

Holy Thursday: **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper – Year B**

Thursday 1 April 2021

Celebrants

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ENTRANCE HYMN

Refrain

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

- 1 You are the Word
who calls us to be servants;
you are the Word
whose only law is love;
you are the Word
– made flesh who lives among us:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Refrain

- 2 You are the Word
who binds us and unites us:
you are the Word
who calls us to be one;
you are the Word
who teaches us forgiveness::
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Refrain

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus 12:1-8,11-14

The Passover is a day of festival for all generations, for ever

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:

‘This month is to be the first of all the others for you, the first month of your year. Speak to the whole community of Israel and say, “On the tenth day of this month each man must take an animal from the flock, one for each family: one animal for each household. If the household is too small to eat the animal, a man must join with his neighbour, the nearest to his house, as the number of persons requires. You must take into account what each can eat in deciding the number for the animal. It must be an animal without blemish, a male one year old; you may take it from either sheep or goats. You must keep it till the fourteenth day of the month when the whole assembly of the community of Israel shall slaughter it between the two evenings. Some of the blood must then be taken and put on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where it is eaten. That night, the flesh is to be eaten, roasted over the fire; it must be eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. You shall eat it like this: with a girdle round your waist, sandals on your feet, a staff in your hand. You shall eat it hastily: it is a passover in honour of the Lord. That night, I will go through the land of Egypt and strike down all the first-born in the land of Egypt, man and beast alike, and I shall deal out punishment to all the gods of Egypt, I am the Lord! The blood shall serve to mark the houses that you live in. When I see the blood I will pass over you and you shall

escape the destroying plague when I strike the land of Egypt. This day is to be a day of remembrance for you, and you must celebrate it as a feast in the Lord's honour. For all generations you are to declare it a day of festival, for ever.'"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.

How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.

Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people.

Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.

THE SECOND READING (Read in Italian)

Dalla prima lettera di san Paolo apostolo ai Corinzi

Fratelli, io ho ricevuto dal Signore quello che a mia volta vi ho trasmesso: il Signore Gesù, nella notte in cui veniva tradito, prese del pane e, dopo aver reso grazie, lo spezzò e disse: «Questo è il mio corpo, che è per voi; fate questo in memoria di me». Allo stesso modo, dopo aver cenato, prese anche il calice, dicendo: «Questo calice è la nuova alleanza nel mio sangue; fate questo, ogni volta che ne bevete, in memoria di me». Ogni volta infatti che mangiate questo pane e bevete al calice, voi annunciate la morte del Signore, finché egli venga.

Parola di Dio.

Rendiamo grazia a Dio.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians: 11:23-26

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy gospel according to John: 13:1-15

Now he showed how perfect his love was

It was before the festival of the Passover, and Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to the Father. He had always loved those who were his in the world, but now he showed how perfect his love was.

They were at supper, and the devil had already put it into the mind of Judas Iscariot son of Simon, to betray him. Jesus knew that the Father had put everything into his hands, and that he had come from God and was returning to God, and he got up from table, removed his outer garment and, taking a towel, wrapped it round his waist; he then poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'At the moment you do not know what I am doing, but later you will understand.' 'Never!' said Peter 'You shall never wash my feet.' Jesus replied, 'If I do not wash you, you can have nothing in common with me.' 'Then, Lord,' said Simon Peter 'not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!' Jesus said, 'No one who has taken a bath needs washing, he is clean all over. You too are clean, though not all of you are.' He knew who was going to betray him, that was why he said, 'though not all of you are.'

When he had washed their feet and put on his clothes again he went back to the table. 'Do you understand' he said 'what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am. If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WASHING OF THE FEET MUSIC

Maurice Duruflé – Ubi Caritas

Where charity and love are, there God is.
The love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us exult, and in Him be joyful.
Let us fear and let us love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love each other (and Him).

Where charity and love are, there God is.
Therefore, whensoever we are gathered as one:
Lest we in mind be divided, let us beware.
Let cease malicious quarrels, let strife give way.
And in the midst of us be Christ our God.

Where charity and love are, there God is.
Together also with the blessed may we see,
Gloriously, Thy countenance, O Christ our God:
A joy which is immense, and also approved:
Through infinite ages of ages. Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Antonio Lotti – Ecce Panis Angelorum

Hail, angelic Bread of Heaven,
Now the pilgrim's hoping-leaven,
Yea, the Bread to children given
That to dogs must not be thrown:
In the figures contemplated,
'Twas with Isaac immolated,
By the Lamb 'twas antedated,
In the Manna it was known.

O Good Shepherd, still confessing
Love, in spite of our transgressing,—
Here Thy blessed Food possessing,
Make us share Thine every blessing
In the land of life and love:
Thou, whose power hath all completed
And Thy Flesh as Food hath meted,
Make us, at Thy table seated,
By Thy Saints, as friends be greeted,
In Thy paradise above.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Ernest Chausson – Ave Verum Op 6 No 2

Hail the true body, born
of/from the Virgin Mary:
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed
on the cross for the sake of man.
From whose pierced flank
flowed water and blood:
Be a foretaste for us
in the trial of death.
[O sweet, O merciful,
O Jesus, Son of Mary.]
[Have mercy on me. Amen.]

PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

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| 1 Sing, my tongue, the Saviour's glory,
Of his flesh the myst'ry sing;
Of the Blood, all price exceeding,
Shed by our immortal King,
Destined for the world's redemption
From a noble womb to spring. | 4 Word made flesh, the bread of nature
By his word to flesh he turns;
Wine to his own blood he changes:
What though sense no change discerns?
Only be the heart in earnest,
Faith her lesson quickly learns. |
| 2 Of a pure and spotless virgin
Born for us on earth below,
He, as Man with man conversing,
Stayed, the seeds of truth to sow;
Then he closed in solemn order
Wondrously his life of woe. | 5 Down in adoration falling,
The sacred host we hail;
Lo o'er ancient forms departing
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying,
Where the feeble senses fail. |
| 3 On the night of that last supper,
Seated with his chosen band,
He the paschal victim eating,
First fulfils the Law's command;
Then as food for his apostles,
Gives himself with his own hand. | 6 To the everlasting Father,
And the Son who reigns on high,
With the Holy Ghost proceeding
Forth from each eternally,
Be salvation, honour, blessing,
Might and endless majesty. |

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Mass Setting

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina – Missa Aeterna Christi Munera: Kyrie, Gloria & Agnus Dei
Colin D Smith cfc adapted Paul Mason – Mass Shalom: Sanctus, Eucharistic Acclamation & Great Amen

Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour

Words and Music: Bernadette Farrell

Responsorial Psalm

Music: Douglas Mews

Sing My Tongue the Saviour's Glory

Words: Pange Lingua Gloriosi St Thomas Aquinas Tr Edward Caswall;
Music: PANGE LINGUA GLORIOSI Gregorian Chant Mode III Arr Percy Jones