



*An Order
for the Celebration of a
School Mass
on Maundy Thursday*

AN ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

also called

the Eucharist

and

Holy Communion

A warm welcome to Mass!

About the Season

Lent invites us to deeper repentance; to make meaningful changes in the way we live so that we may learn to follow the Lord Jesus more closely. To facilitate this Lenten repentance we are invited to follow three core practices; *Fasting, Giving, and Prayer*. These should be hallmarks of the Christian life, but we are especially encouraged to engage with them now as we prepare to celebrate Easter.

The last two weeks of Lent (sometimes called Passiontide) assume darker tones as we approach Good Friday. During Passiontide sacred images are veiled so as to hide some of the glory and splendour of the church building and of the liturgy, and to focus our attention on the sorrowful Passion and Death of Our Lord.

The liturgical colour of Lent is purple or violet - again, as a sign of penitence. On the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Lætare Sunday) it is rose.

INTRODUCTION

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

We **STAND** for the beginning of Mass and we sing a song.

**Love never fails, love always hopes
Love is not proud, it does not boast
Love's always kind and suffers long
It keeps no lists of things done wrong.**

Chorus:

***Love endures and seeks the best
It always builds, always protects
It's the gift that we need the most
We need love, love sweet love***

**Love seeks no gain for its own self
But always builds for someone else
Love never dies, it knows no end
But holds on tight on to the end**

Chorus x2

**Love endures and seeks the best
It always builds, always protects
It's the gift that we need the most
We need love, love sweet love**

Love sweet love...

We **REMAIN STANDING**. *The Priest says,*

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.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

WE SAY SORRY TO GOD

The Priest invites us to confession.

Silence is kept for a time of personal reflection, then we say,

**Most merciful God,
we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven
and one another,
that we have sinned in thought,
word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ.
Amen.**

The Priest pronounces the Absolution saying,

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.

All: Amen.

The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.

The Collect is said, and all respond

O God, who have called us to participate
in this most sacred Supper, in which your Only Begotten Son,
when about to hand himself over to death,
entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity,
the banquet of his love, grant, we pray,
that we may draw from so great a mystery,
the fullness of charity and of life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

We SIT.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians,
Brothers and Sisters,

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death. *(1Cor 11:23-26)*

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*We **STAND** to sing,*

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against Thee.**

I. To Thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against Thee.**

*We remain **STANDING** for the gospel reading.*

A reading from the gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

It was before the festival of the Passover, and Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to the Father. He had always loved those who were his in the world, but now he showed how perfect his love was.

They were at supper... Jesus knew that the Father had put everything into his hands, and that he had come from God and was returning to God, and he got up from table, removed his outer garment and, taking a towel, wrapped it round his waist; he then poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'At the moment you do not know what I am doing, but later you will understand.' 'Never!' said Peter 'You shall never wash my feet.' Jesus replied, 'If I do not wash you, you can have nothing in common with me.' 'Then, Lord,' said Simon Peter 'not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!' Jesus said, 'No one who has taken a bath needs washing, he is clean all over. You too are clean, though not all of you are.' He knew who was going to betray him, that was why he said, 'though not all of you are.'

When he had washed their feet and put on his clothes again he went back to the table. 'Do you understand' he said 'what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am. If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.'

(John 13:1-15)

At the end of the reading,

This is the gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

We SIT. We listen to a reflection on the gospel reading.

WASHING OF FEET

WE REINACT WHAT JESUS DID AT THE LAST SUPPER

Still in silence, the people chosen for this sit at the end of the pews either side of the nave (centre aisle). Then the Priest, after removing the chasuble, goes to each one, and, with the help of ministers, pours water over each one's feet and then dries them.

After the Washing of Feet, the Priest washes his hands, puts the chasuble back on, and returns to the altar, and from there he introduces the Prayers of Intercession.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

WE PRAY FOR OUR WORLD

After each prayer we say,

Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer.

