

The Three Days: Maundy Thursday
March 28, 2024

Order of Worship: Holy Communion, Setting Four

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PRELUDE & BELLS *We observe a moment of silence for prayer and meditation.*

WELCOME

Blessed be the Kingdom...now and forever **and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

✠TRIDUUM: LITURGY OF THE THREE DAYS✠

SERMON

Guaranteed!

Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

New and Improved!

We stand CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Let us make confession to God

Silence is kept for reflection & personal confession

Almighty God, merciful Father:, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

Do you believe that the word of forgiveness I speak to you comes from God himself? **I do.** Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you- who repent and believe- the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We sit. Those who desire may come forward and kneel before the altar for individual absolution; others may remain seated. The minister, laying both hands on each person's head, addresses each in turn:

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Next Steps Weekly Memory Verse: JOHN 13:34

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you.

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE & MEDITATION: PSALM 119:9-16

⁹How shall a young man cleanse his way?

By keeping to your words.

¹⁰**With my whole heart I seek you;**

let me not stray from your commandments.

¹¹I treasure your promise in my heart,
that I may not sin against you.

¹²**Blessed are you, O LORD;**

instruct me in your statutes.

¹³With my lips I recite
all the judgments of your mouth.

¹⁴**I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees
than in all manner of riches.**

¹⁵I will meditate on your commandments
and give attention to your ways.

¹⁶**My delight is in your statutes;**

I will not forget your word.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

²³For 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In 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.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

We stand. GOSPEL ACCLIMATION:

“Let Your Steadfast Love”

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Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 13:1-17, 31B-35

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them." ^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to You, O Christ!**

We sit. WASHING OF THE FEET

The minister lays his vestments aside, puts on an apron or a towel, and washes the feet of a representative group of the congregation.

HYMNS DURING WASHING

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"Love Consecrates the Humblest Act"

"I Come to the Cross"

"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the Church, the world, and one another.

A brief silence

Dear Father, grant us faith to cling to the forgiveness won for us by your Son. Grant us hope, to cling to him in temptation and darkness. Give us love, to cling to him forever; for he is our Savior and Lord.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church. Fill it with your Spirit, so it more perfectly loves you and the people your Son came to redeem.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our persecuted sisters and brothers throughout the world. Fill them with your Spirit, so they more perfectly bear witness to the holiness and love of Jesus.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for seminarians, theologians, pastors, and missionaries of the Gospel. Fill them with your Spirit, so they more perfectly proclaim Christ, and him crucified.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our congregation, its people, and its ministries. Fill us with your Spirit, so we more perfectly reflect the servant-love of Jesus to one another, and to our neighbors. We pray for our mission to develop fully devoted followers of Jesus; to support Solid Rock our mission in action; and that you send us adults for baptism.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who will be baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ during these holy days. Fill them with your Spirit, so they more perfectly follow in his footsteps.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our elected and appointed leaders, here and in all nations. Fill them with your Spirit, so they more perfectly accomplish your will for the people entrusted to their care.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who risk their lives for the sake of others. Fill them with your Spirit, so that in places of danger, distrust, and disease, they more perfectly accomplish your will.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for everyone suffers in body, heart, or mind, including: {List}. Fill them with your Spirit, so that they more perfectly cling to Christ, who is their life and salvation.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we share a foretaste of the feast you have set before all whom you have redeemed by the passion, death, and resurrection of your beloved Son. We pray especially for the families of {List}. Fill us with your Spirit, so we more perfectly take up our Cross, follow Jesus wherever he leads, and encourage one another along life's way. Bring us, through the merits of Christ, into your Kingdom, where with him and the Holy Spirit, you reign in the glory of heaven's endless day.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For these things, and for whatever else is needful, dear Father, we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

We sit. OFFERING, OFFERTORY SONG & PRAYER- *Giving back to God*



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We stand #186

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”



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 your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

DEDICATION OF ANOINTING OIL

PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, king of the universe. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

RECOGNITION OF FIRST COMMUNION

The First Communicants and their families come forward to the Lord's Table

I do and I ask God to help and guide me.

Concludes...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.

♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary . . . and join their unending hymn:

Sung

♪ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth... as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, ... Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

We sit. INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The mystery of the faith. **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ present and received in, with, and under the bread and wine. All who are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and who believe the Lord's words "This is my body given for you" and "This is my blood poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins" may receive Communion. Young children, not yet receiving Communion, may receive a blessing.

(Matt 26:26ff, Mark 14:22ff, Luke 22:19ff, 1 Cor. 11:24ff)

Communion administration occurs in a continuous fashion at the Communion rail. The ushers will guide you to the rail. To receive the elements, extend your hand, palm up, to the ministers. White grape juice is available in the center of the trays. For those unable to consume either bread or wine, the Church affirms the Lord's full presence in each element alone. Once you have received the elements, return to your seat by the side aisles. If you do not desire to receive Holy Communion, you may remain seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMN

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"Lamb of God"

John 1:29

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Lamb of God" in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

We stand POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

May the true body and blood...keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray... Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen. Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR PSALM 22

The communion vessels, altar book, linens, paraments, ornaments, and candles are removed and then the crosses are draped in black.

We depart in silence. We will gather tomorrow at NOON or 7:00 PM for the Good Friday liturgy and on Saturday at 7:00 PM for the Easter Vigil liturgy.

Easter Sunday Worship 04.17 Sunrise 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM Pancake Breakfast, Festival 9:00 AM

Easter Egg hunt for 0-4th grade 10:15 AM

Congratulations to our 1st Communicants! Caroline Duty, Syllas Stacy, & Liam Sralla. You are welcome to join them for cupcakes & drinks in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

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Our mission is Christ's mission – "I will build my church"
by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

1st Hymn for Washing of the Feet: "Love Consecrates the Humblest Act" (#360)

Text by Silas B. McManus

**1 Love consecrates the humblest act
and haloes mercy's deeds;
it sheds a benediction sweet
and hallows human needs.**

**2 When in the shadow of the cross
Christ knelt and washed the feet
of his disciples, he gave us
a sign of love complete.**

**3 Love serves and willing stoops to serve;
what Christ in love so true
has freely done for one and all,
let us now gladly do!**

2nd Hymn for Washing of the Feet: "I Come To The Cross" (*insert*)

Text by Fanny Jane Crosby; Music by William Howard Doane

Refrain

**I come to the cross
Seeking mercy and grace
I come to the cross
Where You died in my place
Out of my weakness
And into Your strength
Humbly I come to the cross**

**1 Your arms are open
You call me by name
You welcome this child that was lost
You paid the price
For my guilt and my shame
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Jesus I come to the cross. *Refrain***

3rd Hymn for Washing of the Feet: “Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross” (*insert*)

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1. Jesus keep me near the cross
There a precious fountain
Free to all a healing stream
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain

Refrain

In the cross in the cross
Be my glory ever
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river

2. Near the cross a trembling soul
Love and mercy found me
There the Bright and Morning Star
Sheds its beams around me. *Refrain*

3. Near the cross O Lamb of God
Bring its scenes before me
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadows o'er me. *Refrain*

4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait
Hoping trusting ever
Till I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river *Refrain*