

CHURCH OF THE
*A*SSUMPTION

ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR
Thursday Evening of the Lord's Supper

April 9, 2020

The Introductory Rites

ENTRANCE

Lift High the Cross
CRUCIFER

GLORY TO GOD

Missa Simplex
Richard Proulx

COLLECT

The 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 everyone 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."

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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John 13:1-15

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."

HOMILY

Fr. John Malone

THE WASHING OF FEET

A reenactment of Jesus' ultimate act of humility—the washing of his disciples' feet—would occur at this moment in the liturgy. Although we cannot perform this ritual this year, we remember and reflect upon how Jesus embodied yet another example of his New Commandment, to love another, through the foot washing.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL


The Liturgy of the Eucharist

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

Where True Charity and Love Dwell

Ubi caritas

Refrain



Where true love and char-i-ty are found, God is al-ways there.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. 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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**My 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 HYMN

What Wondrous Love

Traditional American

What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
this, That caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Following our Last Supper, we anticipate Jesus Christ's absence from the world with his impending Crucifixion. The stripping of the altar and transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose symbolize this absence of the Body and Blood in the Church as the Triduum continues. The Blessed Sacrament will remain there from now until the Resurrection on Easter.

HYMN

Praise We Christ's Immortal Body

PANGE LINGUA

THE SERVICE ENDS IN SILENCE

YOU ARE INVITED TO CONTINUE ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FOR A PERIOD OF TIME

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