

## **THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

With this Mass, celebrated in the evening of the Thursday in Holy Week, the Church begins the sacred Easter Triduum and devotes herself to the remembrance of the Last Supper. At the supper on the night he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus, loving those who were his own in the world even to the end, offered his Body and Blood to the Father under the appearance of bread and wine, gave them to the Apostles to eat and drink, then enjoined the Apostles and their successors in the priesthood to offer them in turn.

This Mass is, first of all, the memorial of the institution of the Eucharist, that is, of the Memorial of the Lord's Passover, by which under sacramental signs he perpetuated among us the sacrifice of the New Law. The Mass of the Lord's Supper is also the memorial of the institution of the priesthood, by which Christ's mission and sacrifice are perpetuated in the world. In addition, this Mass is the memorial of that love by which the Lord loved us even to death.

*There will be an opportunity to remain and adore Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament after Mass.*

## **Introductory Rites**

**Priest:** In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: And with your spirit.**

## **Penitential Act**

**Priest:** Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and  
so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**All:** I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*And, striking their breast, they say:*

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Priest:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and  
bring us to everlasting life.

**All: Amen.**

## **Kyrie**

## **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 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. Amen.

## **Collect**

**Priest:** Let us pray.

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, God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen**

## **Liturgy of the Word (Sit)**

**Reading I** *Exodus 12:1-8; 11-14*

A reading from the book of Exodus

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.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Responsorial Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18*

**R/ 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/**

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/**

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/**

**Reading II 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul the Corinthians.

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.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation (Stand)**

**R/** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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

**Gospel John 13:1-15**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Homily (Sit)**

**[The Washing of Feet**

*The men who have been chosen are led by the ministers to seats prepared in a suitable place. Then the priest goes to each one and washes their feet.]*

**Prayers of the Faithful (Stand)**

**Lector:** We pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: ...through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Prayer over the Gifts**

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,  
that we may participate worthily in these mysteries,  
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated  
the work of our redemption is accomplished.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

**Preface**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right and just.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Christ our Lord.

For he is the true and eternal Priest,  
who instituted the pattern of an everlasting sacrifice  
and was the first to offer himself as the saving Victim,  
commanding us to make this offering as his memorial.

As we eat his flesh that was sacrificed for us,  
we are made strong,  
and, as we drink his Blood that was poured out for us,  
we are washed clean.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,  
with Thrones and Dominions,  
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,  
we sing the hymn of your glory,  
as without end we acclaim:

### **Sanctus**

**Eucharistic Prayer** (As given below or another one chosen by the celebrant)

**Priest:** To you, therefore, most merciful Father,  
we make humble prayer and petition  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord:  
that you accept  
and bless these gifts, these offerings,  
these holy and unblemished sacrifices,  
which we offer you firstly  
for your holy catholic Church.  
Be pleased to grant her peace,  
to guard, unite and govern her  
throughout the whole world,  
together with your servant N. our Pope  
and N. our Bishop,  
and all those who, holding to the truth,  
hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

Remember, Lord, your servants  
and all gathered here,  
whose faith and devotion are known to you.  
For them we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
or they offer it for themselves  
and all who are dear to them:  
for the redemption of their souls,  
in hope of health and well-being,  
and paying their homage to you,  
the eternal God, living and true.

Celebrating the most sacred day  
on which our Lord Jesus Christ  
was handed over for our sake,  
and in communion with those whose memory we venerate,  
especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary,  
Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ,  
and ✠ blessed Joseph, her Spouse  
your blessed Apostles and Martyrs,  
Peter and Paul, Andrew, (James, John, Thomas, James, Philip,  
Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude; Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus,  
Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and  
Damian) and all your Saints;  
we ask that through their merits and prayers, in all things we may be  
defended by your protecting help.

Therefore, Lord, we pray:  
graciously accept this oblation of our service,  
that of your whole family,  
which we make to you  
as we observe the day  
on which our Lord Jesus Christ  
handed on the mysteries of his Body and Blood  
for his disciples to celebrate;  
order our days in your peace,  
and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation  
and counted among the flock of those you have chosen.

**KNEEL**

Be pleased, O God, we pray,  
to bless, acknowledge,  
and approve this offering in every respect;  
make it spiritual and acceptable,  
so that it may become for us  
the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer  
for our salvation and the salvation of all,  
that is today,  
he took bread in his holy and venerable hands,  
and with eyes raised to heaven  
to you, O God, his almighty Father,  
giving you thanks, he said the blessing,  
broke the bread  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,  
he took this precious chalice  
in his holy and venerable hands,  
and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing  
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.  
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith. **(Stand)**

**All:** We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until  
you come again.

**Priest:** Therefore, O Lord,  
as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion,  
the Resurrection from the dead,  
and the glorious Ascension into heaven  
of Christ, your Son, our Lord,  
we, your servants and your holy people,  
offer to your glorious majesty  
from the gifts that you have given us,  
this pure victim,  
this holy victim,  
this spotless victim,  
the holy Bread of eternal life  
and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Be pleased to look upon these offerings  
with a serene and kindly countenance,  
and to accept them,  
as once you were pleased to accept  
the gifts of your servant Abel the just,  
the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,  
and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek,  
a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God:  
command that these gifts be borne  
by the hands of your holy Angel  
to your altar on high  
in the sight of your divine majesty,  
so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar receive  
the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,  
may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.

Remember also, Lord, your servants N. and N.,  
who have gone before us with the sign of faith  
and rest in the sleep of peace.

*He joins his hands and prays briefly for those who have died.*

Grant them, O Lord, we pray,  
and all who sleep in Christ,  
a place of refreshment, light and peace.

To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners,  
hope in your abundant mercies,  
graciously grant some share  
and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs:  
with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, (Ignatius, Alexander,  
Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia,  
Anastasia) and all your Saints; admit us, we beseech you, into their  
company, not weighing our merits, but granting us your pardon,  
through Christ our Lord.

Through whom  
you continue to make all these good things, O Lord;  
you sanctify them, fill them with life,  
bless them, and bestow them upon us.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
to you, O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
is all honor and glory,  
for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Priest:** At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare  
to say:

**All:** 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.

**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 for ever.

**Priest:** Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: *Peace I leave you, my peace I give you*, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

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

**All:** And with your spirit.

**Priest:** Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All offer one another the sign of peace according to local custom (bow or handshake) without leaving their places in the pews. The sign of peace is not to be prolonged.*

## **Agnus Dei**

**(Kneel)**

**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.

## **Communion**

*Communion will be given under both species, and received on the tongue.*

*We welcome non-Catholic worshippers to our Mass, and invite you to remain seated during Communion and welcome Christ into your hearts spiritually.*

## **Prayer after Communion (Stand)**

**Priest:** 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.

**All: Amen**

## **The Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament (Kneel)**

*There will be incensing of the Blessed Sacrament and the priests will go through the church with the Blessed Sacrament to a place of reposition for adoration. Please keep the aisle clear for the priest and servers to move through the church.*

*The church will remain open private adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.*