



MASS
OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Principal Celebrant
Cardinal Vincent Nichols
Archbishop of Westminster

Sung by members of the
Choir of Westminster Cathedral

MAUNDY THURSDAY

1 April 2021 6:00pm

ORDER OF MASS

MUSIC BEFORE MASS

Le banquet céleste
Olivier Messiaen (1908-92)

All stand at the sound of the Sacristy bell.

As the Cardinal moves to the Sanctuary the Choir sings:

INTROIT

Nos autem gloriári opórtet, in cruce Dómini nostri Iesu Christi: in quo est salus, víta, et resurréctio nostra: per quem salváti, et liberáti sumus.

Let our glory be in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; in him we have salvation, life and resurrection; through him we are rescued and set free.

Plainsong

Gal. 6, 14; Ps. 66

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Cardinal: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, ✠
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Peace be with you.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Cardinal: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

KYRIE

Kýrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*Mass for three voices
William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)*

GLORIA

The Cardinal intones:

Glória in excélsis Deo.
Glory to God in the highest.

Bells are rung and the Grand Organ sounds. These then remain silent until the Gloria is sung once more at the Easter Vigil in celebration of Christ's Resurrection.

All sit as the Choir continues:

et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Dómine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Dómine Fili unigénite, Iesu Christe, Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis; qui tollis peccáta mundi, súscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserére nobis. Quóniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dóminus, tu solus Altíssimus, Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spíritu: in glória Dei Patris. Amen.

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.

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William Byrd*

All stand.

COLLECT

Cardinal:

Let us pray.
O God, who have called us to participate
in this most sacred Supper,
in which your Only Begotten Son,
when about to hand himself over to death,
entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity,
the banquet of his love,
grant, we pray,
that we may draw from so great a mystery,
the fullness of charity and of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever:
Amen.

All sit.

THE 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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
115:12-13, 15-18 ℟ | Cor 10:16

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

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| 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 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 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.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Psalm 144:15

Oculi ómnium in te sperant, Dómine: et tu das illis escam
in témpore opportúno.

*The eyes of all look towards you in hope, O Lord; and you give
them their food in due season.*

All stand.

GOSPEL
John 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 copy what I have done to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit.

HOMILY
The Archbishop of Westminster

All remain seated after the Homily.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

During the preparation of the offerings the choir sings:

OFFERTORY MOTET

Sicut modo geniti infantes rationabiles, et sine dolo concupiscite, ut in eo crescatis in salutem. Si tamen gustastis, quoniam dulcis est Dominus.

You must be born again as newborn children, but with knowledge, seek your milk without guile that therein you may grow in health. And having once tasted thereof, you will see how sweet is the Lord.

Dietrich Buxtehude (c.1637-1707)

All stand.

Cardinal: Pray, brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Cardinal: Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that we may participate worthily in these mysteries,
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated
the work of our redemption is accomplished.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PREFACE I OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST
The Sacrifice and the Sacrament of Christ

Cardinal: The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father; almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

For he is the true and eternal Priest,
who instituted the pattern of an everlasting sacrifice
and was the first to offer himself as the saving Victim,
commanding us to make this offering as his memorial.
As we eat his flesh that was sacrificed for us,
we are made strong,
and as we drink his Blood that was poured out for us,
we are washed clean.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,
with Thrones and Dominions,
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,
we sing the hymn of your glory,
as without end we acclaim:

SANCTUS

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All kneel.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Cardinal: The mystery of faith.

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

DOXOLOGY

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

All stand.

COMMUNION RITE

Cardinal: At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Cardinal: Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

AGNUS DEI I

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

All kneel.

Cardinal: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

The Cardinal displays the Body and Blood of Christ to all gathered, prior to approaching Holy Communion.

Cardinal: The Body of Christ.
Amen.
The Blood of Christ.
Amen.

Please follow the instructions of the stewards for Holy Communion. Please remove your face covering before reaching the Priest, receive Holy Communion in front of the Priest and then replace your face covering before returning to your place via the side aisles.

Those who are not Roman Catholic or do not wish to receive Holy Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest to indicate to the Priest that you wish to receive a blessing.

AGNUS DEI II

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Hoc corpus, quod pro vobis tradétur: hic calix novi testaménti est in meo ságuine, dicit Dóminus: hoc fácite, quotiescúmque súmitis in meam commemoratiónem.

'This is my body which is given up for you; this is the cup of the new covenant in my blood,' says the Lord. 'Each time that you partake thereof, do it in memory of me.'

Plainsong

1 Cor. 11, 24. 25

All stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Cardinal: Let us pray.
Grant, almighty God,
that, just as we are renewed
by the Supper of your Son in this present age,
so we may enjoy his banquet for all eternity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

All kneel as the Cardinal prays in silence before the Blessed Sacrament.

All stand with the Cardinal.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Cardinal: The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
Go forth, the Mass is ended.
Thanks be to God.

The Clergy leave in silence.

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