

Maundy Thursday

The First Day of the Ancient Triduum

Jueves Santo Santo Triduo Pascual

April 1 2021, 7:00 pm



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WELCOME TO ALLTHIS HOLY NIGHT

As God's people, we begin together the three most important days – and the oldest holy days – in the Christian Church. Yes, this is one service covering three days! Each day's service leads us into the next, until there comes the Easter announcement, Christ is risen!

Today is "Maundy" Thursday. The name comes from "Mandatum," the Latin word for "commandment." This was the night when our Lord, sharing the Passover Meal with his disciples said, "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you."

Three themes and traditions come from this evening. First, there is the Last Supper and the Holy Communion. Central, too, is the teaching our Lord did on this evening, including the new commandment. And finally, there is the image of servanthood preserved so meaningfully in the washing of the disciples' feet by Jesus himself.

All throughout we can hear our Lord looking us in the eye with outstretched arm saying, "here, take a towel, and follow me."

An important part also, comes at the close of the service. While we sing Psalm 22, the altar and chancel are readied for Good Friday. The paraments, the candles, all the décor, leaves. The Ancient Three Days have begun!

When the service is ended, behold the dim light surrounding the shrouded cross. Our Lord has begun his journey, for each of us. We are held, we are treasured, we are loved.

A BLESSED THREE DAYS

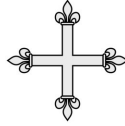
THROUGH THE CROSS

TO THE HOPE-FILLED SIGHT OF THE EMPTY TOMB.

Como pueblo de Dios, comenzamos juntos los tres días más importantes. El servicio de cada día nos lleva al siguiente, hasta que llega el anuncio de la Pascua, ¡Cristo ha resucitado!

Hoy es Jueves "Santo". Esta fue la noche en que nuestro Señor, compartiendo la Cena de Pascua con sus discípulos, dijo: "Un mandamiento nuevo les doy: que se amen los unos a los otros como yo los he amado".

De esta velada surgen tres temas y tradiciones. Primero, está la Última Cena y la Sagrada Comunión. También es central la enseñanza que hizo nuestro Señor esta noche, incluido el mandamiento nuevo. Y finalmente, está la imagen de la servidumbre preservada de manera tan significativa en el lavatorio de los pies de los discípulos por Jesús mismo.



This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Concluding worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

Gathering

Silent Meditation

Prelude

Variations on *Ubi Caritas*

Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us
 even when we were dead in sin,
 and made us alive together with Christ.
 By grace you have been saved.
 In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
 Almighty God strengthen you with power
 through the Holy Spirit,
 that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

Dios, que es rico en misericordia, nos amó
 incluso cuando estábamos muertos en pecado, y
 nos dio vida junto con Cristo. Por gracia has sido
 salvo. En el nombre de ✠ Jesucristo, tus pecados
 te son perdonados. Dios Todopoderoso te forta-
 lece con poder por el Espíritu Santo, para que
 Cristo viva en vuestros corazones por la fe.
Amén.

Opening Hymn

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1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
 2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
 cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
 as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
 call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
 joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
 by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
 but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
 and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
 to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
 close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
 mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
 a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
 faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

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Greeting

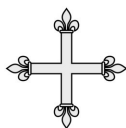
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

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.



Word

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. [Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

The Choir sings the refrain first, please sing the second time. Please sing the refrain where it is indicated by an R.

I will lift up the cup of sal - va - tion; I will
call on the name of the LORD.

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,
²for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called. **R**

¹²How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people.

¹⁵Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death of your servants. **R**

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people,

¹⁹in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. **R**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

For 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, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In 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." For 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.

Segunda Lectura

1 Corintios 11:23-26

Porque yo recibí del Señor lo que también os he enseñado: Que el Señor Jesús, la noche que fue entregado, tomó pan; y habiendo dado gracias, lo partió, y dijo: Tomad, comed; este es mi cuerpo que por vosotros es partido; haced esto en memoria de mí. Asimismo tomó también la copa, después de haber cenado, diciendo: Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre; haced esto todas las veces que la bebiereis, en memoria de mí. Así, pues, todas las veces que comiereis este pan, y bebiereis esta copa, la muerte del Señor anunciáis hasta que él venga.

Palabra de Dios

Demos gracia a Dios

Gospel Acclamation

Choir: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you. (John 13:34)

Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.

Now 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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After 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? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little 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.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

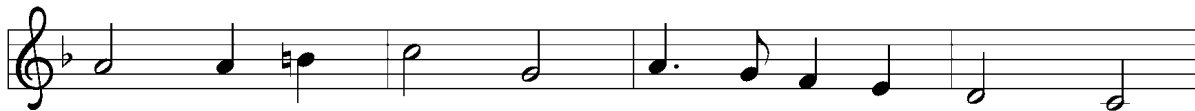
Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

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1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending
 this my resurrection;
 into your hands, Lord,
 I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for;
 now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it, take it freely!"
 Amen! My Master!

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Prayers of Intercession

United by the servant love of God in Christ, we pray this holy night for the needs of the world.

After each portion of the prayers:

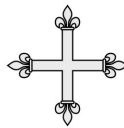
God of mercy,
hear our prayers.

The prayers conclude:

Hear these and all our prayers, O God, in the name of the one who loves us to the end, Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.



Thanksgiving

Offering

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Music at the offering

Latin text:

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

English translation:

*Where charity and love are, there God is.
The love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us exult, and in Him be joyful.
Let us fear and let us love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love each other (and Him).*

Ubi Caritas
Text: Paulinus of Aquileia
Music: Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of the wilderness, we come to you in gratitude for the abundance you bestow on us. Empower us to share the gifts you have given us. Use these offerings to bring peace, justice and comfort to the world; through Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Let us pray

Holy One, Jesus Christ, we know that you are as truly present in our reaching out to one another as in the sacrament of the table. We love you at the heart of all things, and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot gather together this night to receive you in that sacrament, come and abide spiritually in our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace. Never let us fear that we are ever separated from you, from one another, from your creation. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and the life to come. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please pray in your own preferred language.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**Padre Nuestro Que estas en los cielos
Santificado sea tu Nombre
Venga a nosotros tu Reino
Hagase tu voluntad asi en la tierra como en el cielo
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia
Perdona nuestras ofensas
Como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden
Y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion mas libranos del mal
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la Gloria
Por los siglos de los siglos. Amen**

The Stripping of the Altar

¹⁷I can count | all my bones
while they stare at | me and gloat.
¹⁸**They divide my gar- | ments among them;
for my clothing, | they cast lots.**

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not | far away;
O my help, hasten | to my aid.
²⁰**Deliver me | from the sword,
my life from the power | of the dog.**

²¹Save me from the | lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.
²²**I will declare your name | to my people;
in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.**

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise!
All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.
²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face | hidden from them;
but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.
²⁶**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts | live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.
²⁸**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,
shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.
³⁰**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

Silent Recessional

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GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 noon Seven Last Words from the Cross

Three Hour Devotions

7:00 p.m. Word, Prayer and Solemn Reproaches

HOLY SATURDAY

12:00 noon Special Music, Hymns, Word and Prayer

EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Festival Worship