

THE SOLEMN LITURGY
OF MAUNDY THURSDAY
The Commemoration *of the* Last Supper

The Cathedral Church of Saint George

April 2, 2026 • 7:00 p.m.

*We acknowledge that in Kingston we are situated on traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Huron Wendat peoples.
We seek a new relationship with the original peoples of this land, one rooted in and based upon honour and deep respect.*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The people stand as able as the procession enters the Cathedral.

Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able.



A - men.

The heavenly Word proceeding forth
yet leaving not his Father's side,
and going to his work on earth,
Had reached at length life's eventide.

3 O saving Victim, opening wide
the gate of heaven to man below;
our foes press hard on every side,
thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

2 By false disciple to be given
to foemen for his blood athirst,
himself, the living bread from heaven,
he gave to his disciples first.

4 All praise and thanks to thee ascend
for evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end,
in our true native land with thee. Amen.

Verbum Supernum
Mode viii

St Thomas Aquinas 1227-74
tr. J. M. Neale, Edward Caswall and others

Presider

This is the day that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

This is the day that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the day that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

This is the day that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

The Opening Acclamation

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

People **And also with you.**

Presider Almighty God,

People **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison | *Sung by the choir.*

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Presider O God, your Son Jesus Christ has left to us this meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and his 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.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Lesson | 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116 | *Sung by the choir.*

MY delight is in the LORD, / because he hath heard the voice of my prayer;

10 I TRUSTED even when I spake; but I was sore troubled: / I said in my haste, ‘All men are liars.’

11 What reward shall I give unto the LORD / for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

12 I will take the cup of salvation, / and call upon the Name of the LORD.

13 I will pay my vows unto the LORD / in the presence of all his people.

14 Right dear in the sight of the LORD / is the death of his saints.

15 Behold, O LORD, how that I am thy servant: / I am thy servant and the son of thy handmaid;
thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

16 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, / and will call upon the Name of the LORD.

17 I will pay my vows unto the LORD / in the presence of all his people;

18 Even in the courts of the LORD’s house, / and in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the
LORD.

The Second Lesson | 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.

Reader

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn | *Sung by all, standing as able.*



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.

3 And after Supper he washed their feet, for
service, too, is sacrament.

In him our joy shall be made complete
sent out to serve, as he was sent.

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.

4 No end there is! We depart in peace.

He loves beyond our uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house he will
be there, as Lord and host.

O Waly Waly

English traditional melody
arranged by John Wilson 1905-92

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The Holy Gospel | John 13:1-17,31b-35

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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.

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."

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The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon | The Rev. Gerald Moore

THE MANDATUM

Mandatum is the Maundy Thursday rite of foot-washing, recalling Jesus washing his disciples' feet and his command (mandatum) that they love one another in humble service.

Presider

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service. Therefore, I invite you (who have been appointed as representatives of the congregation and) who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that I may recall whose servant I am by following the example of my Master. But come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for "a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

A basin of water is placed at the chancel step. Members of the congregation are seated on chairs near the front of the assembly. The celebrant, carrying a towel, proceeds to wash the feet of those seated before him. During the ceremony suitable anthems or songs may be sung.

The people sit or kneel, as they wish.

The Prayers of the People

The people stand as able.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn | *Sung by all, standing as able.*



God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.

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Here is Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling.

Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting.

Let us all revere and love him, God eternal.

Loving him let each love, Christ in all his brothers. *Refrain*

2 When we Christians gather, members of one Body,
let there be in us no discord, but one spirit.

Banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel.

Christ, our God, be always present here among us. *Refrain*

3 Grant us love's fulfillment, joy with all the blessed,
when we see your face, O Saviour, in its glory.

Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,

be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises. *Refrain*

Ubi caritas

A. Gregory Murray 1905-92

From the Latin liturgy of Maundy
Thursday, tr. James Quinn (1919-2010)

The Prayer over the Gifts

Father, we spread this table to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ, your Son. Accept all we offer you this day. Bind us together in his love and in the love he has commanded to us to bring one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Presider **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our salvation became obedient unto death. The tree of defeat became the tree of victory: where life was lost, life has been restored. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the heavenly chorus, we cry out to proclaim the glory of your name.

Choir Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On this very night, when he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

People Therefore, Father, according to his command,
**we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Presider and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

People In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray
People **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break this bread
People **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Presider Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruits in dying.
People **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

Agnus Dei | Sung by the choir.

Choir

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*(O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.*

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion in this Church. Please move to the rail at the direction of the ushers. You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands, responding: "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you prefer not to receive wine from the common cup, you may simply touch the base of the chalice, again responding: "Amen." Should you wish to receive a blessing, please indicate that to the priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

Motet | Sung by the choir.

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.
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Amen.

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.
Where charity and love are, God is there. Amen.

Maurice Duruflé 1902-86

Latin liturgy for Maundy Thursday

The Prayer After Communion

Celebrant

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The Stripping of the Altar

At the conclusion of the service, the ornaments and cloths on the altar and in other places in the church building may be removed.

Psalm 22, *Deus, Deus meus* | Sung by the choir.

MY God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me, / and art so far from my help, and from the words of my complaint?

2 O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not; / and in the night-season also I take no rest.

3 And thou continuest holy, / O thou worship of Israel.

4 Our fathers trusted in thee; / they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

5 They called upon thee, and were saved; / they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man; / a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.

7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn; / they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads,

8 Saying, 'He trusted in God, that he would deliver him; / let him deliver him, if he delighteth in him.'

9 But thou art he that took me from the womb; / thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

10 I have been left unto thee ever since I was born; / thou art my God even from my mother's womb.

11 O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand, / and there is none to help me.

12 MANY oxen are come about me; / strong bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.

13 They gape upon me with their mouths, / as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; / my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums, / and thou bringest me into the dust of death.

16 For many dogs are come about me, / and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.

17 They pierced my hands and my feet; I may count all my bones: / they stand staring and looking upon me.

18 They part my garments among them, / and cast lots upon my vesture.

19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD;/ thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword, / and my life from the power of the dog.

The people depart in silence.

The Very Rev. Douglas Michael, *presider*

The Rev. Gerald Moore, *preacher*

Brad Barbeau, *director of music*

The Cathedral Choir

ABOUT THE LITURGY

The three days before Easter—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday—are known as the Holy Triduum. During this time, our worship is experienced as one drama that unfolds in three acts, seamlessly recalling the suffering, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The evening of Maundy Thursday marks the beginning of the Triduum. This day receives its name from the Latin “mandatum” or the “new commandment” given by our Lord. At the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples’ feet and commanded them to love and serve one another as he had done. Tonight begins with a festal character as we remember the joy of the institution of the Eucharist and the love and service which Jesus lived and taught. The mood turns solemn as we fix our attention on the agony in the garden of Gethsemane and the journey to the cross and crucifixion. The altar, symbolic of Christ, is stripped of its vesture and left bare for the solemnity of Good Friday.

Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

Holy Week & Easter at the Cathedral

The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

Friday, April 3 – 11am

Good Friday Concert: Stainer’s *The Crucifixion*

Friday, April 3 – 3:30pm

The Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday, April 4 – 8pm

Easter Day Festival Holy Eucharist

Sunday, April 5 – 8am & 10:30am

For more information or to participate online, visit www.stgeorgescathedral.ca/lent

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