

Mass of the Lord's Supper

6 April 2023



St Mark's Parish

REFLECTION AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

Down in adoration falling
lo, the sacred host we hail;
lo, o'er ancient forms departing
newer rites of grace prevail,
faith, for all defects supplying
where the feeble senses fail.

To the everlasting Father
and the Son who reigns on high,
with the Holy Ghost proceeding
forth from each eternally
be salvation, honour, blessing,
might and endless majesty.

FEET AND BREAD:

NECESSITIES FOR THE JOURNEY

Jesus is the body language of God. He is Who God is living a fully human life. Stripped of his tunic with a towel girding his waist, his disciples could see his heart beating, divine energy pulsing into the world as menial service.

Our Lord knows who we really are, not our imaginary self-portrait, our face to the world, but who we are at ground level where our feet can be somewhat dirty and embarrassing. He wants to wash us clean, soothe and refresh us, so that we can better follow him on the Way.

And he commands us, if we purport to be his followers, to wash and soothe and refresh the feet of others so they may better journey through life. Pope Francis memorably did this by washing the feet of prisoners, two of whom were women, one of whom was Muslim. Can we doubt that this helped their rehabilitation?

The further gift of the Last Supper, recorded in the other gospels, is the food necessary to nourish and sustain us on our journey. The Risen Lord in his glorified body enters into the most intimate communion with our bodies down to our very toes.

We could take a moment to pray that we might, like Pope Francis, be the presence of the serving, soothing, refreshing God in the lives of those who need us, setting their feet on the path to a happier and fuller life.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

May these special days of Holy Week - the centre of our Church's liturgical year- be for you and those you love, times to live 'purely from within'.

May we move with Christ from the Last Supper, through the sadness and desolation of Good Friday, the waiting hopefully of Holy Saturday to the joy, hope and promise of Easter that nobody or anything can take away from us because we have faith that God brings life out of death

by the
'power of him who loved us'

Easter at St Mark's

GOOD FRIDAY: 7 April 2023

9:30am Morning Prayer (*Lauds*)

10:00am Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord



HOLY SATURDAY: 8 April 2023

9:30am Morning Prayer (*Lauds*)

No Morning Mass

7:00pm Easter Vigil



EASTER SUNDAY: 9 April 2023

8:00am Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

10:00am Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

6:00pm Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord



Please Depart
In Silence

Please depart in silence to gather
again in silence at the 3:00pm
Good Friday: Celebration of the
Lord's Passion.

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Entrance Antiphon Cf. Gal 6:14

(All) We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
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.

First Reading

Exodus 12.1-8, 11-14

A reading from the book of Exodus.

These are the instructions for the Passover meal.

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. 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 judgments: 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.



Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 116. 12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (R.1 Cor 10.16)*
(R.) Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.

1. What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. O Lord, I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. **(R.)**
3. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.
As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Beloved:

I 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.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 13:34

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 13.1-15.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

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.

