



THE EUCHARIST OF THE LAST SUPPER

Maundy Thursday 2020

1930

Welcome to this service for Maundy Thursday (from *mandatum* – ‘commandment’) which contains a rich complex of themes to challenge, encourage and enrich our own discipleship:

- a new commandment: ‘Love one another as I have loved you’;
- humble Christian service: ‘For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you’;
- the institution of the Eucharist: ‘Do this in remembrance of me’;
- obedience and faithfulness through the agony of Gethsemane concluding with a vigil of prayer: ‘Could you not watch with me one hour?’

After the service there will be a video to watch with music sung by the Choirs of Portsmouth Cathedral with reflections and readings.

A Watch of Prayer will then continue until midnight.

This evening

The President and Preacher is the Dean.

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The Gathering

THE GREETING

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

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

The President introduces the service.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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 forgive us.

Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your loving-kindness:
and in your great compassion blot out our offences.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Against you only have we sinned:
and done what is evil in your sight.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Purge us from our sin and we shall be pure:
wash us and we shall be clean indeed.

Lord, have mercy.

All **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.

All **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

The Gloria is said together.

**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.**

THE COLLECT

President 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 and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

OLD TESTAMENT READING

A reading from the book of 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.

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.

(12.1-4,11-14)

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We say Psalm 116.

I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.

**Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord:

‘O Lord, I pray, save my life!’

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

**The Lord protects the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.**

Return, O my soul, to your rest,
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

**For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

I walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.

**I kept my faith, even when I said,
‘I am greatly afflicted’;**

I said in my consternation,
‘Everyone is a liar.’

**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,

**I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.**

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.

**O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.
You have loosed my bonds.**

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,**

in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

(11.23-26)

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.
I give you a new commandment, says the Lord.
Love one another as I have loved you.

All **Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

GOSPEL READING

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All 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.

'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.'

(13.1-17, 31b-35)

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

After the sermon, silence may be kept.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

All 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.

All Lord, hear us
and unite us.

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe
through their message.

We pray for the mission of your Church.

All Lord, hear us
and renew our zeal.

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

We pray for the rejected and unloved.

All Lord, hear us
and fill us with your love.

On this night, he reminded them

that if the world hated them it hated him first.

We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

All 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 all who have died in the peace of Christ.

All Lord, hear us
**and welcome all your children into paradise.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

THE PEACE

President Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid.'

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

President At this 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 with us now.

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

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

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

President The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

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.**

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:

All

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:
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.

All Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father,
calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Blessed Mary,
Thomas of Canterbury, and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

A time of silence may be kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

President Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

All **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

All We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

All **Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

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

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

All Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins 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.**

We hear the Cathedral Choir singing Ave verum Corpus by William Byrd.

Ave verum Corpus,
natum ex Maria Virgine,
vere passum,
immolatum in cruce
pro homine,
cuius latus perforatum
unda fluxit sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie,
O Jesu, fili Mariae, miserere mei.
Amen.

Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
who truly suffered,
was sacrificed on the cross
for humankind,
whose pierced side
flowed with blood:
be for us a foretaste
in the trial of death.
O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me.
Amen.

Words: Pope Innocent VI (d.1362)
Music: William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

President 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.

All **Amen.**

*A video compilation of music and reflection will follow the final prayer.
This first part of the Watch of Prayer may be found on the Portsmouth Cathedral
YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4zEN3h94eid7Gb-2Nvh0tw>*

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
set your passion, cross and death
between your judgement and our souls,
now and in the hour of our death.
Grant mercy and grace to the living, rest to the departed,
to your Church peace and concord
and to us sinners forgiveness, and everlasting life and glory;
for, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
you are alive and reign, God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The first part of the Watch continues on YouTube video.

The Cathedral Choir sings Ubi Caritas.

This is usually sung in the Cathedral on Maundy Thursday during the Footwashing.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum,
et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together in one. Let us exult, and rejoice in him. Let us fear and love the living God and with a sincere heart let us love one another.

*Words: Antiphon for Maundy Thursday.
Music: Ola Gjeilo (b.1978)*

READING

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.

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 judgment 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.

Words: Peter Abelard (1079-1142) tr. R. Sturch

The Choir sings.

Soul of Christ, be my sanctification;
Body of Christ, be my salvation;
Blood of Christ, fill all my veins;
water of Christ's side, wash out my stains.

Passion of Christ, my comfort be;
O good Jesus, listen to me;
in thy wounds I fain would hide;
ne'er to be parted from thy side.

