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# SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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**HOLY WEEK  
SERVICE BOOKLET**

# Devotional Prayers

## *Before Service*

O Lord, open our Lips, that our mouths may proclaim your praise, and purify our hearts  
that we may worthily magnify your glorious Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Spirit of God, without Your presence our worship is in vain.  
May each one of us feel You near, may we be uplifted, may our worship be true, may we  
go from this place with Your presence in our hearts. Amen.

Lord God You are here, may we come to You with a mixture of humility and joy.  
May we feel Your nearness and learn from You. Amen.

Lord, it is not easy to be humble; but in this service we ask for humility, so that it is You  
who may be seen by each person here.  
May Your will be done. Amen.

## *Before a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist*

Cleanse us, O Lord, and keep us undefiled, that we may be numbered among those  
blessed ones, who, having washed their robes, and made them white in the Blood of the  
Lamb, stand before your throne, and serve you day and night in Your Temple. Amen.

Father in heaven, you have made us for yourself; our hearts are restless until they rest in  
you. Fulfill this longing through Jesus, the bread of life, so that we may witness to him  
who alone satisfies the hungers of the human family.

By the power of your Spirit lead us to the heavenly table where we may feast on the  
vision of your glory forever and ever. Amen.

## *After Celebration*

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament  
left us a memorial of your Passion:  
grant, we implore you,  
that we may so venerate  
the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood,  
as always to be conscious of the fruit of your Redemption.  
You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

## *After Service*

Grant, O Lord, that what we have sung with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and  
may always steadfastly fulfil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## **A message from the Dean**

Fáilte! On behalf of the chapter and parish I welcome you to Saint Mary's Cathedral, Limerick. You are very welcome, whether you are visiting for the first time or for the 1000th time! We share in worship which has been offered here for 850 years.

The journey from Palm Sunday to Easter Day could be described as a 'roller coaster' of emotions. We travel from the hosannas of Palm Sunday, through Christ's rejection, betrayal and death, to the joyful alleluias of Easter Day. It can be easy to jump from one Sunday to the next without fully experiencing the entire events of Holy Week.

I invite you to join us on that journey each evening as we hear the whole story with a very short reflection, in the context of a different liturgy each day at 7.30pm.

The Very Rev'd Niall J.W. Sloane,  
Dean.

## PALM SUNDAY - THE HOLY EUCHARIST



LITURGY OF THE PALMS: THE COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM  
Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you **And also with you.**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

*The people may hold up their palms while this prayer is said:*

Let us pray that God will bless these palms.

*Silence is kept.*

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, let these palms be for us signs of his victory; and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READING: ST MARK II: 1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

*A priest then says the following blessing.*

The Lord is here. **God's Spirit is with us.**

Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Let us go in peace. **Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

*During the procession into the building, all hold branches in their hands, Hymn 217 is sung.  
Those with palm branches proceed up the aisle to lay their palms at the foot of the cross.*

### Hymn

*All glory, laud and honour  
To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

1

Thou art the King of Israel,  
Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest  
The King and blessed One.  
*All glory, laud...*

4

To thee before thy passion  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To thee, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.  
*All glory, laud ...*

5

Thou didst accept their praises  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King:  
*All glory, laud...*

### NOTICES

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who, in your tender love towards the human race, sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: Grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

#### A PSALM

*PLEASE SIT*

#### THE EPISTLE: PHILIPPIANS 2: 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**This is the Word of the Lord.** Thanks be to God.

#### GRADUAL ANTHEM

#### THE READING OF THE PASSION

*PLEASE REMAIN SEATED*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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*Please kneel or sit*

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

## CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE [12]

### OFFERTORY HYMN 231

I

My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I, that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

2

He came from His blest throne  
salvation to bestow;  
but men made strange, and none  
the longed for Christ would know.  
But oh, my Friend, my Friend indeed,  
who at my need His life did spend!

3

Sometimes they strew His way,  
and His sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,  
and for His death they thirst and cry.

6

In life, no house, no home  
my Lord on earth might have;  
in death, no friendly tomb  
but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav'n was His home;  
but mine the tomb wherein He lay.

7

Here might I stay and sing—  
no story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like Thine.  
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.

## THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us **therefore let us celebrate the feast**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise: Through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who, for the redemption of the world, humbled himself to death on the cross; that, being lifted up from the earth, he might draw all people to himself: And so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing/saying:

*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!*

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image, male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us; he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again: On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, 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 when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for 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.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded:

**we remember his passion and death,  
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,  
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him: Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ

**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world. Happy 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 COMMUNION

#### THE GREAT SILENCE

#### GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

#### POST COMMUNION 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 mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

#### HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 238

1

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
hark, all the tribes 'Hosanna' cry!  
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road  
with palms and scattered garments  
strowed.

