

LICHFIELD
• CATHEDRAL •



Maundy Thursday

Eucharist of the Last Supper

17th April 2025 - 19:00

President

The Revd. Canon Andrew Stead - *Precentor*

Preacher

The Rt Revd. Graham James



WELCOME TO LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL

Welcome to this service whether you are worshipping in the Cathedral or on line. It is good that we can come together to offer our Eucharist, our offering of praise and thanksgiving to almighty God. This evening we gather around the Lord's table as he did with his disciples in the Upper Room. We experience the drama of the washing of the feet and hear his command to love one another as he has loved us. We share in bread and wine, his body and his blood, and then we follow him as we move from the Cathedral Nave to the Garden of Repose set up for us in the Lady Chapel. We respond to his invitation to watch and pray with him and we contemplate his agony in the garden. Dramatically and liturgically the altars are stripped of their hanging and the furnishings are removed as we set the scene as we follow Our Lord on his journey to the cross.

Safety

Please always follow any directions given in how we need to move around the Cathedral. In the unlikely event of an emergency, please remain quiet and respond calmly and promptly to the directions of the Vergers.

Spiritual Communion

While some cannot, for a number of reasons, come to Church to receive their communion in person we continue to incorporate the Spiritual Communion within our worship at the point of the distribution.

Receiving Communion

People will be able to choose whether they wish or not to receive their Holy Communion in the form of wine as well as bread. If you take the chalice, please help the person giving the chalice by guiding the cup to your lips. People are also reminded that we do not allow intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) at the Cathedral. Please follow the instructions given by the Stewards who will direct you to a communion station. Gluten-free bread will be available at each station.

Offerings

Your gifts are vital in sustaining our mission and worship. A collection will be taken by the Stewards during the offertory hymn. Please do Gift Aid your donation if you are a UK taxpayer by completing the required details on the envelopes provided. There are electronic giving points where you can tap a debit or credit card; if you need assistance with these devices, please do ask steward or verger. You can also scan this QR code or visit www.lichfield-cathedral.org/donate to donate online.



Music

The organ is played by the Assistant Director of Music, Martyn Rawles, and the service will be sung by the Cathedral Choir, conducted by the Director of Music, Ben Lamb. The setting is Messe Solennelle by Jean Langlais (1907-1991).

Posture

The order of service indicates whether to sit or stand, however please feel free to adopt the posture that you feel most comfortable with.

Preparation before the Service

In the time leading up to the start of the service you are invited to keep this as a period of quiet reflection and preparation for worship. You might find the following prayer useful:

*God our Father,
your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end
and drank the cup prepared for him:
may we who share his table
watch with him through the night of suffering
and be faithful. Amen.*

*Please join in whatever is printed in **bold type**.*

Stand, if you able, as the hymn is sung and the procession moves through the Cathedral.

THE GATHERING

INTROIT HYMN 130 *O Waly Waly*

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| <p>1. 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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |

Remain standing

THE GREETING

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

*The President offers words of welcome and then invites the people
to make their Confession, saying*

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

Have mercy on us, O God, in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion blot out our offences.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Against you only have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean;
wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father forgive you by the death of his Son
and strengthen you to live in the power of the spirit all your days. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (*choir*)

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
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.*

Remain standing

THE COLLECT

Let us pray that we may love one another as Christ has loved us.

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:
may he 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,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit

FIRST READING Exodus 12.1-14

A reading from the book Exodus.

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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

TRACT HYMN 134

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Benjamin Lamb b.1974

The musical notation consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a dotted quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, and a dotted half note F3. The second staff continues with a quarter rest, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a dotted quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, and a whole note G3. The third staff begins with a quarter rest, a quarter note G4 with a sharp sign (F#4), a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a dotted quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, and a dotted half note F3. The fourth staff continues with a quarter rest, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a dotted quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, and a whole note G3. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

**This is the night, dear friends, the night for weeping,
when powers of darkness overcome the day,
the night the faithful mourn the weight of evil
whereby our sins the Son of Man betray.**

**This night the traitor, wolf within the sheepfold,
betrays himself into his victim's will;
the Lamb of God for sacrifice preparing,
sin brings about the cure for sin's own ill.**

Choir only This night Christ institutes his holy supper,
blest food and drink for heart and soul and mind;
this night injustice joins its hand to treason's,
and buys the ransom-price of humankind.

