



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
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Sundays 7 am Eucharist (*said*) † 8.45 am Eucharist (*sung*)
Weekdays 7 am to 6 pm for a time of quiet prayer and reflection

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday

*“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another:
just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. “*

John 13: 34



Choral Eucharist
with foot washing and stripping of altar
Thursday 2nd April 2026 • 6.30 pm

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

We are the mother church of the Diocese of Bombay in the Church of North India, a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion. For over 300 years, the people of St. Thomas' Cathedral have sought to be a body through which the light of Christ is seen, his life is shared, and his work is done.

The basis for our worship is the *Book of Common Prayer*, our common liturgical heritage with Anglicans across the world (all churches descended from the Church of England). We are rooted in tradition but celebrate the richness and diversity of the Communion. Music and hymnody represent the best of the Anglican choral tradition.

*Follow the readings and the Order of Service for the Lord's Supper in **The Book of Common Prayer** (refer page numbers). Hymns can be found in **The English Hymnal**.*



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MAUNDY THURSDAY

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.

Maundy Thursday 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.

This service begins with a festal character as we remember the joy of the love and service which Jesus lived and taught and the institution of the Holy Eucharist. The service closes with solemnity as we turn our attention toward the agony in the garden of Gethsemane, and the betrayal leading Jesus to 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.

Order of Service

The congregation is asked to join in all text printed in **bold**.

The Gathering

Voluntary

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, BWV 618
(O Lamb of God most stainless) - Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685 - 1750

Prelude on 'Let us break bread together' - Charles Callahan, 1951 - 2023

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

Richard Gillard (b. 1953)

All stand and face the West Door

Opening Sentences

Presbyter

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

All

**By this shall all men know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.**

Blessed be the God of our salvation:

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

All join in singing the hymn

Entry Hymn | # 471

Praise to the holiest

Tune: GERONTIUS

Please be seated

The Presbyter says

In the name of the † Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

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

All and also with you.

All say

The Collect for Purity| **page 260**

Prayers of Penitence & Absolution

The Presbyter invites the people to confess their sins

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.

Silence is kept

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Presbyter 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.

All **Amen.**

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 288**

Please be seated

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for Maundy Thursday | **page 398**

Read by the Presbyter

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Old Testament Reading | **page 399**

Exodus 12:1 - 11

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

At the conclusion of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Repeat the response after the Cantors

Psalm

116: 1, 10 - 17

Response **Gracious is the Lord and righteous.**

Cantors

I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication;
because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.
How shall I repay the Lord
for all the benefits he has given to me?

Response

Gracious is the Lord and righteous.
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.

Response **Gracious is the Lord and righteous.**

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.

Response **Gracious is the Lord and righteous.**

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. Alleluia.

Response **Gracious is the Lord and righteous.**

The Epistle | **page 400**

1 Corinthians 11:17 - 34

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

At the conclusion of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All stand and join in singing

My God, and is Thy table spread

Gradual Hymn # 320

Tune: ROCKINGHAM (# 107)

*Remain standing for the Gospel
as the cantor sings and we respond*

The Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ King of eternal glory.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:

Love one another as I have loved you.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ King of eternal glory.

The Gospel of Christ

St. John 13. 1:17, 31b - 35

The Gospeller The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

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.

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.'

The Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
All **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

All sing

**A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all know that you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another.**

Words: John 13: 34, 35

Remain standing for the Creed, all reciting together

The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

Please be seated

Homily

The Revd Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

The Washing of Feet

*Those whose feet are being washed
are requested to come up to the chancel steps*

During this time the choir sings

In the heart where love is abiding, God is in that heart.
And the love of Christ has made us all of one heart.
Then with joyful and with glad hearts let us thank Him.
Let us fear God and remember all His goodness.
Let us love each other with a pure and clean heart.

In the heart where love is abiding, God is in that heart.
May no quarrelling or dispute come between us.
Let us see your face, O Lord Christ, now among us.
Let us sing with all the angels praise to Jesus.

In a song of joy that wells up from a clean heart.
In the heart where love is abiding, God is in that heart. Amen.

Words: Paul Wigmore (b. 1925)

*Music: Traditional plainsong melody
from the Latin liturgy for Maundy Thursday,
arr. Barnard (b. 1948)*

The Presbyter says

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace.

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let
your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Members of the congregation greet one another.
Remain standing to sing the offertory hymn.*

*At this time the altar is set with the gifts of bread and wine and the
gifts of the people are gathered and presented. Thank you for your generosity.*

All join in singing

Hymn at the Offertory | # 324

O Thou who at thy Eucharist didst pray

Tune: UNDE ET MEMORES

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All say

Offertory Prayer | page 270

Kneel as able or sit

Intercessor

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father through Christ the Saviour of the world.

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.

Lord, hear us

All

and humble us.

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one.

We pray for the unity of your Church.

Lord, hear us

and unite us.

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message.

We pray for the mission of your Church.

Lord, hear us

and renew our zeal.

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself.

We pray for the rejected and unloved.

Lord, hear us

and fill us with your love.

On this night, he reminded his disciples that if the world hated them it hated him first.

We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, hear us

and give us your peace.

On this night, he accepted the cup of death and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom.

We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ. Lord, hear us

and welcome all your children into paradise.

The Consecration
& Proper Preface | *pages 277, 279*

Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion.

During the administration of Communion, the choristers sing

<i>Panis angelicus</i>	Holy angelic bread.
<i>Fit panis hominum</i>	Bread whereby we are fed.
<i>Dat panis coelicus</i>	Heavenly Bread of Life,
<i>Figuris terminum</i>	Love's perfect sacrifice.
<i>O res mirabilis</i>	Unworthy though we be,
<i>Manducat dominum</i>	Christ has become our feast:
<i>Pauper, pauper</i>	Holy, Holy,
<i>Servus et humilis</i>	Holy this mystery.

Words: St. Thomas Aquinas, 1225 - 1274

Music: César Franck, 1822 - 1890

While seated, we all sing

- 1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees;
when I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**
- 2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees;
when I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**
- 3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees;
when I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Spiritual

Prayer after Communion

All stand and say

**Lord Jesus Christ,
we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament
you have given us the memorial of your passion:
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries
of your body and blood
that we may know within ourselves
and show forth in our lives
the fruit of your redemption,
for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.
Amen.**

If you would like to leave, please do so quietly now

The Stripping of the Altar

*The Altar is stripped and the lights are extinguished.
These verses from Lamentations are read.*

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people!
How like a widow she has become,
she that was great among the nations!
She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her.

All Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

All who pass along the way clap their hands at you;
they hiss and wag their heads at daughter Jerusalem;
'Is this the city that was called the perfection of beauty,
the joy of all the earth?'
The thought of my affliction and homelessness is wormwood and gall.

All Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore I will hope in Him.'
The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul that seeks Him.

All Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

The Gethsemane Narrative (Mark 14.32-50) is then read

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and Jesus said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.' He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.' So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.' All of them deserted him and fled.

While seated, all sing

**Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.**

Taizé chant by Jacques Berthier

The choir and clergy scatter, leaving in silence

The End of the Watch

The Presbyter says

In the darkness of this hour, we cry to the Lord;
in the prison of our despair, we take refuge in his mercy;
in the silence of our hearts, we yearn for his presence.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said:

‘Father, the hour has come;

glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you.’ John 17.1

Christ was obedient unto death. Go now in his peace.

All depart in silence



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