

MAUNDY THURSDAY DIVINE SERVICE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: I will go to the altar of God,

C: to God my exceeding joy.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: During this Lenten season...

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

C: Amen.

P: Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment.

But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C: Amen.

P: Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

C: Yes.

P: Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul and body, be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in + peace.

C: Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 67; antiphon: Gal.6:14

L: Far be it from | me to boast *

except in the cross of our Lord | Jesus Christ.

In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection | from the dead; *

by Him we are redeemed and set at | liberty.

C: May God be gracious to us and | bless us *

and make his face to shine up- | on us,

L: that your way may be | known on earth, *

your saving power among all | nations.

C: Let the peoples praise you, | O God; *

let all the peoples | praise you!

L: God, our God, shall | bless us. *

God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth | fear him!

C: Far be it from | me to boast *

except in the cross of our Lord | Jesus Christ.

In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection | from the dead; *

by Him we are redeemed and set at | liberty.

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

[St. Paul the Apostle wrote:] ²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way also he took 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." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL & LENTEN VERSES

John 6:55-56; Psalm 111

L: He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered; *
the LORD is gracious and | merciful.

**C: He provides food for those who | fear him; *
he remembers his covenant for- | ever.**

L: My flesh is | true food, *
and My blood is | true drink.

**C: Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks | My blood *
abides in Me, and | I in him.**

HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 13:1-15, 34-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I

have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you... ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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SERMON

OFFERTORY



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: O God, who desires not the death of a sinner, but rather that he turn from his evil way and live, we come before You although we have sinned and deserve only Your wrath. But we flee to Your mercy in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who gave His body and His blood for our redemption. Lord, grant that we may ever thus believe and never waver. Grant that in such faith we may worthily come to Your altar to eat the very body and drink the true blood which Your Son gives to us, that we may duly praise, laud, and honor Your love and Your mercy all the days of our life. But, O Lord, many of Your faithful Christians are unable at this time to receive in their mouths Christ's true body and blood. Stir up their minds and hearts to a salutary remembrance of His benefits. Grant that by faith we all may spiritually partake of Him as we recall the Words of His new and eternal Testament. Grant us ever to rejoice in how Your Son once offered Himself upon the altar of the cross in our place. Fill all Your people now with His blood-bought forgiveness, and pour Your heavenly benediction and grace upon everyone who devoutly remembers His holy sacrifice. Finally, gather us all together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANTUS – *Holy, Holy, Holy*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

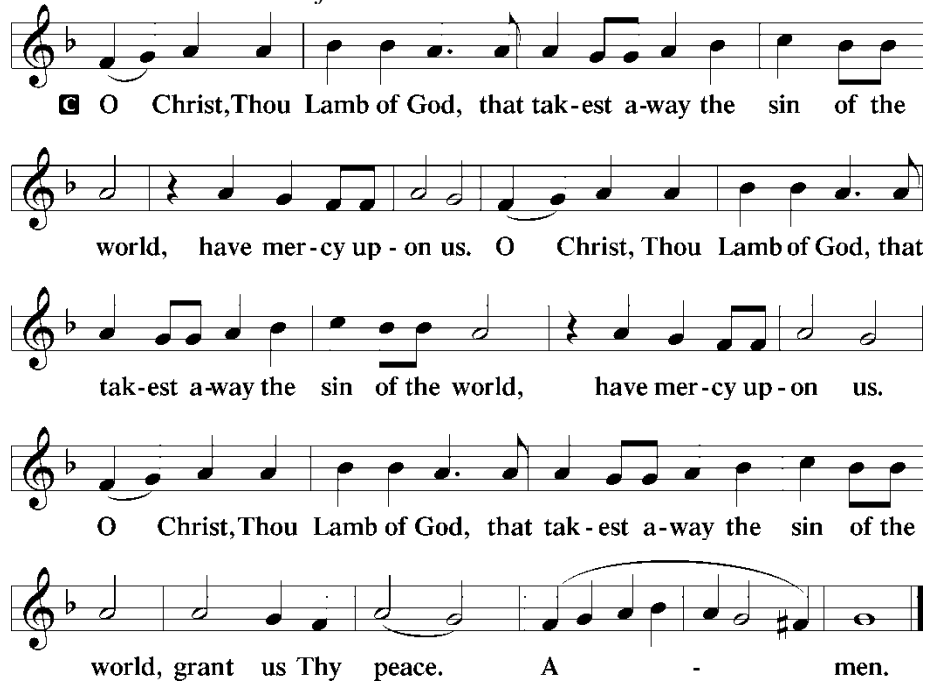
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI — *Peace of the Lord*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

