

The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Holy Trinity Parish – Thursday 28th March 2024

First Reading *Ex 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. Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. cf. 1 Cor 10:16*

(R.) *Our blessing-cup 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. **(R.)**
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. **(R.)**
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. **(R.)**

Second Reading *1 Cor 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.

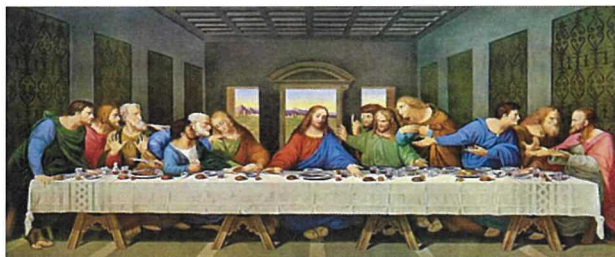
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Gospel Acclamation *Jn 13:34*

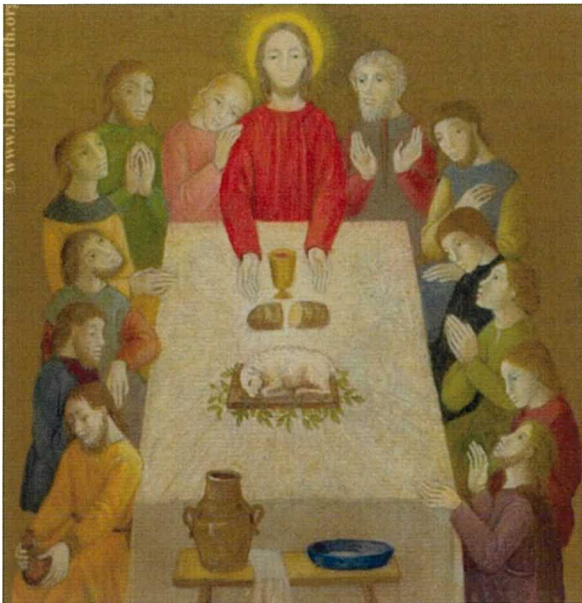
***Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!***

*I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.*

***Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!***



Leonardo da Vinci – The Last Supper, c. 1495 – Santa Maria delle Grazie, Milano



Gospel *Jn 13:1-15*

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

✠ *A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.*

Glory to you, O Lord.

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 follow what I have done for you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection *by Greg Sunter*

There's a whole lot going on in our celebration of Holy Thursday. Firstly, it marks the beginning of the Easter Triduum – the three days that follow the journey of Jesus from life to death to resurrection. Secondly, Holy Thursday is a commemoration of the Last Supper – the meal Jesus shared with his disciples – and the first reading of this liturgy reminds us that this meal was taking place as part of the Feast of the Passover. It reminds us that Jesus and his disciples were faithful Jews who were in tune with the feasts and celebrations of the Jewish calendar. Thirdly, the meal that Jesus and his disciples shared and that we commemorate this Holy Thursday is regarded in the Church as the institution (or instigation) of the Eucharist. The second reading demonstrates Paul's influence on the theology surrounding the Eucharist and its link to the Last Supper. The words of Jesus here are the words of consecration used at every Mass.

Finally, the washing of the disciples' feet, recorded in the gospel of John but in none of the synoptic gospels, is re-enacted by priests and parishioners every Holy Thursday as a reminder of the obligation that we have as Christians to be first and foremost servants to one another. In this gospel passage, Jesus sets the example of service not only to his disciples but to all those who would call themselves Christian. Jesus reminds his disciples that they call him Lord and Master – titles of enormous respect and reverence – yet, he humbles himself before each of them and performs the role of a host welcoming a guest, or more correctly, the role of a host's servant. Jesus tells us that if he, held in such esteem, can be servant to others, then each of us must do the same.