Guard me, should the foe assail me;
call me when my life shall fail me;
bid me come to thee above,
with thy saints to sing thy love,
world without end. Amen.

*Words: Anima Christi tr. J. H. Newman (1801-1890)
Music: June Clark (1933-2018)*

The hymn Pange Lingua is sung to plainsong.

This is usually sung in the Cathedral as the Blessed Sacrament is carried in procession from the Nave, where the Maundy Thursday Eucharist was celebrated, to the Altar of Repose in St Thomas' Chapel for the Watch of Prayer.

Of the glorious body telling,
O my tongue, its mysteries sing,
and the blood, all price excelling,
which the world's eternal King,
in a spotless womb once dwelling,
shed for this world's ransoming.

Given for us, for us descending,
of a virgin to proceed,
man with man in converse blending,
scattered he the gospel seed.
till the sojourn drew to ending,
which he closed in wondrous deed.

At the last great supper lying
circled by his chosen band,
duly with the law complying,
first he finished its command,
then, immortal food supplying,
gave himself by his own hand.

Word-made-flesh, by word he maketh
bread his very flesh to be;
man in wine Christ's blood partaketh:
and if senses fail to see,
faith alone the true heart waketh
to behold the mystery.

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 the inward vision clear.

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.

*Words: Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274) tr. J.M. Neale (1818-1866)
Tune: Plainsong*

The Choir sings.

Adoro te devote, latens Deitas,
quæ sub his figuris vere latitas;
tibi se cor meum totum subjicit,
quia te contemplans totum deficit.

*O Godhead hid, devoutly I adore thee,
sho truly art within the forms before me;
to thee my heart I bow with bended knee,
as failing quite in contemplating thee.*

Visus, tactus, gustus in te fallitur,
sed auditu solo tuto creditur.
Credo quidquid dixit Dei Filius;
nil hoc verbo veritatis verius.

O memoriale mortis Domini!
Panis vivus, vitam præstans homini!
Præsta meæ menti de te vivere,
et te illi semper dulce sapere.

Pie Pelicane, Jesu Domine,
Me immundum munda tuo sanguine:
cujus una stilla salvum facere
totum mundum quit ab omni scelere.

Jesu, quem velatum nunc aspicio,
oro, fiat illud quod tam sitio:
ut te revelata cernens facie,
visu sim beatus tuæ gloriæ.
Amen.

*Sight, touch, taste in thee are each deceived;
the ear alone most safely is believed:
I believe all the Son of God has spoken,
than Truth's own word there is no truer token.*

*O thou Memorial of our Lord's own dying!
O Bread that living art and vivifying!
Make ever thou my soul on thee to live;
ever a taste of heavenly sweetness give.*

*O loving Pelican! O Jesu, Lord!
Unclean I am, but cleanse me in Thy Blood;
of which a single drop, for sinners spilt,
is ransom for a world's entire guilt.*

*Jesu! Whom for the present veil'd I see,
what I so thirst for, O vouchsafe to me:
that I may see thy countenance unfolding,
and may be blest thy glory in beholding.
Amen.*

*Words: Thomas Aquinas (13th century)
Music: Plainsong arr. David Price (b.1969)*

READING *from* Lo, the full final sacrifice

This is the text set by the composer Gerald Finzi. It is based on two poems by Richard Crashaw (which in turn were poetic translations of two of Thomas Aquinas' hymns)

Lo, the full, final Sacrifice on which all figures fix't their eyes:
the ransomed Isaac, and his ram; the Manna, and the Paschal Lamb.
Jesu, Master, just and true! Our Food, and faithful Shepherd too!
O let that love, which thus makes thee mix with our low mortality,
lift our lean souls and set us up, convictors of thine own full cup,
coheirs of saints, that so all may drink the same wine; and the same way;
nor change the pasture, but the place to feed of thee in thine own face.
O dear memorial of that death which lives still, and allows us breath!
Rich, royal food! Bountiful Bread! whose use denies us to the dead!
Live ever, Bread of loves, and be my life, my soul, my surer self to me.
Help, Lord, my faith, my hope increase; and fill my portion in thy peace.
Give love for life; nor let my days
grow, but in new powers to thy name and praise.

