ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL CHURCH, NAIROBI

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday 28th March 2024

At 6:00pm

(Our Modern Services)

Celebrant & Preacher: The Most Rev'd Dr. Jackson Ole Sapit

Assisted by: Provost

Organist: Antony Muriuki

Live Stream by Facebook and Youtube

Liturgical Colour: White/Gold

1. THE GATHERING

Opening Prayer at the West Door

(People stand)

2. PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *Praise to the holiest in the height*

(People Sit)

3. INTROIT: *God so loved the world (Chillcott)*

(People Stand)

4. INTRODUCTION

Minister: Dear friends in Christ, Maundy Thursday is the day that Christ the Lamb of God gave Himself into the hands of those who would slay Him. It is the day that we remember and observe Jesus' last supper with His disciples. During that meal, we see the incredible act of service that Jesus, God Himself, washed the disciples' feet. Along with His key teaching and the giving of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Jesus once again powerfully demonstrated the unexpected nature of life in His Kingdom, where a leader was so filled with love that He was willing to truly serve others.

(The Archbishop and the Clergy move to unveil the plaque at the at the pillar at the Southern Transept)

5. DEDICATION OF THE LIGHTING SYSTEM

Archbishop: In the name of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty and Everlasting God, We come before You with hearts full of gratitude and reverence As we gather in this sacred cathedral, a place set apart for Your worship and glory.

We thank You for the gift of light, both physical and spiritual, And for the opportunity to enhance this holy space with the installation of new lights.

As we dedicate these lights to Your service, We ask Your blessing upon them and upon all who shall behold their radiance.

Bless, O Lord, the family that has generously facilitated the installation and those who have laboured to install these lights, and grant them Your continued guidance and protection.
May the illumination provided by these lights serve to magnify the beauty of this Cathedral. May it inspire all who enter here to seek You earnestly, and to reflect Your light in the world.
We now dedicate these lights to Your service, O God,
In the Name of God the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

6. CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The Lord be with you
All: **And also with you**
Minister: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.
All: **Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad**
Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
All: **Who made heaven and earth**
Minister: I was glad when they said to me:
All: **Let us go to the house of the Lord.**
Minister: Praise the Lord.
All: **The name of the Lord be praised.**

7. PRAYER OF PURITY

Minister: Let us join together in the prayer of purity

(People Kneel/Sit)

All: **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.**

8. THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Minister: Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first and great commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.

All: **Amen. Lord have mercy and write these laws in our hearts, we pray.**

9. THE COLLECT FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

All: **Eternal Father, Your Son our Lord Jesus was presented to be tried yet no fault was found in Him, but they condemnned Him still. He who knew no sin became sin for us that He might pay a ransom to secure our redemption. Grant that as we share in His passion, we may be made like Him. In His holy Name we pray. *Amen*.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

(People stand)

10. PSALM 116 *(Sung)*

(People sit)

11. O.T READING: Exodus 12:1-10 - *Capt. Geoffrey Maina*

Reader: A reading from Exodus Chapter 12 begining to read at verse 1.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt,
"This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person

will eat. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire--head, legs and inner parts. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

12. CHOIR ANTHEM*:* *Jesu, Jesu* ***(Steven Strite)***

(People stand)

13. GOSPEL READING: John 13: 1 – 17, 31b -35 – *Clergy*

Minister: Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John Chapter 13 begining to read at verse 1.

All: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.

The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus.

Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.

After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you."

For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them.

"You call me `Teacher' and `Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am.

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him.If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Minister: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Praise be to Christ Our Saviour**

14. HYMN: ***Jesus the very thought of thee***

15. HOMILY: ***Archbishop***

16. NICENE CREED

Minister: We stand to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed**.**

All: **We believe in one God, the Father, and the Almighty**
Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven; By the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made Man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. *Amen*.

17. LITANY FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

Minister: Merciful God, on this, the night that He was betrayed, Your Son Jesus Christ washed His disciples' feet. As we commit ourselves to following His example of love and service, teach us humility. *Lord in Your mercy*

All: **hear our prayer.**

Minister: On this night, Jesus prayed for His disciples to be one. We pray that the Church of Christ will be united. *Lord in Your mercy*

All: **hear our prayer.**

Minister: On this night, Jesus commanded His disciples to love, but He suffered rejection Himself. As we open our hearts to the rejected and the unloved, fill us with Your love. *Lord in Your mercy*

All: **hear our prayer.**

Minister: On this night, Jesus loved HMis friends to the very end. As we open our hearts to all who face darkness tonight, we pray for the sick, those who mourn, those trapped by violence, addiction, or pain: give healing and hope. *Lord in Your mercy*

All: **hear our prayer.**

Minister: Faithful God, these are the prayers of Your Church.

