

Holy Thursday (a)

Evening Mass of the LORD's Supper

Introduction

leader: Greet the people and name the feast: (see above)
Acknowledge visitors and welcome them.
Announce the theme of the liturgy: (see next)

Theme – **THAT ALL MIGHT BE ONE**

*leader: We gather with Christ, this evening for the meal
 Jesus desired to eat with us before he suffered.
 Using an already ancient meal
 that recalls the whole history of God delivering his people,
 and the people reaffirming their commitment to be God's people
 Christ established a new relationship.
 This meal brings his disciples together as his people on Earth.
 This meal brings us together, as his people today
 and holds out to us our destiny of sharing in the heavenly banquet.
 In this way Jesus entrusts to the Church
 a memorial of his death and resurrection; a sacrament of love;
 a sign of unity; a bond of charity; a Passover meal:
 "in which Christ is eaten; the heart is filled with grace
 and a pledge of future glory is given to us." ¹*

(Announce the opening hymn:)

Greeting

*presider: Ki te ingoa o te Matua, ✠ o te Tamaiti, o te Wairua Tapu: /
 In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit:
 Good evening/morning and God be with us:*

*all: **And with your spirit.***

Penitential Rite *Invitation to Repentance*

*leader: Gathered together in Christ, let us ask forgiveness with
 confidence, for God is gentle and compassionate: . . .*

We have failed to serve one another: - (pause) - Lord, have mercy:

*all: **Lord, have mercy.***

leader: We have failed to support one another: - (pause) - Christ, have mercy:

*all: **Christ, have mercy.***

leader: We have failed to love one another: - (pause) - Lord, have mercy:

*all: **Lord, have mercy.***

*leader: May almighty God, cleanse us of our sins and through the celebration
 of this Eucharist make us worthy to sit at the table of God's realm.*

*all: **Amen***

¹ 2nd Vatican Council Constitution on Liturgy.

GLORIA *invitation* (While the Gloria is being sung, bells are rung and when it is finished, they remain silent until the Gloria of the Easter Vigil)

leader: *With all the voices of heaven, let us sing praise, honour and glory to God:*

Opening Prayer

leader: (Kia inoi tatou / Let us pray: ...) *Lord God,*
we are gathered to celebrate this most holy Supper,
at which Your only Son, on the eve of his passion,
bequeathed to the Church a new and everlasting sacrifice
and the rich banquet of his abiding love.
Grant in Your mercy that we may draw
from this great mystery the fullness of charity and life.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, now and always:

all: **Amen.**

Introduction to the first reading: (Exodus 12 : 1 – 8, 11 – 14)

leader: *The institution of the first Passover*

Introduction to the second reading: (1 Corinthians 11 : 23 – 26)

leader: *The institution of the Lord's Supper.*

Gospel Acclamation:

all: ***I give you a new commandment, says the Jesus;
 love one another as I have loved you!***

Introduction to the gospel reading: (John 13 : 1 – 15)

leader: *Jesus washes the feet of the disciples.*

Homily Notes (*presider*)

- *John's gospel describes a prophetic gesture not recorded in the other gospels. Jesus gets up from the table and washes his disciples feet. He takes the initiative. Foot washing expressed hospitality and humble service towards someone of higher status.*
- *Jesus makes such a gesture of service towards his own followers. Unlike the other evangelists, John doesn't have an account of the Last Supper.*
- *The reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians, gives a very faithful account that is close to Luke's version of the event.*
- *The reading from Exodus recalls the Passover feast. When God's freeing the Israelites is celebrated on 'a day of remembrance.' It's our motive for thanksgiving 'throughout the generations'.*
- *We gather this night, to remember what Jesus did. We believe those very actions bring forward God's new world. And we identify ourselves with Jesus and his followers in this 'Last Supper' whenever we join in the celebration of a Eucharist – but this is especially important in Holy*

Week. We are about the immediate preparation for Easter Day – and the celebration of fulfillment of the ancient promises of freedom for the powers of death.

- *It is a time of thanksgiving for the establishment of God's new world through the actions of Jesus.*

The Washing of Feet (*After the homily, the washing of feet takes place. Those who have been chosen are led to chairs prepared in a suitable place. Then the priest goes to each person. With help he pours water over the feet of each one and dries them. While the washing of the feet is taking place, the song, 'I give a new commandment' or some other suitable song, is sung.*)

Intercessions – for Holy Thursday*invitation to pray:*

leader: *Friends in Christ, on this holy evening gathered here with Christ at his supper, let us make our prayers to the Father:*

1: *For us all, that we follow Christ's example of service to one another:*

- (pause) - *Exemplar of Service, hear us:*

all: **Exemplar of Service, hear us.**

2: *For the suffering people of the world's conflict zones; grant them steadfast trust in Your mercy and protection:*

- (pause) - *God of Mercy, hear us:*

all: **GOD of Mercy, hear us.**

3: *For Christians, that we may fulfil Jesus' new commandment by working for justice: - (pause) - God of Justice, hear us:*

all: **GOD of Justice, hear us.**

4: *For those who will be baptised and confirmed with the oil of Chrism consecrated earlier this week: that they may put on Christ:*

