



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for Maundy Thursday (2nd April) 2026

As the priest enters the church, the following is sung:

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in Heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

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Words: Charles Wesley 1707 - 88
Music: Blauenwern
William Rowlands 1860 - 1937

+ The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: 'If you love me, keep My commandments. Unless I wash you, you have no part in me.' Let us confess to almighty God our sins against His love and ask Him to cleanse us.

Wash us thoroughly from our wickedness and cleanse us from our sins:
Kyrie eleison ... [Kyrie eleison..](#)

Create in us a clean heart, O Lord, and renew a right spirit within us:
Christe eleison ... [Christe eleison.](#)

Cast us not away from Your Presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from us: Kyrie eleison ... [Kyrie eleison.](#)

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Amen.](#)

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for He is our Salvation, our life and our Resurrection: though Him we are saved and made whole. May God have mercy on us and bless us: may He cause His face to shine upon us and have mercy on us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

We should glory &c

During the Gloria in excelsis, the Altar, the symbol of God's Presence, may be honoured with incense.

Glory be to God on high.

And in earth peace, goodwill towards men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee,

we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,

we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King,

God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right

hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord;

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high,

+ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Let us pray:

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 and the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages world without end.

Amen.

A Reading from the Book of the Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month they shall take every man a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household; and if the household is too small for a lamb, then a man and his neighbour next to his house shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old; you shall take it from the sheep or from the goats; and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs in the evening. Then they shall take some of the blood, and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat them. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. In this manner you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you, upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall fall upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as an ordinance for ever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

How shall I repay the Lord ♦ for all the benefits he has given to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation ♦ and call upon the name of the
Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord ♦ in the presence of all his people.

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Precious in the sight of the Lord ♦ is the death of his faithful servants.

O Lord, I am your servant, ♦ your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving ♦ and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord ♦ in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the house of the Lord, ♦ in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

A reading from the former Letter of Saint Paul to the Church in Corinth.

I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Praise to You, O Christ, King of eternal glory. I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord. Praise to You, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Christ's Presence in the words of the Gospel may be honoured with incense.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. And during supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper, laid aside his garments, and girded himself with a towel. Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded. He came to Simon Peter; and Peter said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not know now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part in me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but he is clean all over; and you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "You are not all clean." When he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

A homily may follow.

During the Pedilavium (Washing of feet):

A new commandment I give unto you: that ye love one another as I have loved you, saith the Lord.

Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way: and walk in the Law of the Lord.

A new commandment &c

Where charity and love are, there is God.

The love of Christ hath joined us in one. Let us rejoice and be glad in Him. Let us fear and let us love the living God. Let us love one another in sincerity of heart.

Where charity &c

When, therefore, we are joined together, let us not be divided in spirit. Let all malicious wrangling and contentions cease. And let Christ our God be in the midst of us.

Where charity &c

So may we with the blessed see for ever. In glory the light of Thy Countenance, Christ our God. Joy that is infinite and undefiled. For ever and ever, world without end. Amen.

Where charity &c

On the night before He died, Jesus gave us a new commandment to love one another; let us pray to the Father that through the Church and in all the world God may be found in love and charity:

Father, on this, the night when He was betrayed, Your Son Jesus Christ washed the disciples' feet. Strengthen the priests and people of Your Church in this ministry of love and service:

Lord, in Your mercy ... hear our prayer.

On this night, Christ prayed for His disciples to be one. Unite Your Church in her service of His Gospel:

Lord, in Your mercy ... hear our prayer.

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On this night, Christ prayed for those who were to believe through His message. Inspire Your Church in her mission to people throughout the world:

Lord, in Your mercy ... hear our prayer.

On this night, Christ commanded us to love, but suffered rejection Himself. We pray for all those who are rejected and unloved, for sad, the lonely, the anxious and the abused:

Lord, in Your mercy ... hear our prayer.

On this night, Christ prepared for His Death. Holy in Your love all who are dying and those who nurse and comfort them:

Lord, in Your mercy ... hear our prayer.

On this night, Christ began the walk that would take Him to the Cross. Receive into Your hands the souls of all who have died:

Lord, in Your mercy ... hear our prayer.

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine, and all the saints, we pray that by God's grace and through the eternal Sacrifice of Christ, we may come to love one another as you love us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Jesus says, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

As the bread and wine are brought to the Altar and prepared for the Mass, the following is sung:

When we are gathered together, let us take heed not to be divided in mind. Let there be an end to bitterness and quarrels, an end to strife; and in our midst be Christ our God.

Let us here who represent Cherubim guards around God's throne, As they cry out their thrice holy hymn, Praising the life-giving Trinity, Lay aside all earthly care. Borne by the power of angels' wings To His people now comes the King of kings. Miserere, miserere, miserere nobis!