All: **We offer them trusting and hoping in you. Hear and help us, challenge and change us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.**

18. WASHING OF FEET

Minister: Fellow Servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night before His death, Jesus set an example for His disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service, and He commanded them to follow His example by washing one another's feet. Therefore, I invite those who have been selected as representatives, to come forward, that we may recall whose servants we are by following the example of our Master. But come remembering His admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for "a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them,"

19. ANTHEM DURING THE WASHING OF FEET: *As I have done for you (Dan Schutte)*

After the washing of feet, the following prayer said:

All: **Lord Jesus, washing the feet of others is not something that we naturally want to do. We all have trouble with humility and service, esteem and pride. Help us today to become less of ourselves and more of you. In Your Holy Name, we pray. *Amen*.**

20. CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Minister: Dear Friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to His table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. Most Merciful God…

All: **We confess that we have sinned against You in thought word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we pray through Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Amen.**

Archbishop: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

21. THE PEACE

(People stand)

Archbishop: Christ is our Peace because He has reconciled to God by His cross. Every time we meet we meet in His name and share His Peace. The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: ***And also with you***

Archbishop: Let us offer one another a sign of peace

22. OFFERTORY HYMN: *349 – Just as I am without one plea*

23. THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: All things come from You O, Lord

All: **And of your own have we given to You**

(People remain standing)

Celebrant: We remain standing for thanksgiving and remembrance.
Is the Father with us?

All: **He is**

Celebrant: Is Christ among us?

All: **He is**

Celebrant: Is the Spirit here?

All: **He is**

Celebrant: This is our God.

All: **Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit**

Celebrant: We are His people.

All: **We are redeemed**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God**.**

All: **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

Celebrant: It is right and our delight to give You thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world, Creator, Provider, Saviour and Giver, from a wandering nomad You created Your, family; for a burdened people you raised up a leader; for a confused nation You chose a king; for a rebellious crowd You sent Your prophets. In these last days You have sent us Your Son, Your perfect image, bringing Your kingdom, revealing Your will, dying, rising, reigning, re-making Your people for Yourself. Through Him You have poured out Your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life. Through him You have poured out Your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

And now we give You thanks because, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end; and on the night before He suffered, sitting at table with His disciples, He instituted these holy mysteries, that we, redeemed by His death and restored to life by His resurrection, might be partakers of His divine nature.

Therefore, with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and saying:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, Owner of all things, we thank You for giving up Your only Son to die on the cross for us who owe You everything. Pour Your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember Him in the way He commanded, through these gifts of Your creation. On the same night that He was betrayed He 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'

All: **Amen. His body was broken for us.**

Celebrant: In the same way, after the 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.”

All: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

All: **We have died together, we will rise together,**
We will live together.

Celebrant: Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world,

the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted His offering by raising Him from death, and granting Him great honour at your right hand on high.

All: **Amen. Jesus is Lord.**

Celebrant: This is the feast of victory.

All: **The Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

24. THE COMMUNION

(People kneel)

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, we are bold to pray:

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, Now and forever. *Amen*.**

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **Though we are many we share one body, for we all share one bread.**

Celebrant: The cup of blessing which we bless,

All: **Is a sharing in the blood of Christ.**

Celebrant: Draw near with faith and receive

All: **Christ is the host and we are His guests.**

Celebrant: Christ is alive for ever.

All: **We are because He is.**

25. AGNUS DEI

Celebrant: Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world:

All: **Have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world:

All: **Have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

All: **Give us Your peace.**

Celebrant: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was broken for you keep your body and soul to eternal life. Take and eat this, in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

Assistant: The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for you, keep your body and soul to eternal life. Drink this, in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you and be thankful.

Congregation partake in Holy Communion beginning with the choir

26. HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

- ***i. Panis Angelicus (Rutter)***
- ***ii. 210 – Rock of ages cleft.***
- ***iii. At calvary (Mary McDonald)***
- ***iv. 214 - There is a Green hill far away.***
- ***v. 348 - Art thou weary, art thou languid?***

27. POST COMMUNION

28. *(People stand)*

Archbishop: Let us pray: *(Silence is observed)*

All: **Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at Your feet, learnt from Your word and eaten from Your table. We give You thanks and praise for accepting us into Your family. Send us out with your blessing, to live and to witness for You in the power of Your Spirit. Through Jesus Christ, the First Born from the dead. *Amen*.**

29. VESPER HYMN: *Hail gladdening light*

30. STRIPPING THE ALTAR

Provost: Stripping the altar is an ancient custom of the Church done on Maundy Thursday. After the Last Supper, less than 24 hours remained in our Lord's earthly life. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, painful beating,

the trudge to Golgotha and execution. As His life was stripped from Him, so we strip our altar of the signs of comfort and life to symbolize His suffering and death.

People stand in silence

Archbishop: They divide my garments among them.

***All*: They cast lots for my clothing.**

From this moment there will be total silence:

i. *The elements are removed and taken the gospel door*
ii. *The Paten and the chalice to the gospel door*
iii. *The wine and vials to the aumbry*
iv. *The boy scout and girl guide flags to the vestry*
v. *The Kenyan flag to the vestry*
vi. *The altar linen through the gospel door*
vii. *The celebratory cross to the vestry*
viii. *All flags – Mothers union and Kama to the epistle door to the vestry*
ix. *Water is brought and celebrant wipe the table*

*(Procession walks out quietly and the Archbishop gives blessing to the people and the city at the **West door**.)*

31. BLESSING

Archbishop: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Welcome you for soup at the Auditorium.