# MAUNDY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper



Priory of the Holy Spirit BLACKFRIARS, OXFORD

#### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

Praise to the Holiest in the height, And in the depth be praise; In all his words most wonderful, Most sure in all his ways!

O loving wisdom of our God! When all was sin and shame, A second Adam to the fight And to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood, Which did in Adam fail, Should strive afresh against their foe, Should strive, and should prevail; And that a higher gift than grace Should flesh and blood refine: God's presence and his very self, And essence all-divine.

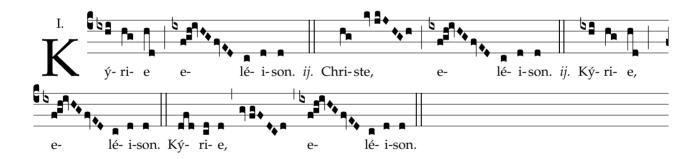
O generous love! that he who smote In Man for man the foe, The double agony in Man For man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly, And on the cross on high, Should teach his brethren, and inspire To suffer and to die.

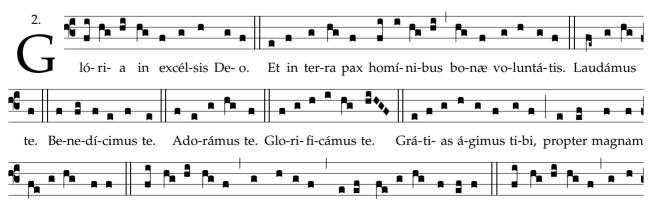
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Words: Bl. John Henry Newman 1801-1890.

#### **KYRIE**



#### **GLORIA**



gló-ri- am tu- am. Dó-mi-ne De- us Rex cæ-léstis, De- us Pa- ter omni-po-tens. Dó-mi-ne Fi- li u-ni-



## FIRST READING<sup>1</sup>

A reading from the Book of Exodus

Exodus 12:1-8,11-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 'This month shall be for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month they shall take every man a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household; and if the household is too small for a lamb, then a man and his neighbor next to his house shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old; you shall take it from the sheep or from the goats; and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs in the evening. Then they shall take some of the blood, and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat them. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.

In this manner you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you, upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall fall upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as an ordinance for ever.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

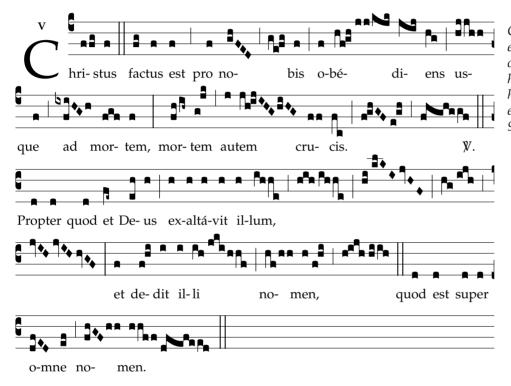
Psalm 115 (116). Response: 'How can I repay the Lord, for all the goodness he shows to me?'

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1 Cor. 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also the cup, 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.

#### **TRACTUS**



Christ became for us obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has exalted him and given him the name which is above every name (Philippians 2:8-9).

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St John

John 13:1-15

Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. And during supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper, laid aside his garments, and girded himself with a towel. Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded.

He came to Simon Peter; and Peter said to him, 'Lord, do you wash my feet?' Jesus answered him, 'What I am doing you do not know now, but afterward you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You shall never wash my feet.' Jesus answered him, 'If I do not wash you, you have no part in me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'He who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but he is clean all over; and you are clean, but not every one of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, 'You are not all clean.'

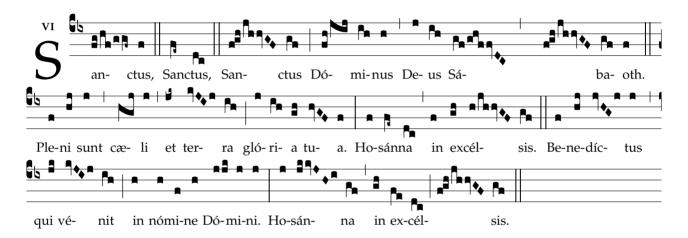
When he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and resumed his place, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

# **OFFERTORIUM**



The Lord's right hand has shown his strength, the Lord's right hand has raised me up. I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the works of the Lord (Psalm 118(117):16-17).

