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PSALM 116:13



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The Holy Eucharist II

Procession to the Altar Hymn #304

I come with joy

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins People His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant then says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you People And also with you

Celebrant Let us pray

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from Exodus

(12:1-14)

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

- I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things he has done for me?
- I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.
- Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his servants.
- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
- I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians (11:23-26)

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn #593 vss. 1-3

Lord, make us servants of your peace

The Holy Gospel According to John (13:1-17, 31b-35) Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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. Jesus said, "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."

Before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that

Gradual Hymn #593 vss. 4-5

Lord, make us servants of your peace

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, Lord Christ**.

The Sermon

Silence for reflection

Invitation to the washing of feet

The Foot-Washing

Those who wish to have their feet washed are invited to remove their shoes and socks and come forward.

During the foot washing, the following hymns are sung by the congregation.

Foot-Washing Music

Hymn #602

Jesu, Jesu

Servant Song

- Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
- We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road.We are here to help each other, walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3. I will hold the Christ-light for you, in the night-time of your fear. I will hold my hand out to you, speak the words you long to hear.
- 4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you I will share your joy and sorrow 'til we've seen this journey through.
- When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony.
 Born of all we've known together, of Christ's love and agony.
- 6. Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

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The Creed and Prayers of the People are omitted in this Liturgy.

The Celebrant says

Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory

This evening's loose cash offerings go to our Emergency Aid Fund, which directly serves families and individuals in need within our community. Your generosity makes saying "yes" to those who need help the most possible.



The Great Thanksgiving - D

The Celebrant faces the people and says

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and

praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks...

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna

in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power.... ...we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy... ...through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN*.

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our father in heaven hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. 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 Breaking of the Bread and Holy Communion

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

All persons are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion in one <u>or</u> both of the elements or to receive a blessing. Gluten-free hosts and alcohol-free wine are available upon request at the rail. If you have yet to be baptized and are interested in learning more about this sacrament, please see one of the clergy following the liturgy.

If you do not wish to come forward for Communion or a blessing, or if you are attending the liturgy virtually, you are invited to pray the following from The St. Augustine's Prayer Book.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray
Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

During the singing of the Processional Hymn, the priest takes the Sacrament to the Altar of Repose in the chapel. The congregation ends the hymn when the Celebrant returns to the main altar.

Processional Hymn

Ubi Caritas

Ubi caritas, et amor.

Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Translation: Where charity and love are, there our God is
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The Stripping of the Altar All People Present

The congregation, led by the Altar Guild, forms a line in the aisle and silently comes forward to take items from the Sanctuary to the Sacristy while Psalm 22 is slowly read

Psalm 22

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken

- me? and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.
- Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.
- 17 They stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

- Be not far away, O LORD; you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- Save me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.
- Save me from the lion's mouth, my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- I will declare your Name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- Praise the LORD, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them.
- My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!"
- All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- For kingship belongs to the LORD; he rules over the nations.
- To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

No Blessing or Dismissal as the Triduum continues on Good Friday at 7:00 PM.

All are encouraged to leave in silence and visit the Chapel for prayers at the Gethsemane Garden Watch Prayer Vigil.

The Chapel will be open for prayers until 9:15 PM.