

The Church of St James the Greater  
Leicester



## LITURGY OF THE LAST SUPPER

Maundy Thursday 2023

*Please stand as the choir and ministers enter in silence*

Jesus said 'A new commandment I give to you,  
that you love one another, as I have loved you.' John 13:34

HYMN 169 (T.622) omit verse 2

**Great God, your love has called us here**

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

*All* **and also with you.**

INVITATION TO CONFESS

*Kneel or sit*

*All* **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out from darkness  
to walk as the children of light. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

*Stand* GLORIA

*Darke in F*

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.**

Sit READING Exodus 12. 1 – 4 & 11 – 14 read by ?

Stand HYMN 165 organ introduction to first and last verses **An Upper Room**

GOSPEL John 13. 1 – 17, 31b-35

*At the end of the Gospel **the congregation sits.***

*The Priest carries a bowl of water and towel and goes into the nave.*

*There he washes the feet of twelve people – during which is sung::*

ANTHEM Ubi Caritas

*Durufié*

*The washing ends with this collect::*

Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of our brethren we do also for him: give us the will to be the servant of others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

*Kneel*

*or sit* INTERCESSIONS *begin with all singing:*

**○ Lord, hear my prayer, ○ Lord, hear my prayer;  
when I call answer me.**

**○ Lord, hear my prayer, ○ Lord, hear my prayer;  
come and listen to me.**

*- repeated after each petition.*

*Taizé*

All **Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

*Stand* THE PEACE

HYMN 455 **My God, and is thy table spread ...**

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.

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

The Lord is here

*All* **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (E)

SANCTUS

*Byrd*

*Kneel or sit*

... Christ is the bread of life.

*All* **When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim  
your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

In faith and trust we pray:

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*All* **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*Choir* AGNUS DEI

*Byrd*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

*All* **Jesus Christ is holy.  
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

REFRAIN SUNG DURING COMMUNION:

*All* **Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.**

*Taizé*

COMMUNION MOTET Greater Love

Ireland

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTARS

*Sit* PSALM 22.1 – 22 My God, my God... sung by the choir  
*During this psalm the coverings and ornaments are removed.*

*Priest* We now go – as if in the footsteps of Peter, James and John  
– to the place for keeping watch with Jesus.

HYMN 457 verses 1 to 4 **Now, my tongue the mystery telling**

*During this hymn the sacrament is taken to the Altar of Repose in the Lady Chapel and the choir leads the congregation into the Lady Chapel. When everyone is in or around the Chapel, the hymn continues:*

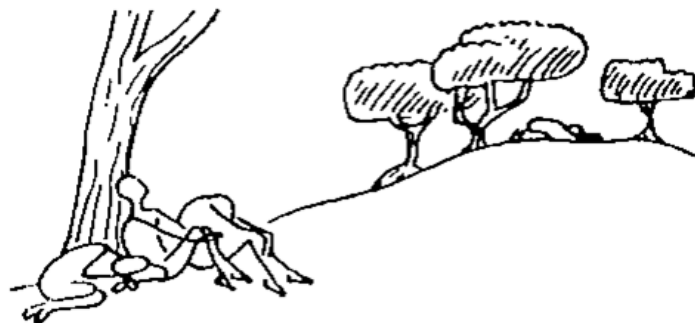
HYMN 457 continues verses 5 & 6 **Therefore we, before him**

THE WATCH

THE GOSPEL OF THE WATCH is read: Matthew 26: 36-41

*All sing* **Stay with me,  
remain here with me,  
watch and pray.  
Watch and pray.** *Sung repeatedly*

Taizé



*The choir eventually withdraws, as they continue to sing.*

*The congregation are invited to remain in the Chapel in silence for a time.*

*The Vigil will end at 10 pm.*

*When leaving the Church, please do so in silence.*