



# RIPON

## CATHEDRAL

# Maundy Thursday

Sung Eucharist  
with Footwashing  
and Watch of the Passion

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
7.30pm

## Welcome to Ripon Cathedral

Welcome to Ripon Cathedral for this act of worship. Christian worship has taken place on this site since Wilfrid built the first church here in 672AD. The crypt of that original church still survives and is the oldest part of any English cathedral and regular prayer has taken place there for over 1350 years.

Built on the firm foundation of that heritage, the Cathedral today continues to proclaim the Christian faith, with daily prayer and active service in Jesus' name.

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## Sitting, kneeling, standing

As human beings, we worship with our bodies as well as through our music and prayers. This order of service invites you to sit or stand as appropriate. Please see these as merely invitations and adopt the posture you find most comfortable.

Large print versions of the Order of Service are available. Please ask those who welcomed you if you would like one.



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## **Welcome to this Service**

We welcome you to this act of worship. Whatever has brought you here this evening, we trust that you will find yourself more aware of God through the words, prayers and music.

We celebrate tonight, as if for the first time, the Eucharist of the Lord's Supper, when the feet of twelve people are washed. In this beautiful ceremony, we copy Jesus in serving one another.

At the end of our celebration, the Blessed Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood is taken in procession to the Altar of Repose, and we watch with Jesus until midnight just as he asks us: '*Could ye not watch with me one hour?*' (*Matt 26.40*). Please make some space and time to watch and pray for as long as you can: Silent prayer will continue until midnight but you are welcome to come and go and perhaps return later in the evening. The Altar is decorated with flowers representing the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed in agony and asked his friends to be close with him.

Also tonight, the Altars of the Cathedral are stripped completely bare. The darkness and emptiness express powerfully our sense of desolation and anguish.

The President at this service is The Dean, the Very Reverend John Dobson DL.

The Preacher is the Very Revd Jane Hedges, former Dean of Norwich.

The service is sung by the choral scholars and lay clerks of the Cathedral choir to the *Communion Service in A minor* by *Harold Darke (1888-1976)*.

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# The Gathering

*Please stand.*

## Processional 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.

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.

*NEH 439*

*Words: J. H. Newman (1809-1890)*

*Music: GERONTIUS J. B. Dykes (1823-1876)*

## The Greeting

President In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

President The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

## Prayers of Penitence

Deacon Our Lord Jesus Christ says:  
'If you love me keep my commandments.'  
'Unless I wash you, you have no part in me'.  
Let us confess to Almighty God our sins against his love  
and ask him to cleanse us.

President Have mercy on us, O God,  
in your great goodness;  
according to the abundance of your compassion  
blot out our offences.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

President Against you only have we sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight.  
Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

President Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean;  
wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

## The Absolution

President God the Father forgive you by the death of his Son  
and strengthen you to live in the power of the Spirit  
all our days.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please remain standing.*

## Gloria in Excelsis

Choir                    Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace,  
                                 good will towards men.  
                                 We praise thee, we bless thee,  
                                 we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
                                 we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
                                 O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
  
                                 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
                                 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
                                 that takest away the sins of the world,  
                                 have mercy upon us.  
                                 Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
                                 receive our prayer.  
                                 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
                                 have mercy upon us.  
  
                                 For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
                                 thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
                                 art most high in the glory of God the Father.  
                                 Amen.

## The Collect

President                Let us pray.  
  
                                 God our Father,  
                                 you have invited us to share in the supper  
                                 which your Son gave to his Church  
                                 to proclaim his death until he comes:  
                                 may he nourish us by his presence  
                                 and unite us in his love;  
                                 who is alive and reigns with you  
                                 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
                                 one God now and for ever.  
  
All                         **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

*Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14*

Reader  
A//

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

I believed, and therefore will I speak; but I was sore troubled :  
I said in my haste, All men are liars.

What reward shall I give unto the Lord :  
for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

I will receive the cup of salvation :  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people :  
right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant :  
I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid;  
thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving:  
and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his people :  
in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee,  
O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

*Psalm 116.10-16*

## **New Testament Reading**

A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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

*1 Cor 11.23-26*

Reader                      This is the word of the Lord.  
*All*                              **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## **Gradual Hymn**

**An Upper Room did our Lord prepare  
For those he loved until the end:  
And his disciples still gather there  
To celebrate their Risen Friend.**

**A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:  
To share his bread, his loving cup.  
Whatever burdens may bow us down,  
He by his Cross shall lift us up.**