The priest concludes the Intercession is a prayer and all respond

Be with us, Lord, in all our prayers,

and direct our way towards you,

that among the changes and chances of our lives,

we may always be defended by your gracious help;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

SIGN OF PEACE

WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE WITH OTHERS

The Priest introduces it with these or other words saying,

Jesus Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God in one body by his cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We are invited to share a sign of peace, normally a handshake, with those around us.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*After this, we **REMAIN STANDING** to sing a song as the altar is prepared.*

When you're feeling all alone

A friend is always there

With lots of hugs and lots of smiles

To show they really care

And when you're feeling sad and low

They'll always lift you up

And this is how you know

when you've got a good friend.

**When you can't see the road ahead
A friend will take your hand
And help you through your deepest fears
They will understand
And they'll be there to cheer you on
And make you smile again
And this is how you know
when you've got a good friend.**

*Friendship is something we all need
When you know there's someone
who'll be there for you
Friendship is something we all need
You'll be there for me and I'll be there for you.*

**When you're feeling all alone
A friend is always there
With lots of hugs and lots of smiles
To show they really care
And when you're feeling sad and low
They'll always lift you up
And this is how you know
when you've got a good friend.**

Friendship is something we all need... (x2)

**You'll be there for me,
and I'll be there for you.
You'll be there for me,
and I'll be there for you.**

After this, the Priest says,

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable
to God, the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice
at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

A prayer is said over the gifts by the Priest and all respond,

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that we may participate worthily in these mysteries,
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated
the work of our redemption is accomplished.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer follows.

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 him thanks and praise.

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.

You give us your love,
even when things go wrong.
You invite us to this altar
to encounter your Son Jesus
and to learn from him how to love each-other.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and the saints
in singing your praise:

♪ **All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of pow'r and God of might.
Heaven and earth,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
your pow'r and might.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna
in the highest heav'ns;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna
in the highest heav'ns.**

**Blessed, blessed, is he who comes,
Blessed, blessed, is he who comes,
Blessed, is he, blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna
in the highest heav'ns;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna
in the highest heav'ns.**

We **REMAIN STANDING** for the second part of the Eucharistic Prayer.

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 become the Body and Blood of your dear Son.
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT
FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY 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.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

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,
St Joseph, St Alban, 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.

♪ **All: Amen.**

COMMUNION RITE

WE RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS

After the Eucharistic Prayer, we keep few moments of silence.

The Priest introduces the Lord's Prayer; we say,

**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.**

The Agnus Dei is sung,

**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.**

The Priest invites the people to receive Holy Communion,

This is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

The Priest reads the Communion Antiphon and then proceeds with the distribution of the Sacrament. While communicating people the priest and the ministers will say,

The Body of Christ

and

The Blood of Christ

*We reply **Amen** to these words before receiving the Sacrament.*

A note about receiving Holy Communion

Every Baptised and Confirmed person is invited to receive Holy Communion at this point.

If you receive Holy Communion in another church or Christian denomination, you are very welcome to receive the Sacrament here. Should you require a gluten-free wafer, please say so to the Priest.

If do not wish to receive Communion, you are invited to approach the altar to receive an individual blessing.

Please indicate this by carrying this order of service with you.

We SIT after receiving Communion.

CONCLUDING RITES

WE RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING

The Post-Communion Prayer is said and all respond,

Let us pray,
Grant, almighty God,
that, just as we are renewed
by the Supper of your Son in this present age,
so we may enjoy his banquet for all eternity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Then we say,

All: Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with 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.

*After this, we **STAND** for the final Blessing.*

The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

May God's holy angels protect you, and keep you;

May St Alban, St Thomas,

and Our Blessed Lady Mary pray for you;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

The Mass is ended. Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

We remain standing for the final song.

**1. There is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.**

**2. We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains he had to bear,
But we believe it was for us,
He hung and suffered there.**

**3. He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make to make us good.
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by His precious blood.**

**4. O dearly, dearly he has loved,
And we must love Him too.
And trust in his redeeming blood,
And try His works to do.**



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