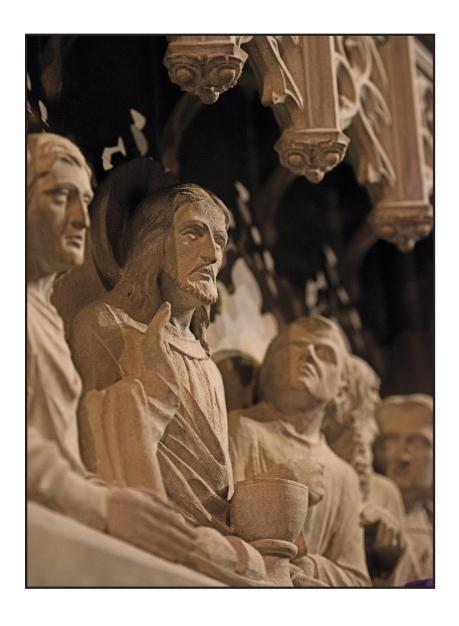
THE SOLEMN LITURGY OF MAUNDY THURSDAY



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WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

MAUNDY THURSDAY receives its name from the Latin "mandatum" or the "new commandment" given by our Lord. At the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples' feet and commanded them to love and serve one another as he had done. This service begins with a festal character as we remember the joy of the love and service which Jesus lived and taught and the institution of the Holy Euchrist. The service closes with solemnity as we turn our attention toward the agony in the garden of Gethsemane, and the betrayal leading Jesus to the journey to the cross and crucifixion. The altar, symbolic of Christ, is stripped of its vesture and left bare for the solemnity of Good Friday.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The people's responses are in **bold**.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Schmücke dich, O liebe seele, BWV 654

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

INTROIT

If ye love me Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth. (*John 14:15-17*)

The people stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 446

Praise to the Holiest in the height

Newman

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the God of our salvation.

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

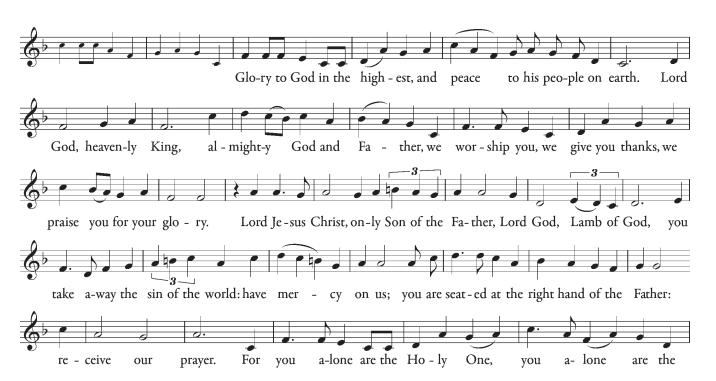
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

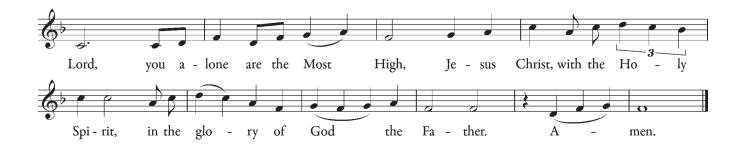
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Robert Powell (b. 1932)





THE COLLECT FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The people are seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1–4, 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 neighbor 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 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.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116: 1, 10-17 plainsong

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,

because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

How shall I repay the Lord

for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation

and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord

in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord

is the death of his servants.

O Lord, I am your servant;

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

THE SECOND READING

1 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.

The Word of the Lord.

