

An Agape Meal of the Last Supper - Maundy Thursday 2024

Gathering Together

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.

Song:

*I will sing a song of love, to the one who first loved me,
And I'll sing it as a child of God who is named and known and free.
For the love of God is good, it is broad and deep and long,
And above all else that matters God is worthy of my song.*

And I will not sing alone, but with earth and sky and sea,
For creation raised its voice well in advance of me.

I will sing

And I'll sing for what is right and against all that is wrong,
Because God is never neutral who inspires my song.

I will sing

As I bring to God my joy, So I'll bring to God my pain,
For there is no hurt which God requires me to retain.

I will sing

While my life on earth still runs, may my song to God be given,
Till through grace I join the harmony of all in heaven.

I will sing



Reading: John 13. 1-17

The Washing of Feet: *As Christ washed the feet of his friends, so we wash each other's feet. It is for us a sign of Christian service and humility, of our need to receive as well as to serve. It is also a sign of our cleansing through Christ and us such is, tonight, both confession and absolution.*

Song during the washing:

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.

We are pilgrims on a journey, Fellow travelers on the road;
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

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.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.



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.

Prayer

Lord, you humble yourself, you bow down like a servant.
You give yourself away for us. Teach us to learn from you how to love,
How to hold nothing back, how to give ourselves.
Fill us with your Spirit of loving and serving
all our brothers and sisters sincerely, without counting the cost.

Motet: *Panis Angelicus* by Franck

The Peace

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Sharing in Love
the Food That Has Been Set Before us.

We move to the refectory to share the food we have brought.

*Please try and sit with someone you don't know too well, as well
as with your usual group of friends.*

Sung Grace: *the choristers wrote this grace during lockdown.*

Receiving Christ's Gift for Us

Reading Matthew 26.26-29

*We share broken bread and wine
outpoured and as we pass it around we
sing:*

Song:

*Broken for me, broken for you,
the body of Jesus broken for you.*

He offered His body, He poured out His soul,
Jesus was broken that we might be whole:
Broken for me....

Come to My table and with Me dine,
eat of My bread and drink of My wine:
Broken for me.....



This is My body given for you,
eat it remembering I died for you:
*Broken for me, broken for you,
the body of Jesus, broken for you.*

This is My blood I shed for you,
for your forgiveness, making you new:
Broken for me....

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Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself
in taking the form of a servant,
And in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
Give us the courage to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King
To the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Reading John 13. 21-30

Going to Gethsemene with Christ

*The liturgy ends with a feeling of emptiness and impending doom.
We leave the table silently and move to the church where the
choristers sing Ave Verum Corpus by Elgar and we say together
the psalms of lament before we strip the church and clear away
the meal.*

*A silent vigil is kept in the church until midnight.
Come and go as you need.—bring a blanket etc*

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