**This night the Lord by slaves shall be arrested,
he who destroys our slavery to sin;
accused of crime, to criminals be given,
that judgement on the righteous Judge begin.**

**O make us sharers, Saviour, of your Passion,
that we may share your glory that shall be;
let us pass through these three dark nights of sorrow
to Easter's laughter and its liberty.**

Latin, Peter Abelard 1079-1142. *tr.* Richard Sturch *b.*1936

Sit

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 11.23-26

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Beloved: I have 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL TRACT

Stand

The choir sings the following, which the people repeat.



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:
Love one another as I have loved you.

All sing the response again.

Turn towards the reading of the Gospel in the middle of the Nave.

GOSPEL READING John 13.1-17, 31b-35

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, 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.

When he had gone out, 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY – *The Rt Revd Graham James*

Sit

FOOTWASHING *during which the choir sings*

MOTET *Ubi caritas — Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)*

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.

After the motet, two readers speak this dialogue

During Supper the Lord Jesus 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, saying:

"I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."

'Lord, do you wash my feet?'

Jesus said to Simon Peter,

"If I do not wash your feet, you can have no part with me."

So Jesus came to Simon Peter, who said to him:

'Lord, do you wash my feet?'

"Now you do not know what I am doing but later you will understand."

'Lord, do you wash my feet?'

"If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet you also ought to wash one another's feet."

"Now you do not know what I am doing but later you will understand."

'Lord, do you wash my feet?'

"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 shall know that you are my disciples - if you have love for one another."

Faith, hope and love abide, these three;
And the greatest of these is love.

The choir reprises Ubi Caritas

The President puts on the Chasuble and then 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sit

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 **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.**

Silence is kept

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

Stand

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.

The Deacon of the Gospel says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace with their neighbour

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

*During the following the altar is prepared and a **collection** is taken to support the mission and ministry of the Cathedral. Please give as generously as you are able and, if you are a UK taxpayer, use the GiftAid envelopes provided.*

OFFERTORY HYMN 326 *Wareham*

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| <p>1. The heavenly Word, proceeding forth
yet leaving not the Father's side,
accomplishing his work on earth
had reached at length life's eventide.</p> | <p>4. By birth their fellow-man was he,
their meat, when sitting at the board;
he died, their ransom to be;
he ever reigns, their great reward.</p> |
| <p>2. By false disciple to be given
to foemen for his life athirst,
himself, the very bread of heaven,
he gave to his disciples first.</p> | <p>5. O Saving Victim, opening wide
the gate of heaven to man below,
our foes press on from every side:
thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.</p> |
| <p>3. He gave himself in either kind,
his precious flesh, his precious blood;
in love's own fullness thus designed
of the whole man to be the food.</p> | <p>6. 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.</p> |

St Thomas Aquinas 1227-1274,
tr. John M. Neale, Edward Caswall and others

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

At the Eucharist we are with our crucified and risen Lord.
We know that it was not only our ancestors,
but we who were redeemed
and brought forth from bondage to freedom,
from mourning to feasting.

We know that as he was with them in the upper room
so our Lord is here with us now.

**Until the kingdom of God comes,
let us celebrate this feast.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,
you bring forth bread from the earth.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,
you create the fruit of the vine.
Blessed be God for ever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Remain standing



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (*choir*)

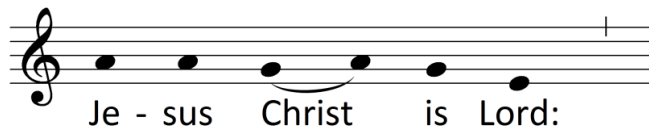
*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

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 friends
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.

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.

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 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 Blessed Mary the Virgin, Chad our Patron,
 and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory
 are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Sit



A moment of silence is shared

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered with our Lord in the upper room,
 let us pray as his disciples the prayer he taught us 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.
 For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The President receives Holy Communion and then leads the Spiritual Communion for those who are prevented from receiving their communion.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *(for those worshipping online)*

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Those of any Christian denomination who are accustomed to receiving Holy Communion in their own churches are invited to do so here. Please follow the directions given by the Stewards who will indicate which communion station you should go to. If you do not normally receive communion, please do come forward to receive a prayer of blessing. Gluten free hosts are available at each station for those who require them.

