St Fagan

MAUNDY THURSDAY
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Sung Eucharist of the Lord's Supper
with Washing of Feet
and Procession to the Altar of Repose

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THE evening liturgy of Maundy Thursday witnesses the start of the most solemn period in the church's calendar – the Easter Triduum. Over the next three days, the church will celebrate the paschal mystery of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. Tonight's liturgy focuses upon a number of themes. First, it is about humble Christian service expressed through Christ's washing of his disciples' feet, and enacted tonight as the priest washes the feet of members of the congregation. Secondly, it is a commemoration of Christ's institution of the Eucharist where he gives of himself under forms of bread and wine. Thirdly, as the Blessed Sacrament is taken in procession to its altar of repose at the end of this evening's liturgy, it is about the perfection of Christ's loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane. Christ calls us to be with him in his final hours and to experience the depths of his infinite love made known to us in his suffering and death. We begin that walk tonight.

ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand to sing

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ALL for Jesus, all for Jesus,
this our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,
if we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus, thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee, hour by hour,
none can move us from thy presence,
while we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus, at thine altar
thou wilt give us sweet content;
there, dear Lord, we shall receive thee
in the solemn sacrament.

All for Jesus, thou hast loved us;
all for Jesus, thou hast died;
all for Jesus, thou art with us;
all for Jesus glorified.

All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
this the Church's song must be;
till, at last, the flock is gathered
one in love and one in thee.

Words by
William Sparrow-Simpson 1859-1952

Tune All for Jesus
by John Stainer 1840-1901

THE GATHERING

THE GREETING

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

Grace and peace be with you:
and keep you in the love of Christ.

All sit. The priest may introduce the Eucharist, after which there follows

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: 'If you love me, keep my commandments. Unless I wash you, you have no part in me.' Let us confess to almighty God our sins against his love, and ask him to cleanse us.

Silence is kept

Have mercy on us, O God, in your great goodness; according to the abundance of your compassion blot out our offences.
Lord, have mercy. **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.

All stand and sing

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

GLORY be to God in heaven
peace to those who love him well,
on the earth let all his people
speak his grace his wonders tell;
Lord, we love you for your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's King;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.

Only Son of God the Father
Lamb who takes our sin away
now with him in triumph seated
for your mercy, Lord we pray;
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour you are God alone,
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit, Three-in-One.

Tune Ode to Joy
by Ludwig van Beethoven 1770-1827

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT

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

GOD our Father, you have invited us to share in the supper which your Son gave to his Church to proclaim his death until he comes: may he nourish us by his presence, and unite us in his love; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit

FIRST READING

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. 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. (*Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14*)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand and sing

PSALM 116.1-2, 12-19

I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my / suppli/cation :
because he inclined his ear to me on the / day I / called to / him.

How shall I re/pay the / Lord :
for all the benefits / he has / given to / me?

I will lift up the / cup of sal/vation :
and / call up-on the / name of the / Lord.

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.

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 up-on the / name of the / Lord.

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 Je/rusalem.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

FOR 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. (*1 Corinthians 11.23-26*)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand

HOLY GOSPEL

All sing the Gospel proclamation

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

The Lord be with you:
and also with you.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St 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.' (John 13.1-17, 31b-35)

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

All sing the Gospel proclamation

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

All sit

SERMON

All remain seated

WASHING OF FEET

The priest washes the feet of members of the congregation, during which all sing

A NEW commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all know that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another.
By this shall all know that you are My disciples,
if you have love one for another.

A new commandment ...

You are my friends if you do what I command you,
without my help you can nothing.
You are my friends if you do what I command you,
without my help you can nothing.

A new commandment ...

I am the true Vine, my Father is the gardner,
abide in me: I will be with you.
I am the true Vine, my Father is the gardner,
abide in me: I will be with you.

True love is patient, not arrogant, or boastful;
love bears all things, love is eternal.
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A new commandment ...

Words

based on John 13.34-35, John 15
and 1 Corinthians 13

Tune unknown
arranged by Richard Lloyd b. 1933

At the conclusion of the washing of feet, the priest says

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father through Christ the saviour of the world.

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.

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 his disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your Church.

Lord, hear us:
and renew our zeal.

