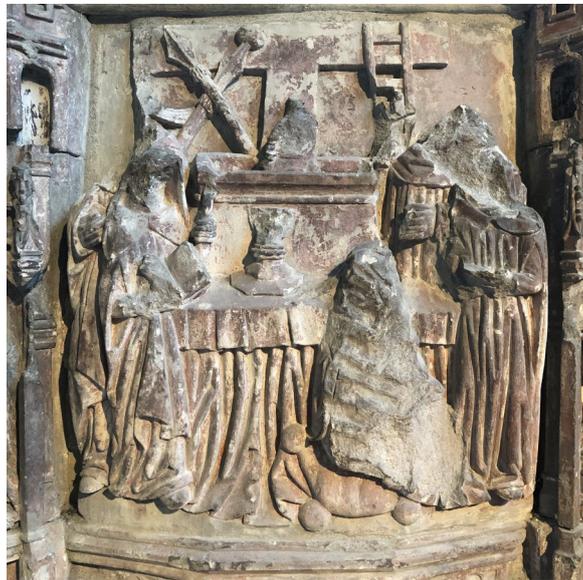




The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday

2021
7.30pm

(online)



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Welcome to the Cathedral

The Cathedral Church of St. Peter in Exeter, founded in 1050, has been the seat [*cathedra*] of the bishop of Exeter, the symbol of his spiritual and teaching authority, for nearly 1000 years. As such the Cathedral is a centre of worship and mission for the whole of Devon. A centuries-old pattern of daily worship continues, sustained by the best of the Anglican choral tradition. The cathedral is a place of outreach, learning, and spirituality, inviting people into a richer and more engaged discipleship. The Cathedral is a destination for many pilgrims and visitors who come from near and far, drawn by the physical and spiritual heritage of this place. Exeter Cathedral belongs to all the people of Devon, and we warmly welcome you to this online service.

Ministers

President The Very Revd Jonathan Greener - *Dean*
Preacher The Revd Canon Chris Palmer - *Canon Chancellor*

Music

Conductor: Timothy Noon - *Director of Music*
Organist: Timothy Parsons - *Assistant Director of Music*

The Mass setting is *Missa Brevis* by *Grayston Ives*
(*b. 1948*)

The Cathedral Choir will be singing at this act of worship.

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Introduction to the Season

It is still uncertain when Christians first began to make an annual (as opposed to a weekly) memorial of the death and resurrection of Christ. This *Pascha* (a word derived indirectly from *pesach*, Hebrew 'Passover') was at first a night-long vigil, followed by the celebration of the Eucharist at cock-crow, and all the great themes of redemption were included within it: incarnation, suffering, death, resurrection, glorification. Over time, the *Pascha* developed into the articulated structure of Holy Week and Easter.

Through participation in the whole sequence of services, the Christian shares in Christ's own journey, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the empty tomb on Easter morning. The procession with palms, which was already observed in Jerusalem in the fourth century, is accompanied by the reading or singing of the Passion Narrative, in which the whole story of the week is anticipated. Maundy Thursday (from *mandatum*, 'commandment', because of the use of John 13.34 in the Antiphon) contains a rich complex of themes: humble Christian service expressed through Christ's washing of his disciples' feet, the institution of the Eucharist, the perfection of Christ's loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane.

After keeping vigil ('Could you not watch with me one hour?') Thursday passes into Good Friday with its two characteristic episodes. It is a widespread custom for there not to be a celebration of the Eucharist on Good Friday, but for the consecrated bread and wine remaining from the Maundy Thursday Eucharist to be given in communion. The church remains stripped of all decoration; within the silence there grows a sense of peace and completion, and then rising excitement as the Easter Vigil draws near.

The Gathering

Introit

The ministers enter. The choir sings

In ieiunio et fletu orabant sacerdotes:
Parce, Domine, parce populo tuo, et ne des hereditatem tuam in
perditionem.
Inter vestibulum et altare plorabant sacerdotes, dicentes: Parce
populo tuo.

*In fasting and weeping the priests prayed:
Spare, O Lord, spare thy people, and give not thine inheritance to
perdition.
Between the porch and the altar the priests wept, saying: Spare thy
people.*

Text: Joel 2:12, 17

Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

The Greeting

The President

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

The President introduces the service.

Prayers of 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.

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.

The President

May the Father forgive us
by the death of his Son
and strengthen us
to live in the power of the Spirit
all our days.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

The Choir sings

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis
Deus Pater omnipotens.

*Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace,
goodwill towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee
for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.*

Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
filius Patris,
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus.
Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.
Cum sancto Spiritu,
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son
Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the
world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the
world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of
God the Father, have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect

The President

Let us pray

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.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Beloved: 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.

Gradual Psalm 39

The Choir stands and sings

I said, I will take heed to my ways: that I offend not in my tongue.

² I will keep my mouth as it were with a bridle: while the ungodly is in my sight.

³ I held my tongue, and spake nothing: I kept silence, yea, even from good words; but it was pain and grief to me.

⁴ My heart was hot within me, and while I was thus musing the fire kindled: and at the last I spake with my tongue;

⁵ Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days: that I may be certified how long I have to live.

⁶ Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long: and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity.

⁷ For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain: he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

⁸ And now, Lord, what is my hope: truly my hope is even in thee.

