

HOLY THURSDAY

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH—JEBEL ALI

YEAR A, B, C

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Antiphon

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection; through him we are saved and made free.

Entrance Hymn

- Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with men, fasting alone;
living and dying, rising again,
love, only love, is his way.
*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord;
better than splendour and wealth.*
- Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast;
Christ at the table, host to the Twelve,
love, only love, is his mark.
- Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy.
"This is my body, this is my blood."
Love, only love, is his sign.
- Love is his sign, love is his news.
"Do this," he said, "lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood."
Love, only love, is his news.



Greeting

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

All: AMEN

C: 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.

Penitential Rite

C: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

Pause for silent reflection. After a brief silence all say:

All: I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

C: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

P: AMEN

The Kyrie

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth, Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. 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. 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.

Opening Prayer

God our Father, we are gathered here to share in the supper which your only Son left to his Church to reveal his love. He gave it to us when he was about to die and commanded us to celebrate it as the new and eternal sacrifice. We pray that in this eucharist we may find the fullness of love and life.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

12:1–8. 11–14

A reading from the book of Exodus

Instructions concerning the Passover meal.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month is to be the first of all the others for you, the first month of your year. Speak to the whole community of Israel and say, 'On the tenth day of this month each man must take an animal from the flock, one for each family: one animal for each household. If the household is too small to eat the animal, a man must join with his neighbour, the nearest to his house, as the number of persons requires. You must take into account what each can eat in deciding the number for that animal. It must be an animal without blemish, a male

one year old; you may take it from either sheep or goats. You must keep it till the fourteenth day of the month when the whole assembly of the community of Israel shall slaughter it between the two evenings. Some of the blood must then be taken and put on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where it is eaten. That night, the flesh is to be eaten, roasted over the fire; it must be eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. You shall eat it like this: with a girdle round your waist, sandals on your feet, a staff in your hand. You shall eat it hastily; it is a passover in honour of the Lord. That night, I will go through the land of Egypt and strike down all the first-born in the land of Egypt, man and beast alike, and I shall deal out punishment to all the gods of Egypt, I am the Lord. The blood shall serve to mark the houses that you live in. When I see the blood I will pass over you and you shall escape the destroying plague when I strike the land of Egypt. This day is to be a day of remembrance for you, and you must celebrate it as a feast in the Lord's honour. For all generations you are to declare it a day of festival, for ever."

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:12–13. 15–18. R. cf. 1 Cor 10:16

R: The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ.

- How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. R.
- O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. R.
- A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. R.



Second Reading

11:23–26

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 13:34

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Gospel

13:1–15

C: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

C: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now he showed how perfect his love was.

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, and the devil had already put it into the mind of Judas Iscariot son of Simon, to betray him. 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 the 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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WASHING OF FEET

1. Jesus always loved his own
and he showed it to the full:
When at supper from the table
he got up and took a towel.
Then he wrapped it round his waist,
in a basin water poured.
Then began to wash the feet of all his friends.
*Know, my brothers, what I have done to you:
Lord you call me, it is what I am.
If then, I, your Lord, deigned to wash your feet,
you should do the same and wash each other's feet.*
2. Jesus always loved his own
and he showed it to the full:
When he came to Simon Peter,
the apostle said to him:
"Never shall you wash my feet."
Then the Lord replied to him:
"It is not for you to know what now I do."
3. Jesus always loved his own
and he showed it to the full:
When he said to Simon Peter:
"If I do not wash your feet,
you can have no part with me."
Then said Peter to the Lord:
"Wash my hands, my head and not my feet alone."
4. Jesus always loved his own
and he showed it to the full:
He set us an example
that we do as he has done.
Can a servant greater be
than his master Christ, the Lord?
If we know and do this, happy we shall be.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

*United in one body with Jesus Christ the Lord,
we bring for you our offering
of bread and wine, O God.*

1. We are the wheat of Christ.
If we be ground in the mill of life,
may we be found pure bread.
2. We are the grapes of Christ.
If we be crushed in the wine-press of suffering,
may we be found pure wine.

The Offering

(If no song is sung, then the people may make the responses to the prayer of offering given here.)

C: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

P: Blessed be God for ever.

C: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

P: Blessed be God for ever.

C: Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

P: 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.

Prayer over the gifts

Lord,
make us worthy to celebrate these mysteries. Each time we offer this memorial sacrifice the work of our redemption is accomplished.

Eucharistic Prayer

C: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

C: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

C: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Acclamation

All: 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.

Memorial Acclamation

C: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

P: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Communion Rite

C: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

C: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Breaking of the Bread

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

C: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy 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.

Communion Antiphon

This body will be given for you. This is the cup of the new covenant in my blood; whenever you receive them, do so in remembrance of me.

Communion Hymn

*Whatever you do
to the least of my brothers,
that you do unto me.*

1. When I was hungry you gave me to eat,
when I was thirsty you gave me to drink.
Now enter into the home of my Father.
2. When I was homeless you opened your door,
when I was naked you gave me your coat.
Now enter into the home of my Father.
3. When I was weary you helped me find rest,
when I was anxious you calmed all my fears.
Now enter into the home of my Father.
4. When in a prison you came to my cell,
when on a sick bed you cared for my needs.
Now enter into the home of my Father.

This is my commandment:

Love one another as I have love you. (2x)

1. Charity is kind, feels no envy,
charity bears up to the end.
Charity is meek, seeking not its own.
Charity has faith to the end.
2. Charity is mild, thinks no evil,
charity can hope to the end.
Charity is just, finding joy in truth.
Charity is patient to the end.
3. Charity is never conceited,
charity brings joy to the end.
Charity is never resentful.
Charity makes peace to the end.

Prayer After Communion

Almighty God,
we receive new life from the supper your Son gave us in this world. May we find full contentment in the meal we hope to share in your eternal kingdom.

TRANSFER OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Pange Lingua

1. 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 noble womb once dwelling
shed for the world's ransoming.
2. 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.
3. At the last great Supper lying
circled by his brethren's band,
meekly with the law complying;
first he finished its command,
then, immortal Food supplying,
gave himself with his own hand.
4. Word made Flesh, by word he maketh
very bread his 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.

Tantum Ergo

Tantum ergo sacramentum,
veneremur cernui;
Et antiquum documentum,
novo cedat ritui;
Praestet fides supplementum,
sensuum defectui.
Genitori, Genitoque,
laus et jubilatio;
Salus, honor, virtus quoque,
sit et benedictio;
Procedenti ab utroque,
compar sit laudatio.
Amen.

