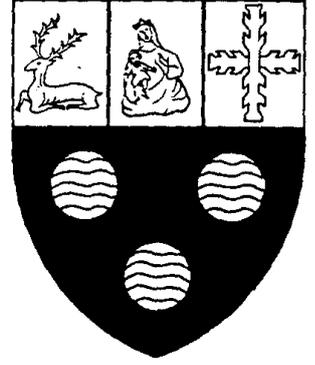


Southwell
Minster

*The Cathedral and Parish Church
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



LITURGY OF MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday 1 April 2021
7.00pm

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The President of the Eucharist is The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, *Dean of Southwell*.

The Preacher and Deacon is The Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, *Canon Theologian*.

The Lay Clerks of the Cathedral Choir are directed by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*.

The organ is played by Jonathan Allsopp, *Assistant Director of Music*.

The congregation is invited to join in all texts printed in **bold**.

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The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday is the first of the three great services of the Paschal Triduum. Together with the Liturgies of Good Friday and Easter, it takes us deep into the mysteries at the heart of the Christian faith as we enter into the unfolding drama of salvation in Christ's passion, death, and resurrection.

St John's Gospel is unique in replacing the account of Jesus breaking bread and blessing wine with one of him donning a towel and washing his disciples' feet, echoing the themes of his entire ministry: love, service and sacrifice. It is from Jesus' words, 'A new commandment I give you' (Latin: *Mandatum novum do vobis*, John 13: 34), that the word 'Maundy' derives. Ordinarily, the washing of feet is at the heart of the liturgy. This year it cannot be so, but we pause to reflect with the jug, bowl, and towel as a focus for our prayer, as we remember Jesus' injunction to all his followers to love and to serve.

Christ's institution of the Eucharist is commemorated in the second half of the service. Towards the end of the celebration the sacrament is taken to the Altar of Repose, and in our imagination moves us onto the Garden of Gethsemane. It is the place where we keep watch, reflecting on Jesus' words 'Could you not watch with me one hour?', and preparing for the dereliction of Good Friday.

There are extremely powerful and poignant themes running through the last hours of Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion. You are invited to come in heart and mind and participate in the Passion of our Lord: to sit at table, to receive the ministry of Christ's humility and love; to share in the breaking of the bread, to watch with Jesus and to experience the stripping of the altars at the end of our service, denoting Jesus' emptying himself 'of all but love'.

The Watch after this service will continue until 10pm. You are invited to stay for as long as you wish or to return later in the evening.

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Institution de l'Eucharistie (from *Livre du Saint-Sacrement*) Olivier Messiaen (1908-92)

'This is my body. This is my blood.'

Matthew 26: 26, 28

THE GATHERING

Please stand at the entry of the altar party

INTROIT

Choir But as for us, it behoveth us to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ:
 in whom is our salvation, our life, and resurrection:
 by whom we were saved, and obtained our freedom.

*Music: NOS AUTEM
 Mode iv*

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

GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The President introduces the Eucharist.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Deacon 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 cleanse us.

Silence is kept.

President Have mercy on us, O God,
in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion
blot out our offences.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean;
wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

during which the Minster bell is rung for the last time until Easter Day

Choir Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Glory to God in the highest.

The organ resounds a joyful fanfare and bells are rung.

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae
voluntatis.

And peace to his people on earth.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi propter
magnam gloriam tuam.

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father, we
worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus
Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili
unigenite, Jesu Christe: Domine
Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui
tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis,
qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe
deprecationem nostram; qui sedes
ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

*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.*

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus; tu solus
Dominus; tu solus altissimus, Jesu
Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in
gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

*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.*

Music: from MASS XIII 'DE ANGELIS', mode v

COLLECT

President Let us pray that we may love one another as Christ has loved us.

Silence is kept.

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.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *read by Stephen Littlewood*

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

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.

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

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Choir 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.

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

Music: John Harper (b. 1947) and mode i

GOSPEL READING

John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

Deacon 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

HOMILY given by The Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, Canon Theologian

THE MANDATUM

During this motet, the bowl, jug, and towel usually used for the washing of feet at this service is placed before the altar as a focus for prayer and reflection.

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

*Where charity and love are, there is
God. The love of Christ has brought us
together into one flock. Let us rejoice
and let us be glad in that love. Let us
fear and love the living God; and let us
love one another from a pure heart.
Amen.*

Words: Antiphon at the Mandatum

Music: Maurice Duruflé (1902-86)

The President says:

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please remain seated or kneel when invited

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the President*

The following response is used:

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand

THE PEACE

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

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

Please sit or kneel

OFFERTORY

The President prepares the table for Communion, during which the choir sings the following hymn. Please do not sing along, but you may wish to pray the words silently as you listen.

An Upper Room did our Lord prepare
For those he loved until the end:
And his disciples still gather there,
To celebrate their Risen Friend.