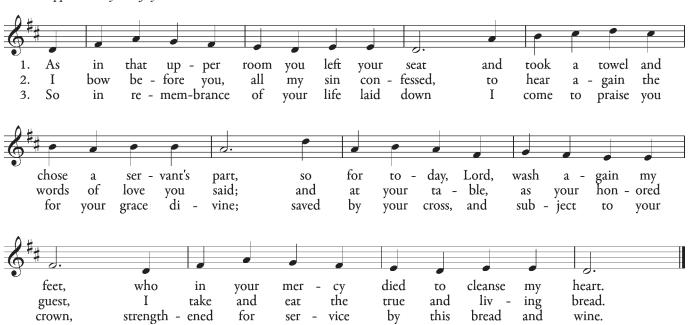
Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

As in that upper room you left your seat

Sursum corda



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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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. 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 people 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the homilist.

HOMILY

The Reverend Canon Jan Naylor Cope

THE BIDDING

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an 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 by 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 into ministry, lay and ordained.

Therefore, I invite you who share in this ministry, the priesthood of all believers, to come forward, that we may together recall whose servant we are by following the example of our Master. And let us remember 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."

THE WASHING OF FEET

Those desiring to have their feet washed should follow the direction of the ushers. You may choose to have one or both feet washed. Those desiring to wash the feet of others are asked to touch the shoulder of someone who is washing feet and take his or her place at the basin.

ANTHEMS AT THE MANDATUM

Ubi Caritas plainsong

Sung in Latin. Where true charity and love dwell, God is there. Since the love of Christ has joined us in one body, let us all rejoice and be glad now and always. And as we hear and love our Lord, the living God, so let us in sincerity love all people. As we are all of one body, when we gather let no discord or enmity break our oneness. May all our petty jealousies and hatred cease that Christ the Lord may be with us through all our days. Now we pray that with the blessed you grant us grace to see your exalted glory, O Christ our God, our boundless source of joy and truth, of peace and love, for ever and for evermore, world without end.

Ubi caritas Paul Mealor (b. 1975)

Ubi caritas Taize



The people stand.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are then seated.

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while an offering is received to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love with the world.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Save us, O Lord

Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946)

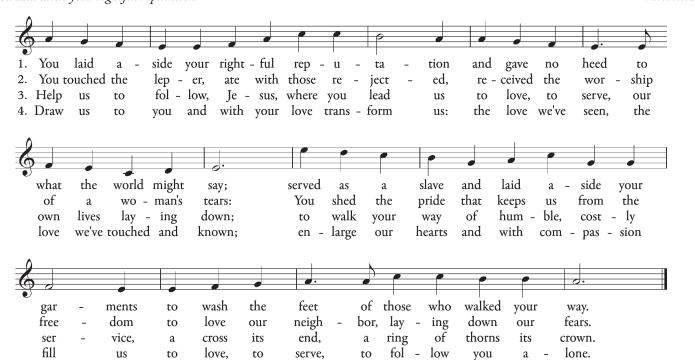
Save us, O Lord, waking; guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. Amen. (Antiphon for the Office of Compline)

The people stand.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

You laid aside your rightful reputation

Intercessor



THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

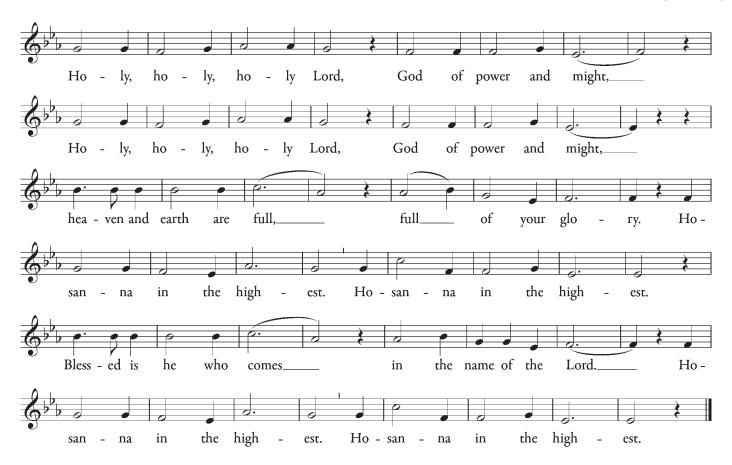
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828)



