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Warrington*



Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Holy Thursday, 6 April 2023

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

1 Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with men, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again.
Love, only love, is his way.

**Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.**

2 Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table, host to the twelve.
Love, only love, is his mark.

3 Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
"This is my body, this is my blood".
Love, only love, is his sign.

4 Love is his sign, love is his news,
'Do this', he said, 'lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood',
love, only love, is his news.

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Greeting & Introduction

Reception of the Holy Oils

Please join in singing the response:

R. Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God!

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 116

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

- 1 How shall I make a return to the Lord
for all the good he has done for me?
The cup of salvation I will take up,
and I will call upon the name of the Lord.
- 2 Precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.

I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;
you have loosed my bonds.

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

Washing of the Feet

- 1 **This is my will, my one command,
that love should dwell among you all.
This is my will, that you should love
as I have shown that I love you.**
- 2 **No greater love can be than this:
to choose to die to save one's friends.
You are my friends if you obey
all I command that you should do.**
- 3 **I call you now no longer slaves;
no slave knows all his master does.
I call you friends, for all I hear
my Father say, you hear from me.**
- 4 **You chose not me, but I chose you,
that you should go and bear much fruit.
I called you out that you in me
should bear much fruit that will abide.**
- 5 **All that you ask my Father dear
for my name's sake you shall receive.
This is my will, my one command,
that love should dwell in each, in all.**

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Bidding Prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts
Please join in singing the refrain:

**Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.**

Where charity and love are found, God is there.

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 – Mass of Christ our Saviour (Dan Schutte)
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

The Mystery of Faith

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

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Please understand if others don't wish to shake hands just now.

Communion Song

- 1 From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled,
not to be served but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

**This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.**

- 2 There in the garden of tears
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.
- 3 Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.
- 4 So let us learn how to serve
and in our lives enthrone him
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

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Hymn after Communion

- 1 **Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water flowing from thy side.**
- 2 **Strength and protection may thy passion be;
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;
so shall I never, never part from thee.**
- 3 **Guard and defend me from the foe malign;
in death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me, and bid me come to thee on high,
where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.**

Ascribed to Pope John Paul XXII (1249-1334)

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.



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Hymn

- 1 Of the glorious body telling,
O my tongue, its myst'ries sing,
and the blood, all price excelling,
which the world's eternal King,
in a noble womb once dwelling,
shed for this world's ransoming.
- 2 Giv'n for us, for us descending,
of a virgin to proceed,
man with man in converse blending,
scattered he the gospel seed,
till his sojourn drew to ending,
which he closed in wondrous deed.
- 3 At the last great supper lying
circled by his brethren's band,
meekly with the law complying,
first, he finished its command.
Then, immortal food supplying,
gave himself by his own hand.
- 4 Word-made-flesh, by word he maketh
very bread his 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.
- 5 **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 the inward vision clear.**
- 6 **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.**

St Thomas Aquinas (trans. J.M. Neale)

**The church will remain open until 9.30 pm
for private prayer.**

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