**And after Supper he washed their feet,  
For service, too, is sacrament.  
In him our joy shall be made complete -  
Sent out to serve, as he was sent.**

**No end there is! We depart in peace.  
He loves beyond the uttermost:  
In every room in our Father's house  
He will be there, as Lord and Host.**

*AM 165*

*Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)*

*Music: O WALY WALY English Traditional Melody*



## The Gospel

Deacon  
All

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.' After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord - and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

*John 13: 1-17, 31b-35*

Deacon  
All

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you O Christ.**

*The organist improvises as the gospel party returns.*

**Sermon**

*Please sit at the invitation of the preacher.*

## The Washing of the Feet

*Those whose feet are to be washed come and sit on the Altar podium.*

*The President, with a basin of water and a towel, washes the feet of members of the congregation who are participating in this symbolic action and are representing us all.*

*During the washing of the feet, the choir sings the following motet:*

### Motet

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi  
amor.*

Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one.

*Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.  
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

*Words: From ancient liturgies of Footwashing  
Music: Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)*

President      Almighty Father,  
                     whose Son Jesus Christ taught us  
                     that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
                     we do also for him;  
                     give us the will to be the servant of others  
                     as he was the servant of all;  
                     who gave up his life and died for us,  
                     yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
                     one God now and for ever.

All                **Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

- President In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father through Christ the Saviour of the world.
- Intercessor Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed His disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow His example of love and service. Lord, hear us  
*A//* **and humble us.**
- Intercessor On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of the Church. Lord, hear us  
*A//* **and unite us.**
- Intercessor On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through His disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your Church. Lord, hear us  
*A//* **and renew our zeal.**
- Intercessor On this night he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved. Lord, hear us  
*A//* **and fill us with your love.**
- Intercessor On this night he reminded his disciples that if the world hated them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, hear us  
*A//* **and give us your peace.**
- Intercessor On this night, he accepted the cup of death and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom. We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ. Lord, hear us  
*A//* **and welcome all your children into paradise.**

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*Please stand and those involved in the foot-washing return to their seats.*

## The Peace

President Jesus says 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled neither let them be afraid.'

All The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We exchange warm greetings with those nearest us.*

## Preparation of the Altar

*The table is prepared, the bread and wine are placed on it.*

## Offertory Hymn

*A collection is taken during the hymn.*

**O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray  
That all thy Church might be for ever one,  
Grant us at every Eucharist to say  
With longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'  
Oh, may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
One through this Sacrament of unity.**

**For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;  
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;  
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,  
By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:  
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
One through this Sacrament of unity.**

**We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;  
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,  
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,  
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:  
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
One through this Sacrament of unity.**

**So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,  
May we be one with all thy Church above,  
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,  
One with thy saints in one unbounded love:  
More blessed still, in peace and love to be  
One with the Trinity in Unity.**

*NEH 302*

*Words: William Turton (1856-1938)*

*Music: SONG 1 Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

President At the Eucharist we are with our crucified and risen Lord.  
We know that it was not only our ancestors,  
but we who were redeemed  
and brought forth from bondage to freedom,  
from mourning to feasting.

We know that as he was with them in the upper room,  
so our Lord is here with us now.

*All* **Until the kingdom of God comes  
let us celebrate this feast.**

President Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,  
you bring forth bread from the earth.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

President Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,  
you create the fruit of the vine.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

President The Lord be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

President Lift up your hearts.  
*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

President        It is indeed right to give you thanks,  
Father most holy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For on this night he girded himself with a towel  
and, taking the form of a servant,  
washed the feet of his disciples.

He gave us a new commandment  
that we should love one another as he has loved us.

Knowing that his hour had come,  
in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples  
to be a memorial of his passion,  
that we might proclaim his death until he comes again,  
and feast with him in his kingdom.

Therefore earth unites with heaven  
to sing a new song of praise;  
we too join with angels and archangels  
as they proclaim your glory without end:

Choir            *Holy, Holy, Holy,  
Lord God of Hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

President        Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Deacon  
*All*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

President

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
St Peter, St Wilfrid and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

*All*

**Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## The Lord's Prayer

President

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

*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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

President            Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
All                    **We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## Giving of Communion

*We welcome communicants of all denominations to receive holy communion. If you are not a communicant and would like to receive God's blessing, please come with this service sheet in your hand. Please move as directed. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the minister.*

President            Draw near with faith.  
                          Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
                          which he gave for you,  
                          and his blood which he shed for you.  
                          Eat and drink  
                          in remembrance that he died for you,  
                          and feed on him in your hearts  
                          by faith with thanksgiving.

