

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

*Serving St Benedict's, St Mary's & St Oswald's,  
Warrington*



## Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Holy Thursday, 1 April 2021

### Gathering Song

*Music:* Love is his word – Luke Connaughton

### Greeting & Introduction

### Gloria

*All say:*

**Glorify God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

### Collect

O God,  
in the fullness of time you revealed your love  
in Jesus the Lord.  
On the eve of his death,  
as a sign of your covenant,  
he washed the feet of his disciples  
and gave himself as food and drink.  
Give us life at this sacred banquet  
and joy in humble service,  
that, bound to Christ in all things,

we may pass over from this world to your kingdom,  
where he lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

*(Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14)*

A reading from the book of Exodus

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.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 115

**The cup that we bless  
is a communion with the blood of Christ.**

- 1 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.

- 2 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.
- 3 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.

**Second Reading** (1 Corinthians 11: 23-26)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

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.  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel** (John 13: 1-15)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

**Bidding Prayers**

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Preparation of the Gifts**

*Music:* Ubi caritas – Durufle

**Prayer over the Offerings**

Lord God,  
make us worthy to celebrate this holy eucharist,  
for as often as this sacrifice is offered  
in remembrance of your Son,  
the work of our redemption is accomplished.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

*Holy, Holy* – Community Mass (Richard Proulx)

*The Mystery of Faith*

**Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.**

**Communion Rite**

*Music:* This is my will – James Quinn, SJ

**Prayer after Communion**

Almighty God,  
the supper that your Son left us this night  
sustains our life on earth;  
grant that our hunger may be fully satisfied  
in the everlasting banquet of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

**Concluding Rite**

**Distribution of Communion**

*Music:* Soul of my saviour (14th century) & Ave verum corpus – setting by Colin Mawby

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