We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember Michael, our presiding bishop, Mariann, our bishop, and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, Peter and Paul, our patrons, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

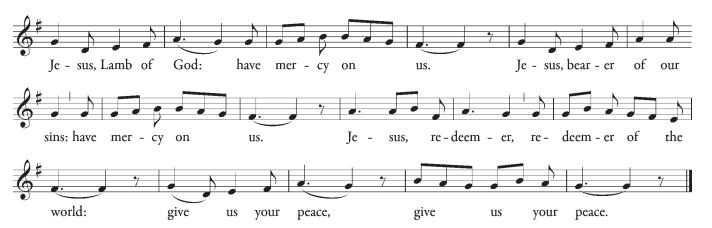
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,

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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread $\mathcal C$ the fraction anthem

F. Schubert



THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

The people are seated.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips; or you may dip the wafer into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest.

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

Tantum ergo

Marie-Joseph-Alexandre Déodat de Séverac (1872-1921)

Sung in Latin. Let us therefore, bowing low, venerate so great a Sacrament; and let the old Law give way to the new rite; let faith afford assistance to the deficiency of the senses. To the begetter and the begotten let there be praise and jubilation, salvation and honor, and power and blessing; and to the One proceeding from both let there be equal praise. Amen. (*Thomas Aquinas, c. 1264*)

The people stand.

PRAYER AFTER THE COMMUNION

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

The people remain standing as the Blessed Sacrament, representing Jesus, is carried to the Altar of Repose in the Chapel of StsJohn. Tonight this chapel represents the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus asks his disciples to wait, watch, and pray with him.

Pange Lingua plainsong

Sung in Latin. Sing, my tongue, the mystery of the glorious Body, and of the precious Blood that for the world's salvation, the fruit of a noble womb, the king of the nations, shed. Given to us, born to us, from an unblemished virgin, and having lived in the world, scattering the seed of the Word, the time of his habitation miraculously he closed in due order. In the night of his last supper, resting with his brothers, the law being fully observed with permitted foods, to the group of twelve he gave himself as food with his own hands. The Word in flesh true bread by a word makes his flesh, and also makes true wine the Blood of Christ, and if sense is lacking, to confirm a true heart faith alone suffices. Therefore, so great a Sacrament, let us fall down and worship, and let the old law give way to a new rite, and let faith stand forward to make good the defects of sense. To the Father and the Son be praise and joy, health, honor, virtue and blessing, and to him, proceeding from both, be equal praise. Amen. (Thomas Aquinas, c. 1225-1275)

The people sit or kneel.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The altar is stripped of all ornament and washed.

ANTHEM AT THE ALTAR STRIPPING

The Lamentations of Jeremiah

Thomas Tallis (1505–1585)

Sung in Latin. From the lamentation of the prophet Jeremiah: Aleph. How desolate lies the city that was once thronged with people. The one-time queen of nations has become as a widow. Once a ruler of provinces, she is now subject to others. Beth. By night she weeps in sorrow and tears run down her cheeks. Of all who love her, there is none to console her. All her friends have spurned her and have become her foes. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, turn to the Lord, your God. Ghimel. Judah has gone into exile because of her suffering and the burden of her servitude. She is settled among the heathen and has found no rest. Daleth. All her pursuers have captured her between the straits. The streets of Zion mourn; for there are none to attend her ceremonies. All her gates are ruined; her priests sigh and groan. Her virgins are afflicted, and she is overwhelmed with bitterness. Heth. Her enemies are in the ascendant, her adversaries prosper; for the Lord has passed judgment on her for the multitude of her iniquities. Her children are led captive before the face of her oppressor. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, turn to the Lord, your God.

THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters 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 ahead of you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though 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 Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." 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? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

All depart in silence.

THE WATCH BEGINS

All are invited to keep watch in the Chapel of Saint John until 11:00 PM. The Watch resumes tomorrow at 9:00 AM and concludes with Morning Prayer at 10:00 AM.

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