

The Lord's Supper

Maundy Thursday – April 14, 2022 – Noon

Notes on the service: Boldface print indicates the congregation's responses.
The asterisk (*) invites you to stand as you are able. At the sign of the cross,
you may make that same sign upon yourself in remembrance of your baptism.

We gather in silence.

Homily

***Confession and Absolution**

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 day
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.**

In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us,

and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ

and by his authority, I therefore declare to you

the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal,

Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment:

to love one another as he had loved them.

By your Holy Spirit, write this commandment on our hearts;

through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

Amen

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.

²³For 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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." ²⁶For 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.

*Prayers of the People

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy;" we respond "hear our prayer."

*Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

We share the peace of Christ with one another.

*Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Indeed, we give you thanks, Father...

...in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

***The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come;
Your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil;
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen

***The Communion**

***Blessing Prayer**

Lord God, in a wonderful Sacrament
you have left us a memorial of your suffering and death.
May this Sacrament of your body and blood so work in us
that the way we live will proclaim the redemption you have brought;
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen

***Blessing and Dismissal**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

Amen.

Go in peace. Christ is with us. **Thanks be to God.**

You may remain for prayer and meditation as long as you wish. We depart in silence.

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Our Holy Week worship continues at 7:00pm this evening, as we gather for the beginning of our Triduum liturgy with Footwashing, Eucharist, and the Stripping of the Altar. We encourage you to join us as we attend to these three holy days together.