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

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

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

Lord, hear us:
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.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

The peace of the Lord be with you always:
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace, after which all sing

OFFERTORY HYMN

LOVE is his word, love is his way,
feasting with all, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
love, only love, is his way:

Refrain

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,
better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table, host to the twelve,
love, only love, is his mark: *Refrain*

Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
'This is my body, this is my blood',
love, only love, is his sign: *Refrain*

Love is his sign, love is his news,
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood',
love, only love, is his news: *Refrain*

Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
family, brethren, cousins and kin,
love, only love, is his name: *Refrain*

Love is his name, love is his law,
hear his command, all who are his
'Love one another, I have loved you',
love, only love, is his law. *Refrain*

Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one,
love, only love, is his word: *Refrain*

Words by
Luke Connaughton 1917-1979

Tune Cresswell
by Anthony Milner b. 1925

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 to give you thanks, Father most holy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For on this night he girded himself with a towel and, taking the form of a servant, washed the feet of his disciples. He gave us a new commandment that we should love one another as he has loved us. Knowing that his hour had come, in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples to be a memorial of his passion, that we might proclaim his death until he comes again, and feast with him in his kingdom. Therefore earth unites with heaven to sing a new song of praise; we too join with angels and archangels as they proclaim your glory without end:

All sing

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.

All sit or kneel

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 in this night when 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 is kept

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body for we all share in one bread.

AGNUS DEI

All sing

**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

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.

The priest and people receive Holy Communion

The sacrament is administered with the following words

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

During the giving of Holy Communion the following hymns are sung

COMMUNION HYMNS

And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,
and having with us him that pleads above,
we here present, we here spread forth to thee
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

Look, Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of thy grace,
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:
for lo, between our sins and their reward
we set the Passion of thy Son our Lord.

And so we come: O draw us to thy feet,
most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;
and by this food, so awful and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill
in thine own service make us glad and free,
and grant us never more to part with thee

Words by
Willaim Bright 1824-1901

Tune Unde et Memores
by William Henry Monk 1823-89

JUST as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt;
fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive;
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above:
O Lamb of God, I come.

Words by
Charlotte Elliott 1789-1871

Tune Saffron Walden
by Arthur Henry Brown 1830-1926

All stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray:

LORD Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruit of your redemption, for you are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

During the following hymn, the Blessed Sacrament is carried in procession to the Altar of Repose, our own Garden of Gethsemane. The congregation is invited to join the procession behind the choir and priest.

All sing

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

NOW, my tongue, the mystery telling
of the glorious Body sing,
and the Blood, all price excelling,
which the Gentiles' Lord and King,
in a Virgin's womb once dwelling,
shed for this world's ransoming.

2. Given for us, and condescending,
to be born for us below,
he, with men in converse blending,
dwelt the seed of truth to sow,
till he closed with wondrous ending
his most patient life of woe.

3. That last night, at supper lying,
'mid the twelve, his chosen band,
Jesus, with the law complying,
keeps the feast its rites demand;
then, more precious food supplying,
gives himself with his own hand.

4. Word-made-flesh true bread
 he maketh
by his word his Flesh to be;
wine his Blood; which whoso taketh
must from carnal thoughts be free;
faith alone, though sight forsaketh,
shows true hearts the mystery.

5. Therefore we, before him
 bending,
this great Sacrament revere;
types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing
to the Father, and the Son,
honour, might and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing,
who from both with both is one.

Words by St Thomas Aquinas 1227-74
trans. J. M. Neale 1818-66 and others

Tune Picardy
trad. French melody

The Blessed Sacrament is placed on the Altar of Repose where it will remain for the vigil which continues until 10pm.

While gathered at the Altar of Repose Psalm 69.1-22 is said responsively

Save me, O God, for the waters have come up, even to my neck.

I sink in deep mire where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters and the flood sweeps over me.

I have grown weary with crying; my throat is raw; my eyes have failed from looking so long for my God.

Those who hate me without any cause are more than the hairs of my head.

Those who would destroy me are mighty; my enemies accuse me falsely: must I now give back what I never stole?

O God, you know my foolishness, and my faults are not hidden from you.

Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, Lord God of hosts; let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me, O God of Israel.

For your sake have I suffered reproach; shame has covered my face.
I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother's children.
**Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you
has fallen upon me.**

I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.
I put on sack cloth also and became a byword among them.

Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, and the drunkards make
songs about me.

**But as for me, I make my prayer to you, O Lord; at an acceptable time,
O God.**

Answer me, O God, in the abundance of your mercy and with your sure
salvation.

**Draw me out of the mire, that I sink not; let me be rescued from those
who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

Let not the water flood drown me, neither the deep swallow me up; let
not the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

**Answer me, Lord, for your loving-kindness is good; turn to me in the
multitude of your mercies.**

Hide not your face from your servant; be swift to answer me, for I am
in trouble.

**Draw near to my soul and redeem me; deliver me because of my
enemies.**

You know my reproach, my shame and my dishonour; my adversaries
are all in your sight.

**Reproach has broken my heart; I am full of heaviness. I looked for
some to have pity, but there was no one, neither found I any to
comfort me.**

*All are welcome to stay and pray before the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of
Repose, as the disciples prayed with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, or to
depart in silence. All who leave are welcome to return in the period up to 10pm.*