*During communion the Choir sings the Agnus Dei and the Motet.*

## Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

## Motet

*Ave verum corpus natum de Maria  
Virgine. Vere passum immolatum  
in cruce pro homine cuius latus  
perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine,  
esto nobis praegustatum in mortis  
examine.*

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin  
Mary. You who truly suffered and  
were sacrificed on the cross for the  
sake of humankind, whose pierced  
side flowed with water and blood, be  
a foretaste for us in the trial of death.

*O dulcis, O pie, O Jesus fili Mariae;  
miserere mei. Amen.*

O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, son of  
Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

*Words: 14<sup>th</sup> century hymn attributed to Pope Innocent VI  
Music: William Byrd (1539/40-1623)*



## Prayer after Communion

President            Let us pray.  
                         Lord Jesus Christ,  
                         we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament  
                         you have given us the memorial of your passion.  
                         Grant us so to reverence  
                         the sacred mysteries of your body and blood,  
                         that we may know within ourselves  
                         and show forth in our lives the fruit of your redemption;  
                         for you are alive and reign now and for ever.  
All                     **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## Procession to the Altar of Repose

*The reserved sacrament is carried in procession to the Altar of Repose at the high altar while the hymn "Pange Lingua" is sung. The congregation follows the clergy and assembles in the quire, facing towards the high altar.*

## Processional Hymn

Cantor            Of the glorious body telling,  
All                     **O my tongue, its mysteries sing,  
                         And the blood, all price excelling,  
                         Which the world's eternal King,  
                         In a spotless womb once dwelling,  
                         Shed for this world's ransoming**

**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.**

**At the last great supper lying  
Circled by his chosen band,  
Duly with the law complying,  
First he finished its command,  
Then, immortal food supplying,  
Gave himself by his own hand.**

**Word-made-flesh, by word he maketh  
Bread his very 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.**

*The hymn "Tantum ergo" is sung in Latin as the Blessed Sacrament is censed.*

*Tantum ergo sacramentum  
veneremur cernui  
et antiquum documentum novo  
cedat ritui,  
praestet fides supplementum  
sensuum defectui.*

Therefore we before him bending  
This great sacrament revere:  
Types and shadows have their ending  
For the newer rite is here:  
Faith our outward sense befriending,  
Makes the inward vision clear.

*Genitori genitoque laus et jubilatio,  
salus, honor, virtus quoque sit et  
benedictio;  
procedenti ab utroque compar sit  
laudatio.  
Amen.*

Glory let us give and blessing  
To the Father and the Son,  
Honour, might and praise addressing,  
While eternal ages run;  
Ever too his love confessing,  
Who, from both, with both is one,  
Amen.

*NEH 268*

*Words: St Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274), tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866) & others  
Music: Plainsong Mode iii and Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)*

## **The Stripping of the Altar**

*Please remain standing in the quire while the altars are stripped.*

*The choir sings the Psalm.*

### **Psalm**

My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me :  
and art so far from my health,  
and from the words of my complaint?

O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not :  
and in the night-season also I take no rest.

And thou continuest holy : O thou worship of Israel.

Our fathers hoped in thee :  
they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

They called upon thee, and were holpen :

they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.

But as for me, I am a worm, and no man :  
a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.

All they that see me laugh me to scorn :  
they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,

He trusted in God, that he would deliver him :  
let him deliver him, if he will have him.

But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb :  
thou wast my hope,  
when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

I have been left unto thee ever since I was born :  
thou art my God, even from my mother's womb.

O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand :  
and there is none to help me.

Many oxen are come about me :  
fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.

They gape upon me with their mouths :  
as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint :  
my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue cleaveth to my gums :  
and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.

For many dogs are come about me :  
and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.

They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones :  
they stand staring and looking upon me.

They part my garments among them :  
and casts lots upon my vesture.

But be not thou far from me, O Lord :  
thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.

Deliver my soul from the sword :  
my darling from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth :  
thou hast heard me also from among  
the horns of the unicorns.

*Psalm 22.1-21*

*Once the altars have been stripped, the Watch begins.*

## **Gospel Reading**

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?

*Matthew 26.36-40*

*The Reserved Sacrament remains on the Altar of Repose until midnight for silent prayer and adoration. Every 30 minutes there is a reading. At midnight, it is moved to St Peter's Chapel. St Peter's part in the passion story is well known and his Chapel has been chosen to remind us of Jesus' trial and Peter's denial.*

*Please take your full share in the Watch. Please come and go as silently as you can during this time.*

*At the close, we leave by the south side door at the west end.*