2

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
in lowly pomp ride on to die:  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

3

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
the angel armies of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.

4

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
the Father on his sapphire throne,  
awaits his own anointed Son.

5

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
in lowly pomp ride on to die:  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868) alt

#### THE BLESSING

Christ draw you to himself and grant that you find in his cross a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven and the blessing...

#### THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Postlude*



## FIG MONDAY – AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE



*Organ music before the service*

*Stand*

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Brethren, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist, steadfast in the faith.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. **Thanks be to God.**

O God, make speed to save us. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord. **The Lord's Name be praised.**

### PSALM 134

1 Behold now, praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord;  
2 Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of our God.  
3 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.  
4 The Lord that made heaven and earth give thee blessing out of Sion.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### READING

### ADDRESS

*Stand*

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.  
**For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.**

### HYMN 66

1	2
Before the ending of the day, Creator of the world, we pray That thou with wonted love wouldst keep Thy watch around us while we sleep.	O let no evil dreams be near, Or phantoms of the night appear; Our ghostly enemy restrain, Lest aught of sin our bodies stain.
3	
Almighty Father, hear our cry Through Jesus Christ our Lord most high, Who with the Holy Ghost and thee Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.	

Keep me as the apple of an eye.

**Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.**

Preserve us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping,  
**that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

## **NUNC DIMITTIS**

1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.

2 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

3 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Preserve us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping,  
**that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **MUSIC**

*Kneel*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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. Amen.**

Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers,  
**to be praised and glorified above all for ever;**

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**Let us praise him and magnify him for ever.**

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven  
**to be praised and glorified above all for ever.**

The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION**

**We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, That we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, Through our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, Forgive us all our sins, Deliver us from all evil, Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, And bring us to life everlasting; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The priest, when present, pronounces the absolution.*

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us  
**that thy people may rejoice in thee?**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us  
**and grant us thy salvation.**

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin.  
**O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

O Lord, hear our prayer  
**and let our cry come unto thee.**

Let us pray.

## **COLLECTS & PRAYERS**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy, but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of his cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we, who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Look down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness, and from the children of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **HYMN 691**

1  
Faithful vigil ended,  
watching, waiting cease:  
Master, grant your servant  
his discharge in peace.

2  
All your Spirit promised,  
all the Father willed,  
now these eyes behold it  
perfectly fulfilled.

3  
This your great deliverance  
sets your people free;  
Christ, their light, uplifted  
all the nations see.

4  
Christ, your people's glory!  
Watching, doubting cease:  
grant to us your servants  
our discharge in peace.

We will lay us down in peace and take our rest.

**For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.**

The Lord be with you  
**and with thy spirit.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Almighty and merciful Lord, bless and preserve us this night and for evermore. **Amen.**

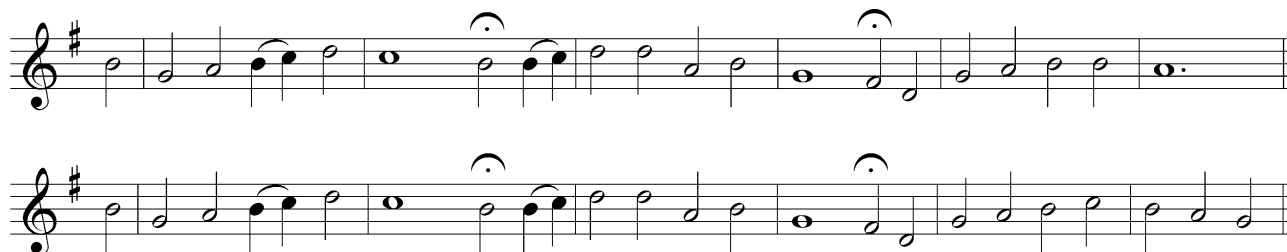
## TEMPLE TUESDAY – LATE EVENING OFFICE



*Organ music before the service*

### HYMN

INNSBRUCK (O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN)



1

The Day hath now an ending;  
O Light, all light transcending,  
Be with us as we pray;  
O Stay thou close beside us,  
Jesus our Saviour, hide us  
Until earth's shadows flee away.

2

And then, for all our nearest,  
Our friends beloved and dearest-  
God keep you in his sight!  
His angel-guards attend you,  
His sheltering arms defend you  
Till morning breaks with golden light.

