

*But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

# Holy Thursday

April 6, 2023

7:00 p.m.

This Evening's Hymns

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**P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

**C** **who made Heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** 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** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

### Introit

*Psalm 67:1–3, 6b–7; antiphon: Galatians 6:14*



*But far be it from | me to boast\**

*except in the cross of our Lord | Jesus Christ,  
by which the world has been cruci- | fied to me,\*  
and I | to the world.*

**May God be gracious to us and | bless us\*  
and make His face to shine up- | on us,**

that Your way may be | known on earth,\*

Your saving power among all | nations.

**Let the peoples praise You, | O God;\***

**let all the peoples | praise You!**

God, our God, shall | bless us.\*

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

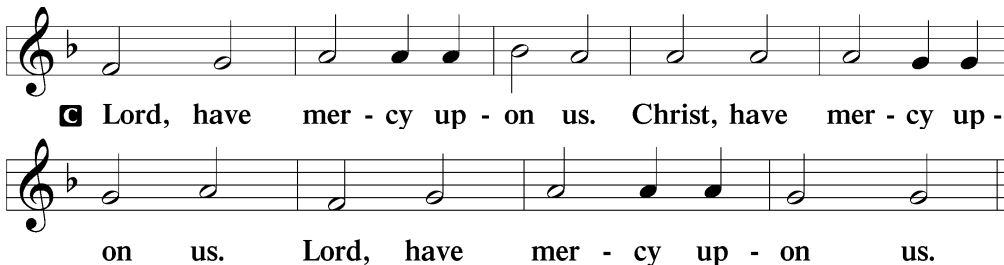
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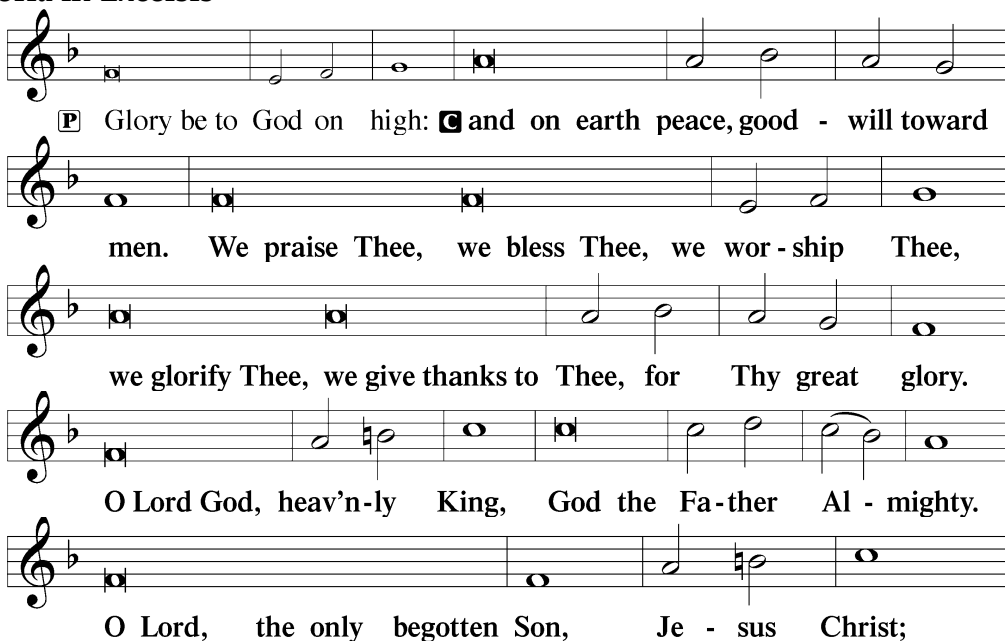
**and I | to the world.**

## Kyrie



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

## Gloria in Excelsis



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**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** A - men.

## Old Testament

*Exodus 24:3–11*

*In those days:* <sup>3</sup>Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.” <sup>4</sup>And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. <sup>7</sup>Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” <sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very Heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And He did not lay His hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Philippians 2:8b–9*



He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the | point of death,\*  
even death | on a cross.

**Therefore God has highly ex- | alted Him\***  
**and bestowed on Him the Name that is above | every name.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 11:20–32*

*Brethren:* <sup>20</sup>When you come together, it is not the Lord’s Supper that you eat. <sup>21</sup>For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. <sup>22</sup>What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.