⁹ Deliver me from all mine offences: and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

¹⁰ I became dumb, and opened not my mouth: for it was thy doing.

¹¹ Take thy plague away from me: I am even consumed by the means of thy heavy hand.

¹² When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment: every man therefore is but vanity.

¹³ Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling: hold not thy peace at my tears.

¹⁴ For I am a stranger with thee: and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

¹⁵ O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength: before I go hence, and be no more seen.

Gospel Acclamation

The president says

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:
Love one another as I have loved you.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Gospel Reading

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

All sit.

Sermon

The Revd Canon Chris Palmer - *Canon Chancellor*

Water and vessels are brought forward, representing Jesus' washing of his disciples' feet.

The choir sings

Ubi caritas et amor, deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where charity and love are found, there is God. The love of Christ hath gathered us together in one. Let us rejoice and be glad in him. Let us fear and love the living God. And let us love him with a sincere heart. Where charity and love are found, there is God.

Text: Graduale Triplex

Music: Maurice Durufle (1902-1986)

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

All stand.

The President

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.

Offertory Hymn

The Choir sings

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,
through this blest 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,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to the church which still that faith doth keep;
so may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest 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.

Text: William Turton (1856-1938)

Tune: Song 1 (Orlando Gibbons, 1582-1625)

Preparation of the Table

The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

The President takes the bread and wine and says

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.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

All remain standing until the invitation to communion.

The President says

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 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:

The choir sings

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli, et terra
gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts.
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.*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On this night, the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As Jesus taught us, so we 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 President breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup.
**We proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed 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 president and preacher receive communion.

Agnus Dei

The choir sings

Agnus Dei, *O Lamb of God*
qui tollis peccata mundi, *that takest away the sins of the*
miserere nobis. *world, have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei, *O Lamb of God*
qui tollis peccata mundi, *that takest away the sins of the*
miserere nobis. *world, have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei, *O Lamb of God*
qui tollis peccata mundi, *that takest away the sins of the*
dona nobis pacem. *world, grant us thy peace.*

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Let us pray

All stand.

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.**

Procession to the Altar of Repose

*The Altar party processes with the consecrated bread to the Altar of
Repose. The choir sings*

Of the glorious body telling,
O my tongue, its mysteries sing,
and the blood, all price excelling,
which the world's eternal King,
in a spotless womb once dwelling,
shed for this world's ransoming.

At the last great supper lying,
circled by his chosen band,
duly with the law complying,
first he finished its command,
then, immortal food supplying,
gave himself by his own hand.

Word-made-flesh, by word he maketh
bread his very flesh to be;
man in wine Christ's blood partaketh:
and if senses fail to see,
faith alone the true heart waketh
to behold the mystery.

*After the consecrated bread and wine are placed on the altar, the
clergy and ministers kneel.*

The choir sings the last two verses of the hymn as an anthem.

<i>Tantum ergo, Sacramentum</i>	<i>Therefore we, before him bending,</i>
<i>Veneremur cernui:</i>	<i>this great sacrament revere:</i>
<i>Et antiquum documentum</i>	<i>types and shadows have their ending,</i>
<i>Novo cedat ritui:</i>	<i>for the newer rite is here:</i>
<i>Praestet fides supplementum</i>	<i>faith, our outward sense befriending,</i>
<i>Sensuum defectui.</i>	<i>makes the inward vision clear.</i>
<i>Genitori, Genitoque</i>	<i>Glory let us give and blessing</i>
<i>Laus et jubilatio:</i>	<i>to the Father and the Son,</i>
<i>Salus, honor, virtus quoque</i>	<i>honour, might and praise addressing</i>
<i>Sit et benedictio:</i>	<i>while eternal ages run;</i>
<i>Procedenti ab utroque</i>	<i>ever too his love confessing,</i>
<i>Compar sit laudatio. Amen.</i>	<i>who, from both, with both is one.</i>
	<i>Amen.</i>

*St Thomas Aquinas 1227-74,
tr. J. M. Neale 1818-66 & others
Music: Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)*

The Stripping of the Altars

The altars of the Cathedral are stripped of their hangings and ornaments. The choir sings verses from Psalm 22, after which the Altar Party and the choir leave in disarray.

The Dismissal

A minister says

When the disciples had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prayed to the Father, 'If it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me.' He said to his disciples, 'How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me for one hour? The hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinners.'

Christ was obedient unto death. Go in his peace.

*SILENCE WILL BE KEPT IN THE CATHEDRAL UNTIL 9.30PM.
IT IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER DURING THIS TIME.*

Good Friday (2 April)

2.00pm The Liturgy of Good Friday

- *In the Cathedral. Tickets at www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk*
- *Also online with choir www.facebook.com/exetercathedral*

7.30pm The Crucifixion by Sir John Stainer

sung by the University of Exeter Chapel Choir

- *Online www.facebook.com/exeteruniversitychapelchoir*

Easter Day Services (4 April)

6.00am The First Eucharist of Easter

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10am Sung Eucharist & Sermon

- *In the Cathedral. Tickets at www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk*
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11.30am Choral Matins & Sermon

- *Online with choir www.facebook.com/exetercathedral*

4.00pm Choral Evensong

with farewell to Timothy Parsons (Assistant Director of Music)

- *Online, live with choir www.facebook.com/exetercathedral*

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