Blessed be our God for all time, now and for evermore. **Amen.**

Glory to you, our God, glory be to you, Holy Spirit, Comforter, treasure of all goodness and giver of life, come and dwell in us, cleanse us from all sin, and in your love bring us to salvation.

**Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

### Psalm 134

1 Come, bless the Lord, all you | servants • of the | Lord, • you that by night | stand • in the  
| house of the | Lord.

2 Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary and | bless the | Lord. •

3 The Lord who made heaven and earth give you | blessing | out of | Zion.

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, • and | to the | Holy | Spirit; as it was in the  
be|ginning, is | now, • and shall be for | ever. |A|men.

### READING

### ADDRESS

NUNC DIMITTIS *The Song of Simeon*

- 1 Now, Lord, you let your servant | go in | peace: • your | word has | been fulfilled.  
2 My own eyes have | seen the • sal|vation • which you have prepared in the | sight of | every | people.  
3 A light to re|veal you • to the | nations • and the | glory • of your | people | Israel.  
Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, • and | to the | Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be|ginning, is | now, • and shall be for | ever. |A|men.

**PRAYER**

Let us pray to the Lord with all our heart and with all our soul. **Lord, have mercy.**

Let us pray for all Christian people, that they may live in love and truth.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Let us pray for all ministers of the Church, and for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Let us pray for peace throughout the world, and for all governments. **Lord, have mercy.**

Let us pray for our neighbours and for all our friends. **Lord, have mercy.**

Let us pray for those who hate us as we pray for those who love us. **Lord, have mercy.**

Let us pray for refugees and prisoners, and for all who are exposed to the dangers of travel.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Let us pray for all sick people, for the sorrowful and the dying. **Lord, have mercy.**

Let us pray for the abundance of the fruits of the earth, and that the poor and hungry may receive a just share. **Lord, have mercy.**

Let us remember our brothers and sisters who have entered into eternal rest.

**Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.**

Let us continue praying in silence

*Silence is kept. The leader brings this to an end saying*

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

**A COLLECT**

O God, who by the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer pain and loss for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

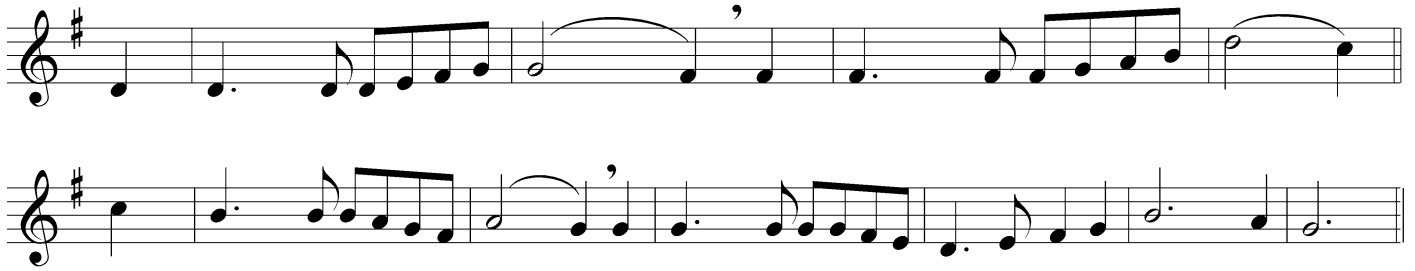
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory; for ever and ever. Amen.**

**COMMON COLLECT**

**Lord Almighty, come and scatter the darkness of our hearts by the light of your presence; that we may know you the Light of the world and the one true God, blessed this night and for evermore. Amen.**

## HYMN 592

ST MARGARET



1

O love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee:  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.

4

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee:  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
and from the ground there blossoms red  
life that shall endless be.

## BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, and to take up your cross and follow him: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## SPY WEDNESDAY -TENEBRAE



The service of worship tonight is taken from an early Christian service called Tenebrae. The name Tenebrae is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows." Tonight we will experience only a small portion of Christ's pain and suffering the day of His crucifixion. One of the most conspicuous features of the service is the gradual extinguishing of candles until only a single candle, considered a symbol of our Lord, remains. As it gets darker and darker we can reflect on the great emotional and physical pain that was very real for Jesus that evening. Toward the end of the service, the Christ candle is hidden, typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil over good. At the very end, a loud noise is made, symbolizing the earthquake at the time of his death and his resurrection. At the moment of the earthquake, the temple veil was torn apart, making the Holy of Holies exposed to public view. This is understood to represent God's change toward us with direct access to him, no longer requiring the ceremonial acts of the priests for our forgiveness of sin. The hidden candle is then restored to its place, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil. By this single light we all depart this service in silence.

