

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

8:00 a.m., 2:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Hymn of Invocation

428

“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confessional Address and Confession of Sin

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord institutes the Old Testament Passover.

Hymn Response

617

“O Lord, We Praise Thee”

Choir sings stanza 2 at 7 p.m. only

Epistle **1 Corinthians 11:23-32**
The Apostle Paul teaches concerning the Lord's Supper.

Hymn **446**
"Jesus, Greatest at the Table"

Gospel **John 13:1-15, 34-35**
Jesus washes the disciples' feet.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading of the Holy Gospel.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day **445**
"When You Woke That Thursday Morning"
Choir sings stanza 2 at 7 p.m. only

Sermon

Choral Offertory (*7 p.m. Service only*)
"The Walk to Calvary" by Norma Anderson

Prayer of the Church

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
P: Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
C: Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
P: Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
C: Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: Amen.

P: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
C: have mercy upon us.
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C: have mercy upon us.
P: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
C: grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" (*7 p.m. only*) **627**
"O Perfect Life of Love" **452**

Post-Communion Collect

Closing Hymn **436**
"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

The Stripping of the Altar (the last service of the day)

As a sign of the total humiliation of Christ in His suffering and death, the altar and chancel are stripped of all appointments in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday. Psalm 22, the psalm our Lord prayed from the cross, will be sung as the vessels and sacred appointments are removed.