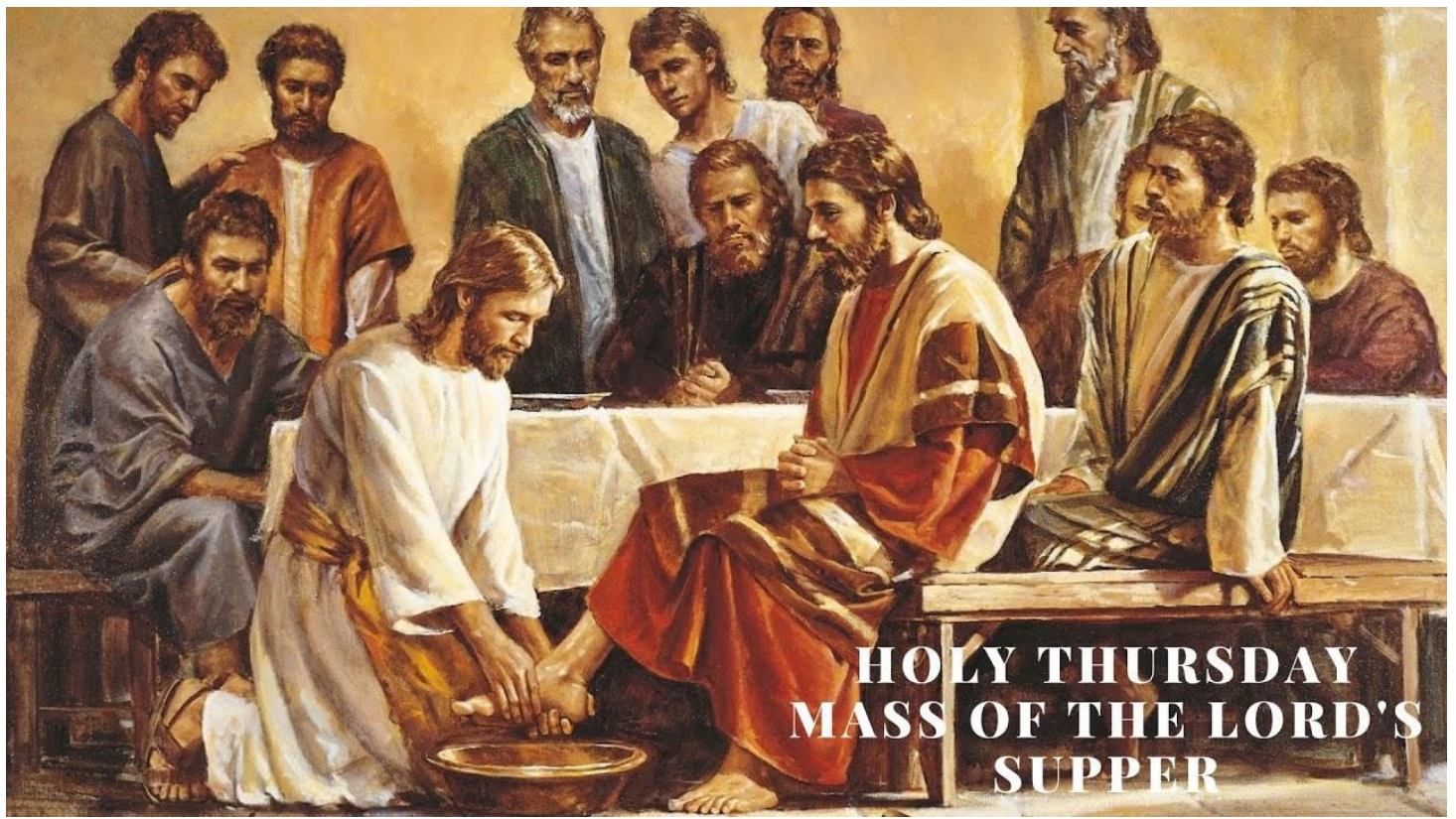
He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "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, put on his robe, and returned to the table, Jesus 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."

Homily Washing of Feet

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HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the Faithful

Leader: Brothers and sisters, gathered at the table of the Lord, let us make our prayers before God our Father.

Reader: Let us pray that our Holy Father Pope Francis and Archbishop Anthony will continue to lead us to a full understanding of the selfless love of Jesus Christ. *(pause)*
In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray that organisations who support the poor and needy will be strengthened in their works, carried out in Christ's name. *(pause)*
In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray that through the Eucharist, all who are gathered here will be drawn closer to Jesus Christ. *(pause)*

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray that members of our parish community will choose a life of service for others in charity and love. *(pause)*

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray that the sick will be shown mercy and gratitude, and that those who have died will live forever with Christ Jesus. *(pause)*

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: God our Father, in love we commemorate the last Supper of Christ. Hear our prayers and help us to be fully nourished by the Eucharist so we may remain steadfast in our prayer with Christ this night.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Communion Antiphon

1 Cor 11:24-25

(All) This is the Body that will be given up for you; this is the Chalice of the new covenant in my Blood, says the Lord; do this, whenever you receive it, in memory of me.

SERVANT OF ALL:

When Jesus washes the feet of his disciples, at one level he is simply observing one of the rules of hospitality. It was an obligation on a host to provide water for guests to wash the dust and dirt from their feet. Jesus goes one step further and actually washes their feet himself, in effect, he assumes the role of a household servant. Small acts of kindness and service for another person honour that person and demonstrate our respect for them. When we perform such acts we are being Christ-like ourselves but we are also acknowledging Christ's presence in the other.