### The Gathering

*(Church is dark. Two ceiling lights are very dim and are turned out at the point of reading of the John passage.)*

### HYMN 246

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
*Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;*  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**His mercy endures forever.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into this world, and we loved darkness rather than light.

**God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.**

For God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

**Every one that does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light. But all who do what is true come to the light.**

Come, let us worship in spirit and truth.



## READING

## ADDRESS

## MUSIC

### THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

The Lord be with you **And also with you.**

Most gracious God, look with mercy upon your family gathered here for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, given into sinful hands, and suffered death upon the cross. Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we enter the way of His passion; through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

*(all lights except the candles will be turned off)*

John 1: 1-5 *First candle is extinguished*

John 16: 33-17:3 *Second candle is extinguished*

John 18: 1-5 *Third candle is extinguished*

John 18: 12-14 *Forth candle is extinguished*

John 18: 19-24 *Fifth candle is extinguished*

John 18: 28-38 *Sixth candle is extinguished*

John 19: 1-6 *Seventh candle is extinguished*

John 19: 16-30 *Christ candle is hidden*

John 19: 40-42 *Christ candle is returned*

**Song of the Suffering Servant** *Isaiah 53:4-9*

### BLESSING

Go in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on the cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and forever more. **Amen.**

### HYMN 231

1

My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.

O who am I, that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

3

Here might I stay and sing,  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine!

This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY – THE LORD’S SUPPER

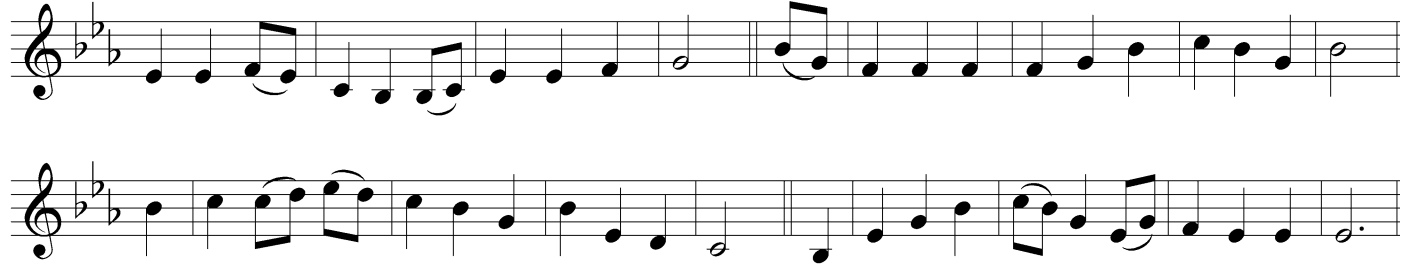


### THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE [3]

Opening Hymn 423

*Stand*

SLANE



1

Jesus our Master on the night that they came  
to take you to prison, to death and to shame,  
you called to your table the friends that you knew,  
and asked them to do this in remembrance of you.

3

When it is over, and all gone away,  
come back to our thoughts for the rest of the day,  
and stay with us always, who met here to do  
the thing you commanded, in remembrance of you.

Welcome ~ The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Collect for Purity

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Penitence

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets. **Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.**

*The Confession is introduced with appropriate words, such as:*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

*Silence*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The celebrant pronounces the Absolution*

The Collect of the Day [6]

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.**

### **PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD [7]**

The Epistle ~ I Corinthians 11: 23-26

*Sit*

For 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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Music

The Gospel

*Stand*

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St . . . , chapter . . . , beginning at verse . . .

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Nicene Creed [8]

*Stand*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE [10]

Response: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

*Kneel / Sit*

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### The Prayer of Humble Access

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

## CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE [12]

### The Offertory Hymn 437

*Stand*



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.

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.

### The Taking of the Bread and Wine

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us **therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

## The Great Thanksgiving [16]

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love. When we turned away you did not reject us. You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children and prepared a table where we might feast with you. In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with love stronger than death, he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died you came to table with your friends. Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying, Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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 in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:

**dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored our life; Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world. Happy 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 Agnus Dei

*Sit*

## The Communion

## The Great Silence

### GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE [23]

#### Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, in this wonderful sacrament you have given us a memorial of your passion. Grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves the fruits of your redemption, for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

#### The Blessing

*Kneel or Sit*

Christ draw you to himself and grant that you find in his cross a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven;; and may the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

#### Thanksgiving Hymn 576

*Stand*



I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
thy head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
and all thy day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my Star, my Sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till traveling days are done.

Stripping of the Altar *during which Psalm 22 is read or sung*

*Sit*

#### Dismissal

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

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