

The Paschal Triduum: **Maundy Thursday**

Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn: CP #520 The King of Love My Shephard Is

Presider: This is the day
that Christ the Lamb of God
gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

This is the day
that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the day
that Christ took a towel
and washed the disciples' feet,
giving us an example that we should do to others
as he has done to us.

This is the day
that Christ our God gave us this holy feast,
that we who eat this bread
and drink this cup
may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice
and be partakers of his resurrection,
and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

Collect

Presider: Let us pray.

O God,
your Son Jesus Christ
has left to us this meal of bread and wine
in which we share his body and his blood.
May we who celebrate this sign of his great love
show in our lives the fruits of his redemption;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Exodus 12.1–14. (John video)

Reader: 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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalms 116.1, 10–17

I love the Lord, because he has heard*
my voice and my supplications.

I kept my faith, even when I said,*
‘I am greatly afflicted;’

I said in my consternation,*
‘Everyone is a liar.’

What shall I return to the Lord*
for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation*
and call on the name of the Lord,

I will pay my vows to the Lord*
in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord*

is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.*
You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice*
and call on the name of the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (Pauline)

Reader: A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

For 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Gradual Hymn: CP #486 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

The Gospel: John 13.1–17, 31b–35

All stand for the Gospel.

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: ***Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

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 he 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.’

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Homily

The Washing of Feet

Presider: 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.
Therefore, I invite you
who share in the royal priesthood of Christ,
to come forward,
that I may recall whose servant I am
by following the example of my 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.”

During the Footwashing Hymn : CP #553 Ubi Caritas et Amor is sung.

The Peace

Presider: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: CP #73 One Bread One Body

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Father,
we spread this table
to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ, your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day.
Bind us together in his love
and in the love he has commanded us to bring one another;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer 6

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

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

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

Celebrant: It is right to glorify you, Father,
and to give you thanks;
for you alone are God, living and true,
dwelling in light inaccessible
from before time and for ever.
Fountain of life and source of all goodness,
you made all things
and fill them with your blessing;
you created them to rejoice
in the splendour of your radiance.
Countless throngs of angels stand before you
to serve you night and day,
and, beholding your presence,
they offer you unceasing praise.

Joining with them,
and giving voice to every creature under heaven,
we acclaim you, and glorify your name,
as we sing,

All: *Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

***Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Celebrant: We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power;
your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love.

You formed us in your own image,
giving the whole world into our care,
so that, in obedience to you, our creator,
we might rule and serve all your creatures.
When our disobedience took us far from you,
you did not abandon us to the power of death.
In your mercy you came to our help,
so that in seeking you we might find you.

Again and again
you called us into covenant with you,
and through the prophets
you taught us to hope for salvation.
Father, you loved the world so much
that in the fullness of time
you sent your only Son to be our Saviour.
Incarnate by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
he lived as one of us, yet without sin.
To the poor
he proclaimed the good news of salvation;
to prisoners, freedom;
to the sorrowful, joy.

To fulfil your purpose
he gave himself up to death
and, rising from the grave, destroyed death
and made the whole creation new.
And that we might live no longer for ourselves,
but for him who died and rose for us,
he sent the Holy Spirit,
his own first gift for those who believe,
to complete his work in the world,
and to bring to fulfilment
the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified
by you, his heavenly Father,
having loved his own who were in the world,
he loved them to the end:
At supper with them on this night, he took bread;

and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "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.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Father,
we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption.
Recalling Christ's death
and descent among the dead,
proclaiming his resurrection
and ascension to your right hand,
awaiting his coming in glory;
and offering to you,
from the gifts you have given us,
this bread and this cup,
we praise you and we bless you.

***All: We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

Celebrant: Father,
we pray that in your goodness and mercy
your Holy Spirit may descend upon us,
and upon these gifts,
sanctifying them and showing them
to be holy gifts for your holy people,
the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Grant that all who share this bread and this cup
may become one body and one spirit,
a living sacrifice in Christ
to the praise of your name.

Remember, Lord,
your one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
redeemed by the blood of your Christ.

Reveal its unity, guard its faith,
and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died
in the peace of Christ,
and those whose faith is known to you alone;
bring them into the place
of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance
with the blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles,
and martyrs, with Paul and all the saints
who have found favour with you in ages past.

We praise you in union with them
and give you glory
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours,
almighty God and Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us 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.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

**All: *We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.***

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Communion Hymns

RSB # 315 This is My Body:

RSB # 80 Freely, Freely;

RSB # 210 Make Me a Servant

Prayer after Communion

Holy God,
source of all love,
on the night of his betrayal
Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment,
to love one another as he loved them.
Write this commandment in our hearts;
give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave his life and died for us,
yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Stripping of the Altar

Matthew 26.30–46

When they had sung the hymn,
they went out to the Mount of Olives.
Then Jesus said to them,
‘You will all become deserters because of me this night;
for it is written, “I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.”
But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.’
Peter said to him, ‘Though all become deserters because of you,
I will never desert you.’

Jesus said to him, ‘Truly I tell you, this very night,
before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.’
Peter said to him, ‘Even though I must die with you,
I will not deny you.’ And so said all the disciples.
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?
Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial;
the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.'

Again he went away for the second time and prayed,
'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.'
Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.
So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time,
saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,
'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand,
and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.
Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

Psalm 22

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *

and there is none to help.

12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

16 Packs of dogs close me in,
and gangs of evildoers circle around me; *
***they pierce my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.***

17 They stare and gloat over me; *
***they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.***

18 Be not far away, O Lord; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.

20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

21 I will declare your name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
***stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.***

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who

worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
“May your heart live for ever!”

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to
the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down
in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

Hymn: CP #190 Go To Dark Gethsemane

(After the singing of the hymn the congregation departs in silence.)