HOLY THURSDAY

Vacant Church

The church – now without the Eucharist is truly empty. So the tabernacle light which is always lit and signifying Christ's presence – is extinguished, and the tabernacle door is left open, exposing the vacant space inside. The altar is stripped bare of its linens and candles, holy water is removed from the church's fonts and the sacraments are not celebrated until the Easter vigil. Like the first Christians bereft of Jesus and mourning the two days after the crucifixion, the church stands unadorned until the Easter vigil Mass on Saturday night. With the resurrection of Jesus, the church's joy is restored.

It is a tradition for us at St Mark's Church to have the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the Holy Thursday Liturgy so people can "sit and keep watch" as Jesus asked His apostles to do in the garden of Gethsemane. Immediately after the celebration of the Last Supper of the Lord until 10:00 pm.





HOLY THURSDAY



GOOD FRIDAY



HOLY SATURDAY



EASTER SUNDAY

Twelve Reasons from the Teachings of the Church for Wanting To Spend One Hour with Jesus In The Blessed Sacrament

1. You are greatly needed!

"The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic adoration." (Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Cenae*)

2. This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus.

"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love." (Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Cenae*)

3. Jesus is counting on you because the Eucharist is the center of life.

"Every member of the Church must be vigilant in seeing that the sacrament of love shall be at the center of the life of the people of God so that through all the manifestations of worship due him shall be given back 'love for love' and truly become the life of our souls." (Pope John Paul II, *Redeemer of Man*)

4. Your hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will repair for evils of the world and bring about peace on earth.

"Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus and ready to make reparation for the great evils of the world. Let your adoration never cease." (Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Cenae*)

5. Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because you are the most important person in the world to him! "Christ is reserved in our churches as the spiritual center of the heart of the community, the universal Church and all humanity, since within the veil of the species, Christ is contained, the invisible heart of the Church, the Redeemer of the world, the center of all hearts, by him all things are and of whom we exist." (Pope Paul IV, *Mysterium Fidei*)

6. Jesus wants you to do more than to go to mass on Sunday.

"Our communal worship at mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete." (Pope John Paul II, *Redeemer of Man*)

7. You grow spiritually with each moment you spend with Jesus!

"Our essential commitment in life is to preserve and advance constantly in Eucharistic life and Eucharistic piety and to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist." (Pope John Paul II, *Redeemer of Man*)

8. The best time you spend on earth is with Jesus, your Best Friend, in the Blessed Sacrament!

"How great is the value of conversation with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, for there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road of holiness!" (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*)

9. Just as you can't be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of his grace, his love, his peace.

"Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is, God with us, day and night, he is in our midst. He dwells with us full of grace and truth. He restores morality, nourishes virtue, consoles the afflicted, strengthens the weak." (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*)

10. If Jesus were actually visible in church, everyone would run to welcome him, but he remains hidden in the Sacred Host under the appearance of bread, because he is calling us to faith, that we may come to him in humility. "The Blessed Sacrament is the 'Living Heart' of each of our churches and it is our very sweet duty to honor and adore the Blessed Host, which our eyes see, the Incarnate Word, whom they cannot see." (Pope Paul VI, *Credo of the People of God*)

11. With transforming mercy, Jesus makes our heart one with his.

"He proposes his own example to those who come to him, that all may learn to be like himself, gentle and humble of heart, and to seek not their own interest but those of God." (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*)

12. If the Pope himself would give you a special invitation to visit him in the Vatican, this honor would be nothing in comparison to the honor and dignity that Jesus himself bestows upon you with the invitation of spending one hour with him in the Blessed Sacrament. "The divine Eucharist bestows upon the Christian people the incomparable dignity." (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*)

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St Mark's Church Hearing Loop installed

Parish Bulletin: we ask that you take home your bulletin, do not put it back for others or leave it on the pew for others to pick up.

Parish Priest: Fr Michael McLean PP
Priest in Residence: Fr Denis Minns OP
Pastoral Associate: Sr Antonia Nedu ISR
Chair Parish Pastoral Council: Ms Celine Cheng
School Principal: Mrs Melissa Lentini

Masks are recommended, thank you for social distancing, please respect the sacredness of our church and remember to turn off your phone during the Mass.

St Mark's Parish, Drummoyne acknowledges the Wangal people, one of 29 tribes of the Eora nation and the traditional custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them and for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

