



## Mass for Maundy Thursday



**Hymn:** 'We Remember'

*During the hymn, Bro Jacques will place a jug of water, bowl, and towel on the altar*

Bro Jacques:

God be in my head.

God be in my heart.

God be on my left side.

God be on my right side.

God be in my whole life.

**Peruvian Gloria** led by Fr Michael.

**Opening prayer**

**First Reading:** Ex. 12 - Br Ste

**Psalm** 'On Eagles Wings'

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 11-- Br Pavel

**French Gospel Acclamation**

**Gospel:** A reading from the Gospel John (Jn.13) Fr Gerry O



*Bro Ante:* It was Passover and Jesus knew that he was going to die. He had always shown his love in many ways, but now Jesus showed us how perfect his love was.

*Fr Kieran:* Jesus was sharing a meal with his friends but before they started eating, He got up from the table and took off his cloak. He took a towel, poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet.

*Bro Ante:* Simon Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

*Fr Kieran:* Jesus replied, "At the moment, you do not understand what I am doing, but later, you will understand."

*Bro Ante:* But Peter cried, "Never! You shall never wash my feet!"

*Fr Kieran:* Jesus said to him, "If I do not wash your feet, you will not have anything in common with me."

*Bro Ante:* So, Jesus washed the feet of all his disciples, knowing that Judas was to betray him.

*Fr Kieran:* When he had finished, Jesus put on his cloak again and went back to the table. Jesus asked his friends, "Do you understand what I have done? You call me Master and Lord. So, if I have washed your feet, then you must wash each other's feet. I have given you an example, so that you might copy what I have done to you."

*Fr Gerry O:* The Gospel of the Lord.

**Hymn:** 'Come to the Water'—invite members of the community to come forward to wash their hands in the water and to dry each other's hands

**Reflection** – Fr Gerry O

**Intercession:** 'Outrageous Grace—there's a lot of pain' (*PowerPoint projection*)

**Offertory:** 'We come to your Feast' - *as the different verses are sung, the gifts are brought forward*

Vs1: Cloth placed on altar with missal: Bros Paulin and Ste.

Vs2: Bread: Fr Tony

Vs 3: Wine: Bro Ante

Vs 4: Candles: Bro Jacques

*Fr Gerry O:* Come now and take your places at this table, citizens of the kingdom, heirs to the riches of God's love, friends of Jesus, who is our peace. Beloved, let us celebrate with Jesus at the table of peace.

**All: Let us eat the Feast with him.**

*Fr Gerry O:* For now, nothing can separate us from his love.

**All: And let us love one another well, for he laid down his life for us all.**

*Fr Gerry O:* We remember that he longed to celebrate the Passover with his friends. He arranged for a meal, his last in this life. We remember that he gave them a new commandment:

**All: Love one another as I have loved you.**

### **Prayer over the gifts**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer for Special Needs 2**

**Communion Hymn:** 'Bread of Life, truth eternal; broken now to set us free'

*Fr Gerry O:* At this mass, we think especially of those invited to share the ordained ministry—through our baptism, we all share in the priesthood of Christ. We pray now for those who serve in our parishes, schools, and hospitals—we now pause to take a moment to place before God, the priests that you want to pray for tonight ...

*Brothers:* You came from among us to be, for us, one who serves. We thank you for ministering Christ to us and helping us minister Christ to each other. We are grateful for the many gifts you bring to our community: for drawing us together in worship, for visiting us in our homes, for comforting us in sickness, for showing us compassion, for blessing our marriage, for baptizing our children, for confirming us in our calling, for supporting us in bereavement, for helping us to grow in our faith, for encouraging us to take the initiative, for helping the whole community realize God's presence among us.

*Priests:* For our part, we pray that we may always be attentive to your needs and never take you for granted. You, like us, need friendship and love, welcome and a sense of belonging, kind words and acts of thoughtfulness. We pray, also, for the priests who have wounded priesthood.

**Everyone: Let us support one another during times of crisis. God our Father, we ask you to bless our Priests and confirm them in their calling. Give them the gifts they need to respond with generosity and a joyful heart. We offer this prayer for our priests, who are our brothers and friends. Amen**

*Fr Tony takes the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose*



*Slide: Jesus in the garden 'Gethsemane Hymn'--Getty*

*Bro Paulin and Fr Gerry O strip the altar*

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