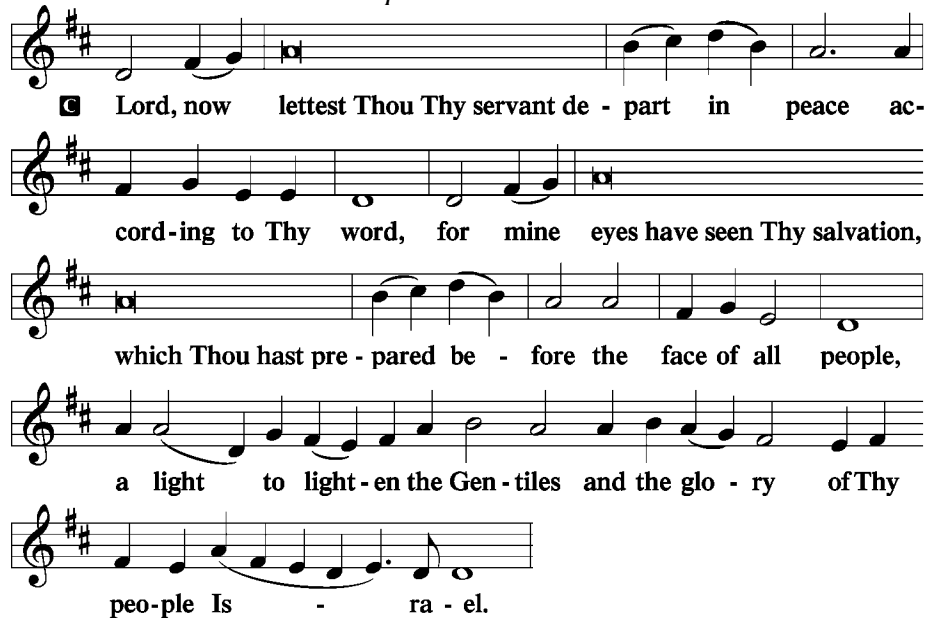
C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI — *Lamb of God*



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

NUNC DIMITTIS — *Now Depart*



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el.

**The Gloria Patri is omitted in the last two weeks of Lent*

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: and His mercy endures forever.

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The pastor sings Psalm 22 as the Altar and chancel area are stripped in preparation for Good Friday, symbolizing the humiliation and suffering that Jesus endured at the hands of sinners.

P: My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me? *

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not | answer, *

and by night, but I | find no rest.

Yet you are | holy, *

enthroned on the praises of | Israel.

In you our fathers | trusted; *

they trusted, and you de- | livered them.

To you they cried and were | rescued; *

in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.

But I am a worm and | not a man, *
scorned by mankind and despised by the | people.
All who see me | mock me; *
they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;
“He trusts in the LORD; let him de- | liver him; *
let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!”
Yet you are he who took me | from the womb; *
you made me trust you at my | mother's breasts.
On you was I cast | from my birth, *
and from my mother's womb you have | been my God.
Be not far from me, for trouble | is near, *
and there is | none to help.

Many bulls en- | compass me; *
strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round me;
they open wide their | mouths at me, *
like a ravening and roaring | lion.
I am poured out like water, and all my bones are | out of joint; *
my heart is like wax; it is melted with- | in my breast;
my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks | to my jaws; *
you lay me in the | dust of death.
For dogs en- | compass me; *
a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my | hands and feet.
I can count | all my bones, *
they stare and gloat | over me;
they divide my garments a- | mong them, *
and for my clothing they | cast lots.

But you, O LORD, do not be | far off! *
O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!
Deliver my soul | from the sword, *
my precious life from the power | of the dog!
Save me from the mouth of the | lion! *
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild | oxen!
I will tell of your name to my | brothers; *
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you:
You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glo- | rify him, *
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of | Israel!
For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his | face from him, *
but has heard, when he | cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congre- | gation; *
my vows I will perform before those who | fear him.
The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall | praise the LORD! *
May your hearts live for- | ever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore you.

For kingship belongs | to the LORD, *
and he rules over the | nations.
All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship; *
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep him- | self alive.
Posterity shall | serve him; *
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gene- | ration;
they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn, *
that he has | done it.



TRIDUUM: THE THREE HOLY DAYS

There is no Benediction tonight as this night begins the Three Holy Days of our Lord's death and resurrection. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil are all one continuous service. On Friday we give thanks for the salvation Christ won for us on the Cross. Then, on Saturday evening, the beginning of the third day, we begin our Easter celebrations and proclaim Christ's resurrection.

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