- (pause) - *Source of Faith, Hope and Love, hear us:*

all: **Source of Faith, Hope and Love, hear us.**

5: *For the sick: we pray for: Chris Ohlson, Cathy Brockliss (Hokianga), Rosilene Finnegan, Richard McGrane, Michael Power, Theresa & Barry McCarthy, Noreen Anderson, Bill Lewis, Matthew Gould, Dallas Colville, Clare Jones, Christine McHugh, Margaret Pride, Gerry Kok, Jill Grace, Maurice Haddon, Lagi Sands, Bless them for they share in Christ's passion through their suffering: - (pause) - GOD of Well-being, hear us:*

all: **GOD of Well-being, hear us.**

6: *For those who have died: in the world's conflict zones,And for our dead whose anniversaries occur about now: Johannes Mannes, Keryn Rambaud, Pru Whitehead, Makaia Broughton, Gerhard Uterlauf, Number them among Your saints: - (pause) - GOD of new Life, hear us:*

all: **GOD of new Life, hear us.**

Concluding Prayer:

leader: *Father of graciousness, You have called us to be servants of one another and of You. Help us to carry out this work and grant our requests through Jesus Christ:*

all: **Amen**

Reception of the holy Oils

presider: (Kia inoi tatou / Let us pray: ...) The oil of the sick that has been blessed by our bishop for the healing of body, mind and soul. May those touched by this oil experience the compassion of Christ and his saving love:

*all: **Blessed be God for ever.***

presider: The oil of Catechumens that has been blessed by our bishop for the anointing of those preparing for baptism. May those anointed with this oil be strengthened by Christ to resist the power of Satan and reject evil in all its forms, as they prepare for the saving waters of Baptism:

*all: **Blessed be God for ever.***

presider: The holy Chrism, a mixture of olive oil and perfume, which has been consecrated by our bishop. It will be used to anoint infants after baptism and those who are to be confirmed:

*all: **Blessed be God for ever.***

Prayer over the Gifts

presider: (Kia inoi tatou: / Let us pray, . . .) Powerful and Compassionate GOD, make us worthy to celebrate this holy eucharist, for as often as this sacrifice is offered in remembrance of Your Son, the work of our redemption is accomplished. We ask this through Jesus Christ:

*all: **Amen***

Preface

*presider: **GOD be with you.***

*all: **And also with you.***

presider: Lift up your hearts.

*all: **We lift them up to God.***

presider: Let us give thanks to God.

*all: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

presider: We give You thanks, holy Father, through Jesus Christ.

He is the true and eternal priest,

who founded this memorial of his unending sacrifice.

He gave himself to You as victim for our deliverance,

and commanded us to make this offering in his memory.

As we eat his body, given for us, we grow in strength.

As we drink his blood, poured out for us, we are washed clean.

And so, with angels and archangels, with all the heavenly host,

we proclaim Your glory and join their unending chorus of praise:

*all: **Holy holy holy!***

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER – I (with interpolations)**Memorial Acclamation**

(the Eucharistic Prayer ends with the great 'AMEN')

Introduction to the Lord's Prayer

presider: Let us pray for the coming of GOD's realm as Jesus taught us.

*all: **Our Father, . . .***

*presider: Deliver us, O GOD, we pray, from every evil;
graciously grant peace in our days,
that by the help of Your mercy,
we may be always freed from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

*all: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours,
now and for ever. Amen.***

Sign of Peace

*presider: Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you'.
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church
and grant us the peace and unity of your Realm,
where you live, now and always:*

*all: **Amen.***

presider: The peace of God be with you:

*all: **And with your spirit.***

presider: Let us offer each other a sign of peace:

Lamb of God

*all: **Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us (x2)
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.***

*presider: Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
who by the will of the Father
and the work of the Holy Spirit,
through your death gave life to the world;
free us by this your most holy Body and Blood
from all our sins and from every evil:
keep us always faithful to your commandments
and never let us be parted from you.*

*all: **Amen***

either

*presider: Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of
the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.*

or

*presider: This is the bread come down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will never die.
This is the cup of eternal life;*

whoever drinks of it will live forever:

*all: **O God, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say the Word and my soul shall be healed.***

Holy Communion

*presider: Ko te Tinana o te Karaiti:
(Ko nga Toto o te Karaiti:)*

Prayer after Communion

*leader: (Kia inoi tatou / Let us pray: ...) Almighty God,
the supper that Your Son left us this night
sustains our life on Earth;
grant that our hunger may be fully satisfied
in the everlasting banquet of heaven.
We ask this through Jesus Christ:*

*all: **Amen.***

(an opportunity for announcements/notices etc. . . .)

Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament

(Following the prayer after communion, the priest incenses the blessed sacrament. Then he receives the humeral veil, goes to the altar, genuflects, takes the vessel with the eucharist and covers it with the ends of the veil.

The blessed sacrament is carried through the church in procession, to the place of reservation prepared in the chapel suitably decorated for the occasion.

When the procession reaches the place of reservation, the priest, sets the vessel with the eucharist down. Then he puts incense into the censer and, kneeling, incenses the blessed sacrament, places the blessed sacrament in the tabernacle.

After a period of silent adoration, the priest genuflects and returns to the sacristy.)