

**HOLY THURSDAY EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
**APRIL 1, 2021 at 7:30 pm**

**GATHERING SONG:**      *In Christ There Is A Table Set For All*

1. O, welcome all you noble saints of old, as now before your very eyes unfold  
The wonders all so long ago foretold.  
In Christ there is a table set for all, in Christ there is a table set for all
2. Elders, martyrs, all are falling down, prophets, patriarchs are gathering 'round  
What angels longed to see now we have found. In Christ there is a table...
3. Beggars, lame, and harlots also here, repentant publicans are drawing near,  
Wayward sons come home without a fear. In Christ there is a table...
4. Who is this who spreads the victory feast? Who is this who makes our warring cease?  
Jesus, risen savior, prince of peace. In Christ there is a table...

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**PRESENTATION OF THE HOLY OILS**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading**      Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,

“This month shall stand at the head of your calendar;  
you shall reckon it the first month of the year.

Tell the whole community of Israel:

On the tenth of this month every one of your families must procure for itself a lamb, one apiece for each household. If a family is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join the nearest household in procuring one and shall share in the lamb in proportion to the number of persons who partake of it.

The lamb must be a year-old male and without blemish.

You may take it from either the sheep or the goats.

You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, and then, with the whole assembly of Israel present, it shall be slaughtered during the evening twilight.

They shall take some of its blood and apply it to the two doorposts and the lintel of every house in which they partake of the lamb.

That same night they shall eat its roasted flesh with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

“This is how you are to eat it: with your loins girt, sandals on your feet and your staff in hand, you shall eat like those who are in flight.

It is the Passover of the LORD. For on this same night I will go through Egypt, striking down every firstborn of the land, both man and beast, and executing judgment on all the gods of Egypt—I, the LORD!

But the blood will mark the houses where you are.

Seeing the blood, I will pass over you;

thus, when I strike the land of Egypt, no destructive blow will come upon you.

“This day shall be a memorial feast for you, which all your generations shall celebrate with pilgrimage to the LORD, as a perpetual institution.”

The word of the Lord. – Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm 116** Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of the Lord.

1. How can I make a return to the Lord for all God has done for me?  
The cup of salvation I will take up, I will call on the name of the Lord.
2. Precious, indeed, in the sight of the Lord is the death of the faithful ones;  
and I am your servant, your chosen one, for you have set me free.
3. Unto your name I will offer my thanks for the debt that I owe to you.  
In the presence of all who have called on your name,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord.

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**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

Brothers and sisters:

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you,  
that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over,  
took bread, and, after he had given thanks,  
broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way also the cup, 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 death of the Lord until he comes.

The word of the Lord. – Thanks be to God.

**Gospel** John 13:1-15

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come  
to pass from this world to the Father.

He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end.

The devil had already induced Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, to hand him over.

So, during supper, fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power  
and that he had come from God and was returning to God,  
he rose from supper and took off his outer garments.

He took a towel and tied it around his waist.

Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet  
and dry them with the towel around his waist.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Master, are you going to wash my feet?”  
Jesus answered and said to him,

“What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later.”

Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.”

Jesus answered him, “Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me.”

Simon Peter said to him, “Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well.”

Jesus said to him,

“Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is clean all over; so you are clean, but not all.”

For he knew who would betray him; for this reason, he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, “Do you realize what I have done for you?

You call me ‘teacher’ and ‘master,’ and rightly so, for indeed I am.

If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet.

I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.”

The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Prayer of the Faithful:** *You may un-mute and share your prayers.*

### **Prayer of Pope Francis**

O Mary, you shine always on our way as a sign of our safety and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the foot of the cross bound yourself to the suffering of Jesus, keeping strong in your faith.

O Advocate for All People, you know what we need

and we are sure that you will provide it for us, just as at Cana of Galilee

the joy and feasting could return after that moment of trial.

Mother of Divine Love, help us to conform ourselves to the will of the Father

and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took upon Himself our sufferings

and is marked by our sorrows and so leads us, toward the Cross,

to the Joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **Preparation of the Gifts**

### ***We Come To Your Feast***

1. We place upon your table a humble loaf of bread:  
the gift of field and hillside, the grain by which we're fed;  
we come to taste the presence of him on whom we feed,  
to strengthen and connect us, to challenge and correct us,  
to love in word and deed.

*Refrain:* We come to your feast, we come to your feast:  
the young and the old, the frightened, the bold, the greatest and the least.  
We come to your feast, we come to your feast  
with the fruit of our lands and the work of our hands, we come to your feast.

2. We place upon your table a simple cup of wine:  
the fruit of human labor, the gift of sun and vine;  
we come to taste the presence of him we claim as Lord,  
his dying and his living, his leading and his giving,  
his love in cup outpoured.

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### **Spiritual Communion Prayer**

Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

### **Communion Song:**

#### ***May We Be One***

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus.  
So as we share this feast may we become healing and light and peace. May we be one.

1. This is the bread of Israel's wand'ring. Amen, amen.

The bread that strengthened Elijah. Amen, amen.

The bread that fed many thousands. Amen, amen.

This is the bread of Judas' betrayal. Amen, amen.

Take and eat; this bread is the life of God.

2. This is the blessing cup of the Sabbath. Amen, amen.

The cup of Cana's amazement. Amen, amen.

The cup that would not pass from you. Amen, amen.

This is the cup now shared in your mem'ry. Amen, amen.

Take and drink; this cup is the life of God.

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### **Processional Song:**

#### ***Stay Here and Keep Watch With Me***

Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.

Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.

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**Please remain at your seats during the procession.**

**The church will remain open until 10 pm for prayer.**