The preparation of the Altar continues; incense may be used to honour the place where Christ will become present.

O Thou, Who at Thy Eucharist didst pray
That all Thy Church might be for ever one,
Grant us at every 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.

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.

We pray Thee, too, for wanderers 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.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
May we be one with all Thy Church above,
One with the saints in one unbroken peace,
One with Thy saints in one unbounded love:
More bless-ed still in peace and love to be
One with the Trinity in Unity.

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Words: William Turton 1856- 1938

Music: Song I

Orlando Gibbons 1583 - 1625

At the end:

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty. All that is in Heaven and earth is Thine:

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own do we give Thee.

Father, as we spread this table to remember the loving Sacrifice of Jesus Christ, Your Son, accept our offering this night, bind us in His love and in the love that He has commanded us to bring one another, we ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The priest begins the great prayer of thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

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 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.

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 Apostles
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.

The priest holds up the consecrated Host for the people to see.

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.

The priest holds up the chalice of consecrated wine for the people to see.

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.

Lord, by Your Cross and Resurrection, You have set us free; You are
the Saviour of the world.

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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 [*N and*] all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
By Whom and with Whom and in Whom,
Amen,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
Amen,
all honour and glory are Yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Let us ask God to forgive us our sins and bring us to forgive those who
sin against us:
Our Father,
Who art in Heaven,
hallowed by 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.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

The priest holds up the consecrated elements and invites people to receive Holy Communion:

+ Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him, Who takes away the sin of the world; happy are they who are called to His Supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive You; but only say the Word and my soul will be healed.

This Body is given for you. This is the Cup of the New Covenant in My Blood: wherever You receive them, so do in remembrance of Me.

Holy Communion follows.

And now, O Father, mindful of the love
That brought us, once for all, on Calvary's Tree,
And having with us Him that pleads above,
We here present, we here spread forth to Thee
That only Offering perfect in Thine eyes,
The one true, pure immortal Sacrifice.

Look, Father, look on His anointed face,
And only look on us as found in Him;
Look not on our misusings of Thy grace,
Our prayer so languid and our Faith so dim:
For lo! Between our sins and their reward
We set the pattern of Thy Son our Lord.

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And then for those, our dearest and our best,
By this prevailing presence we appeal;
O fold them closer to Thy mercy's breast,
O do Thine utmost for their souls' true weal:
From tainting mischief keep them white and clear,
And crown Thy gifts with strength to persevere.

And so we come; O draw us to Thy feet,
Most patient Saviour, Who canst love us still;
And by this Food, so awful and so sweet,
Deliver us from every touch of ill:
In Thine own service make us glad and free,
And grant us never more to part with Thee.

Words: William Bright 1824 - 1901

Music: Unde et Memores

WH Monk 1823 - 89

After Holy Communion:

Let us pray:

God our father, You have invited us to share in the Supper which Your Son gave to His Church to proclaim His Death until He comes: nourish us by His presence, and unite us in His love, Who is alive and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit; for ever and ever.

Amen.

As the Host is taken to the Altar of Repose:

Of the glorious Body telling,
O my tongue, its mysteries sing,
And the Blood, all price excelling,
Which the world's eternal King,
In a spotless womb once dwelling,
Shed for this world's ransoming.

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Given 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.

At the last great Supper lying
Circled by His chosen band,
Duly with the law complying,
First He finished its command,
Then, immortal food supplying,
Gave Himself by His own hand.

Word-made-flesh, by Word He maketh
Bread His very 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.

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.

Glory let us give, and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
Honour, might and praise addressing
While eternal ages run;
ever to His love confessing,
Who from Both with Both is One.

Words: S Thomas Aquinas 1227 - 74
Tr JM Neale 1818 - 66 and others
Music Pange Lingua

As the Altar is stripped:

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

MY God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me : and art so far from my health, 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 hoped in thee : they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

5 They called upon thee, and were holpen : 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, saying,

8 He trusted in God, that he would deliver him : let him deliver him, if he will have him.

9 But thou art he that took me out of my mother's 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 : fat bulls of Basan close me in on ev'ry 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 shalt bring 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 tell all my bones : | they stand staring and looking upon me.

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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 : my darling from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the lion's mouth : thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.

22 I will declare thy Name unto my brethren : in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

23 O praise the Lord, ye that fear him : magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel;

24 For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor : he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him.

25 My praise is of thee in the great congregation : my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied : they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever.

27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord : and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's : and he is the Governor among the people.

29 All such as be fat upon earth : have eaten and worshipped.

30 All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him : and no man hath quickened his own soul.

31 My seed shall serve him : they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.

32 They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness : unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

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