# **SANCTUS**

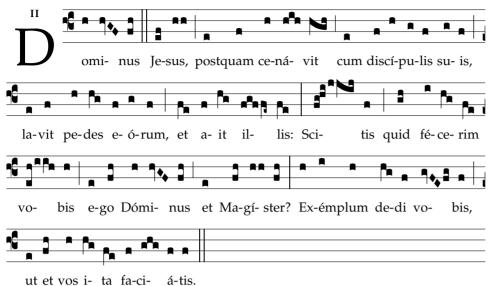


# **AGNUS DEI**



do-na no-bis pa- cem.

#### **COMMUNIO**



The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples, washed their feet, and said to them: Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done for you? I have given you an example, that you should do likewise (cf. John 13:12-13,15).

#### COMMUNION HYMN

Draw nigh, and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured, Saved by that body, hallowed by that blood, Whereby refreshed we render thanks to God.

Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son, By that his cross and blood the victory won. Offered was he for greatest and for least: Himself the Victim, and himself the Priest.

Victims were offered by the law of old, That, in a type, celestial mysteries told. He, Ransomer from death, and Light from shade, Giveth his holy grace his saints to aid.

Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the safeguard of salvation here. He, that his saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields.

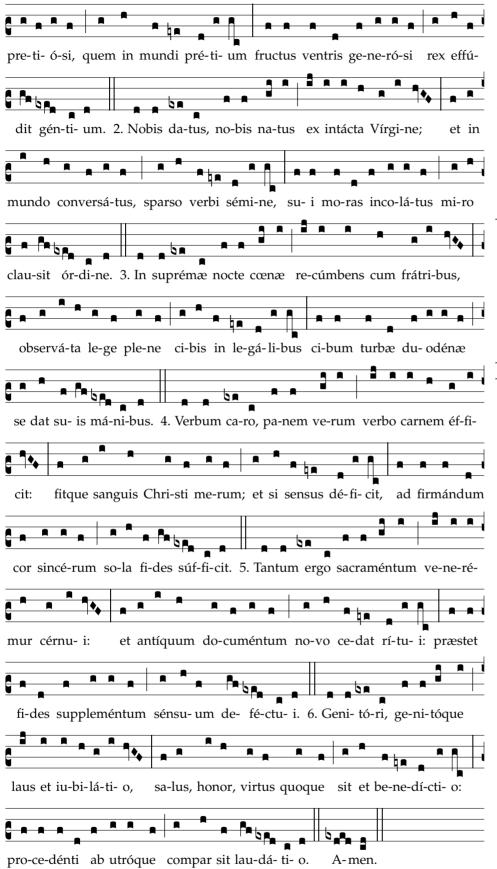
With heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole, Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.
Alpha and Omega, to whom shall bow
All nations at the doom, is with us now.

Words: Latin, 7th century; Tr. J.M. Neale 1818-66.

After the postcommunion prayer, the following hymn is sung as the Blessed Sacrament is incensed and then reposed in the tabernacle:



Sing, O tongue, the mystery of the glorious body and of the precious blood, which the King of nations, the fruit of a noble womb, poured forth for the ransom of the world.



- 2. Given to us, born for us of an untouched Virgin, he carried out his work in the world and, having sown the seed of his word, closed the period of his sojourn in a wonderful manner.
- 3. On the night of the Last Supper, reclining with his brethren the law being fully observed with the legislated foods he gives himself with his own hands as food to the assembled Twelve.
- 4. The Word-made-flesh makes by his word true bread to be his flesh; and the wine becomes the blood of Christ; and, if perception fails us, faith alone suffices to confirm the sincere heart.
- 5. Let us therefore, prostrate, adore so great a sacrament; and let the old law give way to the new rite; let faith supplement the defect of the senses.
- 6. To the Father and to the Son be praise, glory, salvation, honour, power and benediction; and to Him who proceeds from them both be equal praise. Amen.