

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Communion Meditation

JS Bach, *Have mercy on me, O God* (instrumental)

To the altar of repose

Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
family, brethren, cousins and kin.
Love, only love, is his name.

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is his name, love is his law.
Hear his command, all who are his:
"Love one another, I have loved you."
Love, only love, is his law.

Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one.
Love, only love, is his word.

At the altar of repose

*Tantum ergo Sacramentum
veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
sensuum defectui.*

*Genitori, Genitoque
laus et iubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.*



We depart in silence...

Holy Thursday 2026

THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Opening 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 his table, host to the twelve.

Gloria

Glory be to God in heaven:
Let all people hear the call.
Peace to those who honour God
Who bear good will and love to all.
Gracious ruler, loving creator,
We adore and give you praise.
Hear our song of glad thanksgiving
For your grace, your loving ways.

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.

Praise to you, O Jesus Christ,
The Son, the Lamb, who once was slain.
Now you are alive forever,
Help us all God's life to gain.
You alone are blessed and holy:
Jesus Christ, beloved Son.
Sharing glory with the Spirit
And with the Eternal One.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of Exodus (12:1-8, 11-14)

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month is to be your beginning of months; it will be your first month of the year. Tell the whole community of Israel, 'On the tenth day of this month they each must take a lamb for themselves according to their families—a lamb for each household. If any household is too small for a lamb, the man and his next-door neighbour are to take a lamb according to the number of people—you will make your count for the lamb according to how much each one can eat. Your lamb

must be perfect, a male, one year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You must care for it until the fourteenth day of this month, and then the whole community of Israel will kill it around sundown. They will take some of the blood and put it on the two side posts and top of the doorframe of the houses where they will eat it. They will eat the meat the same night; they will eat it roasted over the fire with bread made without yeast and with bitter herbs.

This is how you are to eat it—dressed to travel, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. You are to eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. ‘I will pass through the land of Egypt in the same night, and I will attack all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both of humans and of animals, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign

for you on the houses where you are, so that when I see the blood I will pass over you, and this plague will not fall on you to destroy you when I attack the land of Egypt. ‘This day will become a memorial for you, and you will celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—you will celebrate it perpetually as a lasting ordinance.

Psalm 116

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.

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.

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.



A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (11:23-26)

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night in which he was betrayed took bread, and after he had given thanks he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, he also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, every time you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For every time you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

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

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (13:1-15)

Just before the Passover Feast, Jesus knew that his time had come to depart from this world to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now loved them to the very end. The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, that he should betray Jesus. Because Jesus knew that the Father had handed all things over to him, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, he got up from the meal, removed his outer clothes, took a towel and tied it around himself. He poured water into the washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to dry them with the towel he had wrapped around himself. Then he came to Simon Peter. **"Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"** *"You do not understand what I am doing now, but you will understand after these things."* **"You**



will never wash my feet!" *"If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."* **"Lord, wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head!"** *"The one who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean. And you disciples are clean, but not every one of you."* (For Jesus knew the one who was going to betray him. For this reason he said, "Not every one of you is clean.")

So when Jesus had washed their feet and put his outer clothing back on, he took his place at the table again and said to them, **"Do you**

understand what I have done for you? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and do so correctly, for that is what I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you too ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example —you should do just as I have done for you."

THE WASHING OF EACH OTHER'S HANDS

Will you let me be your servant?
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too

We are pilgrims on the journey
We are travellers on the road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load

I will hold the Christ light for you
In the night time of your fear

I will hold my hand out to you
Speak the peace you long to hear

I will weep when you are weeping
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through

Will you let me be your servant?
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too