AGNUS DEI *(choir)*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us; grant us peace.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Stand

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.**

During the hymn the choir processes to their places in Quire.

The Blessed Sacrament is carried in procession to the Place of Repose, the people following the clergy as if to the Garden of Gethsemane.

HYMN 316 *Pange Lingua*

**1. Now, my tongue, the mystery telling
of the glorious body sing,
and the blood, all price excelling,
which the Gentiles' Lord and King,
in a Virgin's womb once dwelling,
shed for this world's ransoming.**

**2. Given for us, and condescending
to be born for us below,
he, with us in converse blending,
dwelt the seed of truth to sow,
till he closed with wondrous ending
his most patient life of woe.**

**3. That last night, at supper lying,
'mid the Twelve, his chosen band,
Jesus, with the law complying,
keeps the feast its rites demand;
then, more precious food supplying,
gives himself with his own hand.**

**4. Word-made-flesh, true bread he maketh
by his word his flesh to be,
wine his blood; which whoso taketh
must from carnal thoughts be free:
faith alone, though sight forsaketh,
shows true hearts the mystery.**

All may kneel as the Sacrament is censed in the Place of Repose and the hymn concludes

**5. 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 our inward vision clear.**

**6. Glory let us give and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
honour, might, and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing
who from both with both is One.
Amen.**

St Thomas Aquinas 1227-1274 *tr.* J M Neale 1818-1886 and Edward Caswall 1814-1878

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday contains no formal dismissal, reproducing the abandonment and uncertainty experienced by the disciples on the first Maundy Thursday night. You are invited either to pray now at the place of repose, or depart in silence (perhaps to return later – the Cathedral will close at 2200) or to choose some other part of the building in which to watch in silent prayer.

If you wish to see the Stripping of the altars, then you should move from the Lady Chapel to the Presbytery following the clergy as they leave.

Please maintain the absolute silence whilst the altars are stripped and the choir sings The Lamentations.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTARS

In an act which mirrors the gradual stripping away of the Lord's dignity and beauty and strength throughout the course of his Passion, the church building is stripped of all adornment. The one who 'did not cling to equality with God, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave' invites us to walk with him in the steps of his suffering, emptying ourselves so that we might be filled with the abundant life he longs to share with us.

As the altar tables and sanctuaries in the Nave and High Altar are stripped the choir sings

THE LAMENTATIONS OF JEREMIAH THE PROPHET

Sir Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people!
how is she become as a widow! she that was great among the nations, and
princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary!

She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks:
among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her:
The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn assembly; all
her gates are desolate, and she is in bitterness.
The Lord hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions:
her children are gone into captivity before the enemy.

All they that pass by clap their hands at her;
they hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem,
saying, is this the city that men call the perfection of beauty,
the joy of the whole earth?

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return unto the Lord thy God.

For these things I weep: mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water.
From on high hath the Lord sent fire into my bones,
and it prevaieth against them:
he hath made me desolate and faint all the day.
My flesh and my skin hath he made old; he hath broken my bones.
He hath builded against me; and compassed me with gall and travail.
He hath made me to dwell in dark places:
as those that have been long dead.
I am become a derision to all my people: and their song all the day.
Let him give his cheek to him that smiteth him:
let him be filled full with reproach.
Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by:
behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.
Remember mine affliction and my misery:
the worm-wood and the gall.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return unto the Lord thy God.

Remember O Lord, what is come upon us: behold and see our reproach.
The joy of our heart is ceased: our dance is turned into mourning.
The crown is fallen from our head: woe unto us, for we have sinned.
For this our heart is faint: for these things our eyes are dim:
Let us search and try our ways: and turn again unto the Lord.
Turn thou us unto thee O Lord, and we shall be turned:
renew our days as of old.

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed:
because his compassions fail not.
They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.
The Lord is my portion, saith my soul: therefore will I hope in him.
O Lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul: thou hast redeemed my life.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return unto the Lord thy God.

The choir departs in complete silence and without ceremony.

***After this evening's Liturgy,
please maintain absolute silence in the church.***

*The worship of these three great days continues tomorrow
as we reassemble for the Liturgy of Good Friday.*

12:00 The Liturgy of Good Friday

12:00 The Rite of Preparation

12:45 The Liturgy of the Passion

13:30 The Proclamation of the Cross

14:15 Prayers of Intercession and Liturgy of the Sacrament

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