

# HOLY THURSDAY

## Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper



**THE PARISH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD**

**APRIL 1, 2021 - 6:00 PM**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
PRESQUE ISLE, MAINE**

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# INTRODUCTION

## Penitential Rite

### Gloria

*While the Gloria is being sung, bells are rung, and when it is finished, they remain silent until the Gloria in excelsis of the Easter Vigil is sung.*

### Collect

O God, who have called us to participate  
in this most sacred Supper,  
in which your Only Begotten Son,  
when about to hand himself over to death,  
entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity,  
the banquet of his love,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may draw from so great a mystery,  
the fullness of charity and of life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Reading 1 ~ 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**

**Responsorial Psalm** ~ *Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16BC, 17-18.*

**R.** (cf. 1 Cor 10:16) **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.

**R. 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.

**R. 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.

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

## **Reading 2 ~ 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**

### **Verse Before the Gospel ~ John 13:34**

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.

### **Gospel ~ 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.”

## **The Gospel of the Lord**

### **Homily**

*The washing of feet, which is already optional, is to be omitted.*

## **Prayers of the Faithful**

## **Presentation of the Holy Oils**

*On Holy Thursday, the Holy Oils will be placed on a table in the sanctuary. At the intersessions, the reader will read the presentation of the holy oils while the priest or deacon lifts each of the oils. It is appropriate that the Oil of the Sick the Oil of Catechumens, and the Holy Chrism, which were blessed by the Bishop during the Chrism Mass, be presented to and received by the local parish community. As each of the oils is presented, the following or other words may be used to explain the significance of the particular oil.*

**Lector:** The oil of the Sick.

### **Priest:**

May the sick who are anointed with this oil experience the compassion of Christ and his saving love, in body and soul.

**All Respond:** Blessed be God for ever.

**Lector:** The Oil of Catechumens.

**Priest:**

Through anointing with this oil, may our catechumens who are preparing to receive the saving waters of Baptism be strengthened by Christ to resist the power of Satan and reject evil in all its forms.

**Lector:** The Holy Chrism.

**Priest:** Through anointing with this perfumed Chrism may children and adults, who are baptized and confirmed, and Priests, who are ordained, experience the gracious gift of the Holy Spirit.

**All Respond:** Blessed be God for ever.

## HOLY COMMUNION

**Prayer over the Offerings**

**Preface**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Sign of Peace**

**Distribution of Holy Communion**

*After the Priests have received Communion, the faithful are invited to pray the Prayer for a Spiritual Act of 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 IN 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.

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SPIRITUAL ACT OF  
COMMUNION



*After the distribution of Holy Communion, the Blessed Sacrament is placed in the tabernacle.*

**Prayer after Communion:** Grant, almighty God, that, just as we are renewed by the Supper of your Son in this present age, so we may enjoy his banquet for all eternity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**R/ Amen.**

*The procession with the Blessed Sacrament (in a ciborium) is omitted. Presuming that the Good Friday service will take place in the same church, no blessing or dismissal is given; those present leave the sanctuary in a simple, orderly, well-spaced procession (without a processional cross).*

*All depart in silence*