<sup>23</sup>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, <sup>24</sup>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." <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

<sup>27</sup>Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the Body and Blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup>That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup>But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup>But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Tract

*Psalm 111:4-5; John 6:55-56*



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

He **provides food for those who | fear Him**;<sup>\*</sup>  
He remembers His covenant for- | ever.

My Flesh is true food, and My Blood is | true drink.\*

Whoever feeds on My Flesh and drinks My Blood abides in Me, and | I in him.

## Holy Gospel

*John 13:1-15*

**P** The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. John:



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, <sup>3</sup>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, <sup>4</sup>rose from supper. He laid aside His outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around His waist. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to Him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>For He knew who was to betray Him; that was why He said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>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? <sup>13</sup>You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

*Stand*

## Nicene Creed

**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 His 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 *worshipped 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.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

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Sermon

Offering

Stand

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.

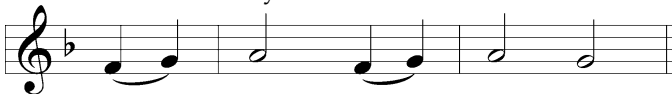
The Prayer of the Church



# ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface

It is truly meet, 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:

## Sanctus



**C** 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.

## Exhortation to Communicants

### The Lord's Prayer

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

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

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

**C** A - - - - - men.

## Agnus Dei



□ 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.

*Sit*

## Distribution Hymns

O Lord, We Praise Thee

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Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

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*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis



□ Lord, now letteth Thou Thy servant de - part in peace accord-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  
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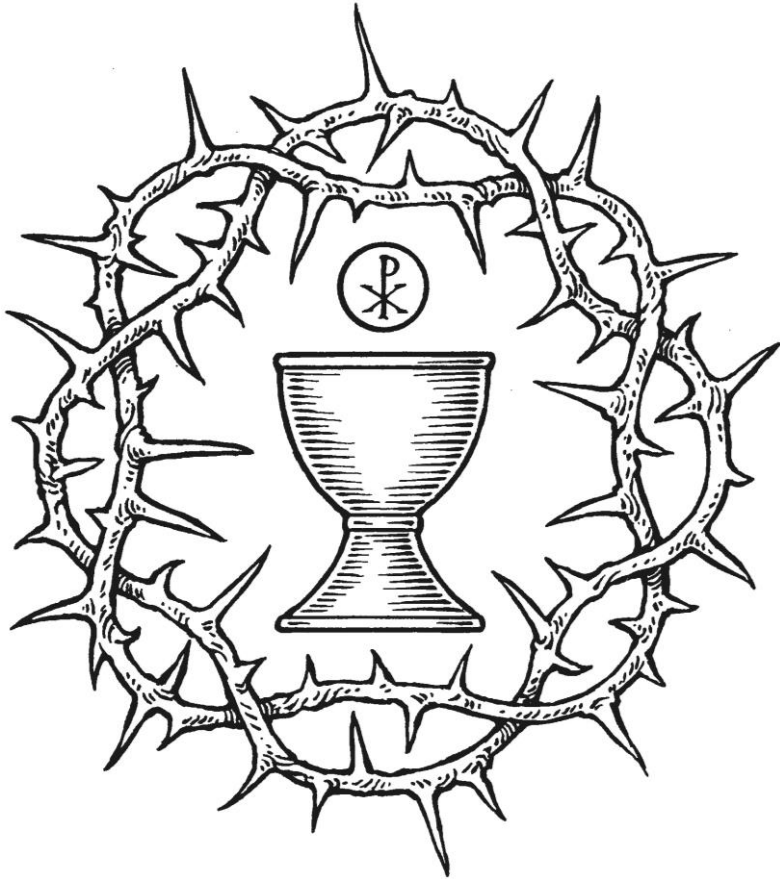
## Thanksgiving

**P** O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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** A - men.



# ✠ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR ✠

## Psalm 22



*They divide My garments a- | mong them,\*  
and for My clothing they | cast lots.*

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 gener- | ation;**

they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people | yet unborn,\*  
that He has | done it.

*They divide My garments a- | mong them,\**

*and for My clothing they | cast lots.*

