

The Easter Triduum

Day One
Maundy Thursday



17th March 2025
Eucharist with Hymns, 6.30pm

Holy Trinity Cathedral
Wangaratta.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Please stand as the ministers enter

- 1. An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there
to celebrate their risen friend.**
- 2. A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his cross shall lift us up.**
- 3. And after supper he washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In Christ our joy shall be made complete:
sent out to serve, as he was sent.**
- 4. No end there is! We depart in peace.
He loves beyond our uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house
Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.**

Words: Fred Pratt-Green (1903-2000)

The priest says the Welcome and then Greets the people

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins
whose mercy endures for ever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A minister may then address the people in these or similar words.

Tonight we begin the Great Three Days of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection, the journey from the supper table to the cross, from the cross to Easter dawn. We are followers in his way, exploring his truth, encountering his life.

This is the night when Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would betray him.

This is the night when Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the night when Christ our Lord gave us this holy feast,

that as we break the bread and drink the cup we may here proclaim his holy sacrifice, and come at the last to his table in heaven.

This is the night when Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, showing us how to honour and serve one another in love.

This is the night for watching and prayer. We give ourselves freely to the demands of these great days, confident that those who die in Christ will surely live with him.

A minister introduces the Confession.

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves'
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The priest gives the Absolution

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith, pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The priest then says or sings the Collect.

Let us pray.

Silence may be kept.

Loving God
your Son Jesus Christ has left us this meal
of bread and wine in which we share his body and blood.

May we who celebrate this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, - one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Book 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 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.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm 116.1-2, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18



**I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the Name of the Lord, hallelujah.**

*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.
The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.*

***I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the Name of the Lord, hallelujah.***

*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.*

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*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.*

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*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.*

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A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (11. 23-26)

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.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Please stand

1. **What feast of love is offered here,
what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the King,
the bread come down from heaven.
O taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!**
2. **What light of truth is offered here,
what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the King,
the Sun come down from heaven.
O see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!**
3. **What wine of love is offered here,
what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the King,
the sweetest wine of heaven.
O taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given.**

Words: Delores Duffner OSB
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The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [13.1-17, 31-35]
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 he 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.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, on this, the night he was betrayed,
your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet.
As we commit ourselves to following his example of love and
service, teach us humility.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one.
As we grieve for the divisions in the church, unite us.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus prayed for those who would come to believe through the disciples' message.
As we take up the mission of the church, renew our zeal.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus commanded his friends to love, but he suffered rejection himself.
As we open our hearts to the rejected and the unloved, fill us with your love.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus reminded his people that, if the world hated them, it had hated him first.
As we face our own fears, we pray for those who are persecuted for their faith; give us your peace.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

On this night, Jesus loved his friends to the very end.
As we open our hearts to all who face darkness tonight, we pray for the sick, those who mourn, those trapped by violence, addiction, or pain: give healing and hope.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, these are the prayers of your Church.
**We offer them trusting and hoping in you.
Hear and help us, challenge and change us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE WASHING OF FEET

the Priest says

Friends in Christ, I invite you to come forward,
that we may recall whose servants we are
and remember his teaching,
that what is done for us is also to be done for others.

Anthem at the washing of feet, Ubi Caritas — Ola Gjelo

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

Song 1

1. **O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at ev'ery 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.**
2. **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.**
3. **We pray thee too for wand'ers 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:
soon may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.**
4. **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 Harry Turton (1856-1938),
based on John 17

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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:

**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.**

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 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again

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.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread, and says,

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies,
it remains just a single grain; but if it dies it bears much fruit.

If we have died with him, we shall live with him.

Agnus Dei.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Come let us take this holy sacrament
of the body and blood of Christ
in remembrance that he died for us,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion is administered in the customary manner.

Anthem: O Mortal Man — John Scott (1956-2015)

After Communion

Pange Lingua

- 1. Now, my tongue, the myst'ry 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. At the last great supper lying,
circled by his chosen hand,
meekly with the law complying,
first he finished its command.
Then, immortal food supplying,
gave himself with his own hand.**

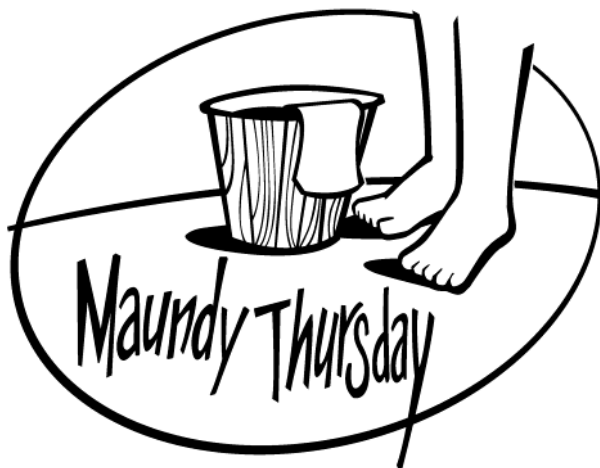
3. **Therefore we, before him bending,
this great sacrament revere:
types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes our inward vision clear.**
4. **Glory let us give and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
honour, might and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing,
who, from both, with both is One. Amen.**

Words: Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274)
tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866),
Edward Caswall (1814-1878), and others

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Keep watch with me, pray with me and do not be afraid.

Words and music: Margaret Rizza (b 1929)



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A Reading from the Book Exodus (12. 1-4, 11-14)

In some respects this is the most important passage in the Book of Exodus. It gives details about the celebration of the Passover meal, one of the main festivals of the Jewish tradition.

The description we have here, however, comes from the Priestly document dating from the post-exilic period, (after 539 BCE) and not from the time of Moses several hundred years earlier.

More than likely, this would have been the way the Passover was celebrated in NT times.

Psalm 116.1-2, 11-18

This psalm is one of six in what is known as the Hallel Psalms (Psalms 113-118) with great emphasis on praise to God. In this instance, thanksgiving is offered for recovery from a near fatal illness.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (11. 23-26)

This first recorded statement about the institution of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper differs somewhat from the reports in the gospels.

Paul puts emphasis on the memorial aspect of the elements and the action while the gospels make an eschatological emphasis related to the coming of the kingdom.

For Paul too, the celebration brings us into direct relationship with the risen Christ.

Gospel Reading: John 13. 1-17, 31b-35

John's version of last meal with his disciples is very different from that found in the other gospels. Instead of instituting the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper by sharing bread and wine, symbols of his broken body and shed blood, he performed a ritual of foot washing which some parts of the church still practice as a sacrament. This was done to symbolize both his love for the disciples and the role of servant.

While never completely dying out, the practice has never reached the same symbolic significance as the other ordinances instituted by Christ.