



THE THURSDAY EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered. *Galatians 6:14*

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

Lift High the Cross

Sung by Cantor

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his holy name.
Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his holy name.

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GREETING; PENETENTIAL ACT

GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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.**

Our blessing cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.

How shall I make a return to the LORD
for all the good he has done for me?
The cup of salvation I will take up,
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

Our blessing cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.

Precious in the eyes of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.
I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;
You have loosed my bonds.

Our blessing cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.

To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.
My vows to the LORD
I will pay in the presence of all his people.

Our blessing cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.

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.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.
I give you a new commandment, says the Lord.
Love one another as I have loved you.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

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. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
and by the Holy Spirit (please bow) was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day,
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through
Your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through
your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father,"

People: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and
just.**

It is truly right and just.....

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as without end we acclaim:

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.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

After the words of Institution of the Eucharist, the Priest sings or says:

The mystery of faith:

All: **When we eat this Bread, and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

AMEN

The Eucharistic Prayer culminates and concludes when the Priest sings:

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever. All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven.....**
.....but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever.**

RITE OF PEACE

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

People: And with your spirit.

The people exchange a sign of peace.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION—*ST. ALPHONSUS LIGOURI*

(For those who are unable to physically receive Communion with us today.)

**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 ANTIPHON

All: **This is the Body that will be given up for you;
this is the Chalice of the new covenant in my Blood, says the Lord;
do this, whenever you receive it, in memory of me.** *I Cor 11:24-25*

COMMUNION PROCESSION

If you are not of the Catholic faith, or do not wish to receive Communion, you may join procession, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing..

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

TRANSFER OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Holy Eucharist will be taken to the Reservation Chapel.

You may remain in the church for Adoration of the Holy Eucharist if you wish.

ALL DEPART IN SILENCE

