



The Catholic Parishes of Branxton & Singleton are part of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

Thursday of Holy Week

Mass of the Lord's Supper

28 March 2024



First Reading Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

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 the 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."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

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

(R.) Our blessing-cup 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 1 Cor 11:23-26

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

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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

**Praise and honour to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!**

**I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.**

**Praise and honour to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel

Jn 13:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Entrance Antiphon

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

Communion Antiphon

This is the Body that will be given up for you; this is the Chalice of the new covenant in my Blood, says the Lord; do this, whenever you receive it, in memory of me.

PROCESSION OF HOLY OILS, HOLY THURSDAY

Those who are carrying the oils go in front of the procession during entrance hymn and stand at the foot of the sanctuary and the reader starts to read when the hymn is finished.

Reader: In accord with the most ancient tradition of the Church, on Tuesday night members of the diocesan community gathered with Bishop Michael at the Sacred Heart Cathedral for the Chrism Mass. Having blessed the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick, and consecrated the Oil of Chrism, the Bishop Michael sent them to every parish for use in the celebration of the Sacraments. On this holy night let us receive these oils as a sign of our commitment to the work of the Gospel.

(The person with the Oil of the Sick holds it high as the reader continues.)

Reader: Behold the Oil of the Sick sent to us by our Bishop Michael for use in the ministry of consolation and healing.

The oil is placed in position.

All: May our sick who are anointed with it, experience the compassion of Christ, and his saving love.

Reader: Behold the Oil of Catechumens sent to us by our Bishop Michael for use in the ministry of initiation.

The oil is placed in position.

All: May we proclaim the Gospel of Love in the world.

Reader: Behold the sacred Chrism consecrated by our Bishop Michael and sent to us to anoint the baptised and confirm them in their likeness to Christ. Behold the sacred Chrism used to preserve the ordained for their sanctifying work.

The oil is placed in position.

All: May we live our priestly, prophetic and kingly ministry in service of the Gospel.

The oil is placed in position. When the final placement is complete those who have presented the oils bow to the altar and return to their places.