Rise, royal Sion! rise and sing
thy soul's kind Shepherd, thy heart's King.
Stretch all thy powers; call, if you can,
harps of heaven to hands of man.
This sovereign subject sits above the best ambition of thy love:
Lo, the Bread of Life, this day's triumphant text provokes thy praise.
The living and life-giving Bread, to the great twelve distributed
when Life, himself, at point to die of love, was his own legacy.
O soft self-wounding Pelican!
whose breast weeps balm for wounded man.
All this way bend thy benign flood
to a bleeding heart that gasps for blood;
that blood, whose least drops sovereign be
to wash my worlds of sins from me.
Come Love! Come Lord! and that long day
for which I languish, come away.
When this dry soul those eyes shall see,
and drink the unseal'd source of thee;
when glory's sun faith's shades shall chase,
and for thy veil give me thy face. Amen.

The hymn is sung.

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come, bow before him now
with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord
the Holy One, is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of Light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.**

**Be still for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him;
be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.**

Words: D. J. Evans (b.1957)
Tune: BE STILL

The organist plays.

Sospiri ('Sighs') – by Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

READING

Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord,
giving thyself to death whom thou hast slain.
For us thy wretched folk is any word,
who know that for our sins this is thy pain?
For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds, our deeds,
why must thou suffer torture for our sin?
Let our hearts suffer for thy passion, Lord,
that sheer compassion may thy mercy win.
This is the night of tears, the three days' space.
sorrow abiding of the eventide,
until the day break with the risen Christ,
and hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied.
So may our hearts have pity on thee, Lord,
that they may sharers of thy glory be;
heavy with weeping may the three days pass,
to win the laughter of thine Easter Day.

Words: Peter Abelard (1079-1142) tr. Helen Wadell

The organist plays.

Adagio – by Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

Psalm 22 is sung to plainsong.

In the Cathedral, this is usually sung as the altars are stripped and all furnishings and decoration is taken away, leaving the sanctuary empty and desolate.

My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me:
and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?
O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not:
and in the night-season also I take no rest.
And thou continuest holy: O thou worship of Israel.
Our fathers hoped in thee: they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.
They called upon thee, and were holpen:
they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.
But as for me, I am a worm, and no man:
a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.
All they that see me laugh me to scorn:
they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,
He trusted in God, that he would deliver him:
let him deliver him, if he will have him.
But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb:
thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.
I have been left unto thee ever since I was born:
thou art my God, even from my mother's womb.
O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand: and there is none to help me.
Many oxen are come about me: fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.
They gape upon me with their mouths: as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.
I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint:
my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.
My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums:
and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.
For many dogs are come about me:
and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.
They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones:
they stand staring and looking upon me.

They part my garments among them: and cast lots upon my vesture.
But be not thou far from me, O Lord:
 thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.
Deliver my soul from the sword: my darling from the power of the dog.
Save me from the lion's mouth:
 thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.
I will declare thy Name unto my brethren:
 in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
O praise the Lord, ye that fear him:
 magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel;
For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor:
 he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him.
My praise is of thee in the great congregation:
 my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied:
 they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever.
All the ends of the world shall remember themselves,
and be turned unto the Lord:
 and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.
For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the Governor among the people.
All such as be fat upon earth: have eaten and worshipped.
All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him:
 and no man hath quickened his own soul.
My seed shall serve him: they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.
They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness:
 unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

THE WATCH

The first part of the Gospel of the Watch is read.

(Mark 14.26-end)

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
And Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters; for it is written,
 "I will strike the shepherd,
 and the sheep will be scattered."
But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.'

Peter said to him, 'Even though all become deserters, I will not.'
Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' But he said vehemently, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And all of them said the same.

This marks the end of the first part of the Watch.

A Watch of silent prayer and meditation before the Blessed Sacrament will be livestreamed until midnight on the Portsmouth Cathedral Facebook Page. You do not need an account to join

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Please take part for as long as you like, or come and go as you wish.

Further parts of the Gospel of the Watch will be read during the Watch as follows:

At 2130:

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.

At 2200:

Jesus 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. A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

At 2230:

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, 'We heard him say, "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands."' ' But even on this point their testimony did not agree.

At 2300:

Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, 'Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?' But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, 'Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?' Jesus said, 'I am; and "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power", and "coming with the clouds of heaven."' '

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?' All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, 'Prophecy!' The guards also took him over and beat him.

At 2330:

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, 'You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.' But he denied it, saying, 'I do not know or understand what you are talking about.' And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed.

And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, 'This man is one of them.' But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, 'Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.' But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, 'I do not know this man you are talking about.' At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' And he broke down and wept.

At midnight, this prayer and final dismissal:

Eternal God,
in the cross of Jesus
we see the cost of our sin
and the depth of your love:
in humble hope and fear
may we place at his feet
all that we have and all that we are,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Christ was obedient unto death. Go in his peace.

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