A lasting gift Jesus gave his own,
To share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
He by his Cross shall lift us up.

And after Supper he washed their feet,
For service, too, is sacrament.
In him our joy shall be made complete
Sent out to serve, as he was sent.

No end there is! We depart in peace.
He lives beyond our uttermost:
In every room in our Father's house
He will be there, as Lord and host.

Words: F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)

*Tune: O WALY WALY CP 130
English traditional*

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

President Let us pray.

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

Amen.

Please stand

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 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:

<i>Choir</i>	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth, pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
	Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</i>

Music: from MASS XVIII

President We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died, that is, this very night,
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them 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, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Deacon Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

President Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please sit or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

AGNUS DEI

<i>Choir</i>	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.</i>
	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.</i>
	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.</i>

Music: from MASS XVIII

GIVING OF COMMUNION

President Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin 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.**

The President receives Communion.

The body and blood of Christ.
Amen.

All baptised, communicant members of Christian churches are invited to receive Communion. Communion is received in silence in one kind only (bread) on this occasion due to Covid-19; the Church teaches that Holy Communion is received fully in either the consecrated wafer or the wine.

Please follow the instructions of Churchwardens to approach the sanctuary. 2-metre spaces are marked on the floor of the aisle; please observe these to keep social distance.

Please leave your face covering in place as you come up for Communion until you have received the host wafer in your hand, then remove your face covering to consume the host, then replace it before returning to your seat via the side aisles.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request. If you would prefer to receive a blessing (without physical contact), please bring this order of service with you as an indication. If you are unable to move to the altar, please inform a Churchwarden and the President will come to you.

Please sit or kneel on your return from Communion.

COMMUNION MOTET

During Communion we hear a recording of the following motet:

<i>O salutaris hostia</i>	<i>O saving Victim! opening wide</i>
<i>Quae caeli pandis ostium,</i>	<i>The gate of heaven to man below,</i>
<i>Bella premunt hostilia:</i>	<i>Our foes press hard on every side,</i>
<i>Da robur, fer auxilium.</i>	<i>Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.</i>

*Words: from VERBUM SUPERNUM PRODIENS
St Thomas Aquinas (1225-74)*

Music: Gioachino Rossini (1792-1868)

trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66), Edward Caswall (1814-78) et al.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President Let us pray.

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.
Amen.

Please stand

HYMN *during which the Sacrament is taken to the Altar of Repose at the High Altar*

Please do not sing along, but you may wish to pray the words silently as you listen.

Choir 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 his 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.

Words: St Thomas Aquinas (1227-74)
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66)

Tune: PANGE LINGUA NEH 268
Mode iii

Please sit or kneel

The Blessed Sacrament is placed on the Altar of Repose. The ministers kneel in front of the altar as a recording of the final two verses of the hymn is played:

Tantum ergo sacramentum
Veneremur cernui
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui,
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

*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 our inward vision clear.*

Genitori genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio;
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.
Amen.

*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.
Amen.*

*Words: Thomas Aquinas (1227-74)
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66)*

Music: Maurice Duruflé (1902-86)

The ministers and crucifer retire and prepare for the stripping of the altars.

THE CONCLUSION

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTARS

The Nave Altar and Sanctuary are stripped, during which we hear the following psalm:

Choir 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 out-cast 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.

Words: Psalm 22: 1-18

Music: Mode ii

The ministers and choir depart. The congregation is invited either to move to the Altar of Repose for the Watch (being careful to maintain social distance), or else to leave quietly at this point without disturbing others.

The Watch in the Sanctuary continues until 10.00pm, at which time the Gospel of the Watch is read. You are invited to stay for as long as you wish and make a vigil of prayer, or to return later in the evening.

THE WATCH

GOSPEL OF THE WATCH

Matthew 26: 30-end

Dean When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

"I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered."

'But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.' Peter said to him, 'Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.' Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' Peter said to him, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Again he went away for the second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.' Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.' At once he came up to Jesus and said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him. Jesus said to him, 'Friend, do what you are here to do.' Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, 'Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?' At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.' Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, 'This fellow said, "I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."' The high priest stood up and said, 'Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?' But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, 'I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.' Jesus said to him, 'You have said so. But I tell you,

From now on you will see the Son of Man
seated at the right hand of Power
and coming on the clouds of heaven.'

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?' They answered, 'He deserves death.' Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, 'Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?'

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, 'You also were with Jesus the Galilean.' But he denied it before all of them, saying, 'I do not know what you are talking about.' When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, 'This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.' Again he denied it with an oath, 'I do not know the man.' After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, 'Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.' Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, 'I do not know the man!' At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: 'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

COLLECT FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty Father,
look with mercy on this your family
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed
and given up into the hands of sinners
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The ministers and congregation depart in silence.

Please take this order of service away with you.

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