

COMMUNION MOTET Ave Verum

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COMMUNION HYMN 259 **My God, and is thy table spread ...**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTARS

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

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

HYMN 252 verses 1 to 4 **Now, my tongue the mystery telling**
During this hymn the sacrament is taken to the Altar of Repose in the Lady Chapel and the choir leads the congregation into the Lady Chapel – the choirboys remaining in the Chapel, the choirmen to the stalls on the south side.
When everyone is in or around the Chapel, the hymn continues:

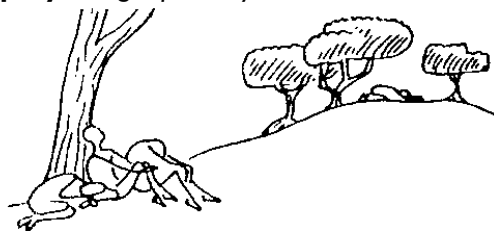
HYMN 252 continues verses 5 & 6 **Therefore we, before him**

THE WATCH

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

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

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The choir eventually withdraws, as they continue to sing.

*The congregation are invited to remain in the Chapel in silence for a time.
When leaving the Church, please do so in silence.*

*People are welcome to come and go at any time during the Watch.
The Watch is kept until 10.00pm.*



The Church of St James the Greater
Leicester

LITURGY OF THE LAST SUPPER

Maundy Thursday 2017



Please stand as the choir and ministers enter in silence

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

John 13:34

HYMN 489 (t.335) omit verses 2 & 5

Lord God, your love has called us here

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

All **and also with you.**

INVITATION TO CONFESS

All **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.
for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as the children of light. Amen.**

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God our Father,
you have invited us to share in the supper
which your Son gave to his Church
to proclaim his death until he comes.
May he nourish us by his presence,
and unite us in his love;
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Sit READING Exodus 12. 1 – 8 & 11 – 14

READING I Corinthians 11.23 – 26

Stand HYMN 434 organ introduction to first and last verse **An upper room**

GOSPEL St John 13.1 – 15

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

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

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

ANTHEM Ubi Caritas et amor, Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est Duruflé
[Where there is charity and love, God is in the midst]

The washing ends with this collect::

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

All **Amen.**

Knee/

or sit INTERCESSIONS begin with all singing:

Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your kingdom;
Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your kingdom.
- repeated after each petition.

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

Stand THE PEACE

HYMN 261 **Once, only once, and once for all**

At the Eucharist we are with our crucified and risen Lord.
We know that it was not only our ancestors.
but we who were redeemed and brought forth from bondage to
freedom, from mourning to feasting.
We know that as he was with them in the upper room
so our Lord is here with us now.

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

The Lord is here

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (E)

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... Christ is the bread of life.

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

In faith and trust we pray:

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

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

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

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The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

REFRAIN SUNG DURING COMMUNION:

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

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