Historical Context – Passover

As we see in the first reading, the Feast of Passover commemorates the rescue of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. God instructed the people to sacrifice a lamb and smear its blood on their doors so that they would be saved from the punishment God unleashed on the Egyptians. Over these days of Easter, we are reminded that Jesus took on the role of the sacrificial lamb. He surrendered himself to death in order to bring about salvation for all people. What would seem to be the lowest point in his life actually becomes his moment of triumph.

Gospel Focus – Eucharist

It is proper that on Holy Thursday we give great emphasis to the mystery and centrality of the Eucharist for Christians. Yet it is an irony that the gospel of John, that provides the gospel passage for this feast, does not include the words of institution. From the writings of Paul (incorporated into the other three gospels) we get the words of blessing and the instruction to 'do this in memory of me'. In this way, Jesus gave new meaning to the Passover meal of remembrance. Now it is the life, death and resurrection of Jesus that we celebrate in the Eucharist.

Living the Gospel – Servant of all

When Jesus washes the feet of his disciples, at one level he is simply observing one of the rules of hospitality. It was an obligation on a host to provide water for guests to wash the dust and dirt from their feet. Jesus goes one step further and actually washes their feet himself – in effect, he assumes the role of a household servant. Small acts of kindness and service for another person honour that person and demonstrate our respect for them. When we perform such acts, we are being Christ-like ourselves, but we are also acknowledging Christ's presence in the other.

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Holy Thursday – Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper –Thursday 28th March, 7:00pm

Prelude	<i>Adagio (‘Nimrod’ from the Enigma Variations – Edward Elgar arr. for organ)</i>
Acknowledgement of Country	
Commentator Introduction	
Entrance Antiphon	<i>Adoramus Te, Christe (Théodore Dubois)</i>
Gathering Hymn	<i>We are many parts, we are all one body. Tune: Sacred Harp; Composer: Marty Haugen.</i>
Kyrie	<i>Missa Santa Clara</i>
Gloria	<i>Ode to Joy Setting (Ludwig von Beethoven)</i>
Collect	
1 st Reading	<i>Exodus 12:1-8,11-14 – The Passover is a day of festival, for all generations, forever</i>
Psalm 115 (116)	<i>Our Blessing Cup – Setting: Francesca LaRosa – Cantor, choir, organ & all</i>
2 nd Reading	<i>1 Corinthians 11:23-26 – Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Missa Santa Clara – ‘I give you a new commandment...’ – Cantor, organ & all</i>
Gospel	<i>John 13:1-15 – The Last Supper – Now he showed how perfect his love was</i>
Homily	
Mandatum Rite (Washing of the feet) (Commentator describes)	<i>1. Kneels at the feet of his friends – Folk Melody from Ghana (all verses & refrains) 2. Ubi Caritas – Jacques Berthier (Taizé chant)</i>
Procession of Holy Oils (Commentator describes)	<i>The River is Wide: Meditation on the tune O Waly, Waly (organ instrumental) The Oil of Catechumens; The Oil of Infirmans; The Oil of Chrism</i>
The Offertory	
Procession of Gifts <i>Sanctus (Holy, Holy)</i>	<i>An Upper Room – Tune O Waly, Waly (all verses) Missa Santa Clara</i>
Memorial Acclamation	<i>Missa Santa Clara – When we eat this bread</i>
Great Amen	<i>Missa Santa Clara</i>
<i>Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)</i>	<i>Missa Santa Clara</i>
Holy Communion (Commentator describes)	<i>1. Eat this bread, drink this cup – Jacques Berthier (Taizé chant) 2. God of Day and God of Darkness Tune: Sandy Bay; Composer: Marty Haugen .</i>
Procession to the Altar of Repose	<i>Sing My Tongue the Saviour’s Glory (Pange Lingua plainchant, organ accompaniment)</i>
Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Final 2 verses (Down in Adoration falling, etc. - plainchant, organ accompaniment)</i>
Keeping watch	<i>Concludes at 9:00pm</i>
Stripping of the Altar	<i>Priests & Sacristan</i>
<i>All depart in silence.</i>	

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