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Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper



PRELUDE *Beloved, God's Chosen* ----- Robert Hobby

~~Beloved, God's chosen, put on as a garment compassion, forgiveness, and goodness of heart. Above all, before all, let love be your raiment that binds into one every dissonant part.~~

~~Within, call forth Wisdom to dwell in you richly; let peace rule your hearts, and that peace be of Christ, and from the heart's chamber, beloved and holy, let singing thanksgiving to God ever rise.~~

~~The Cathedral Chorale~~

Prayer Before Holy Mass (please rise)

My dear God and loving Father, as I participate in this Holy Mass, may Jesus fill me with His holy grace when I open my heart to Him in sincere prayer. May the sacraments I will receive, the prayers that I will say and the hymns that I will sing bring me closer to Jesus and help me to be more like Him in all that I say and do. May the Holy Communion that I will receive give me strength, so that I may share faith, hope and love with the people I will meet. Amen.

OPENING HYMN 157 *Dearest Jesus* (1, 2)

Dearest Jesus, we would praise Thee, sacred Host of Heav'n divine.
Savior, we would sing Thy glory in these gifts of bread and wine.
Thou our Master and our God, Lord and Savior of the world.
In this Sacrament Most Holy, we would worship Thee in glory.

Through this Sacrifice Most Holy of Thy Body and Thy Blood,
May our sinful souls find mercy in this presence of our God.
Lord and Savior, hear our prayer. Keep us ever in Thy care.
In this Sacrament Most Holy, we would worship Thee in glory.

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INTROIT

Galatians 6:14; Psalm 66:2

C: May I never boast of anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ! Through it, the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. **R: May God have pity on us and bless us; may He let His face shine upon us.**

PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED HOLY OILS

NINEFOLD KYRIE

GLORIA *from Mass 16*

Glory be to God Eternal, sing with the Angels of Heaven.
Lift your hearts and voices grateful;
Life unto us He has given, life unto us He has given.

All the pow'rs of nature's forces bow down before Him in honor.
Thank Him for His many graces.
Behold thy God's wondrous splendor, behold thy God's wondrous splendor.

During the Gloria, all the bells in the church are rung. At the end of the Gloria, the bells, as well as the organ, are silenced until the first Mass of the Resurrection.

OPENING PRAYER

God, our Father, we have assembled to share in the Sacred Mystery of the Body and Blood which Your only Son instituted to reveal His love. We pray that this Eucharist may draw us ever closer to You. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

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 first-born 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.

This is the Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

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

MUSIC FOR THE ANTIPHON (response) WILL BE SENT TO YOU AS PER EACH SUNDAY

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.

SECOND LESSON

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.

This is the Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

THE TRACT (C and R and bold removed to look like this)

John 13:34-35

I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

GOSPEL

John 8:1-11

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."

This is the gospel of the Lord. R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN 143 *Holy Spirit, Dwell Within Us* (1 & 2)

Holy Spirit, dwell within us.
Great Creator, come and teach us.
Send Your grace and consolation
Fill the hearts of Your creation.

You were named by God in Heaven
Comforter, our souls' Companion.
Fire of Love, O Living Fountain,
Counsel us; our hearts enlighten.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

STAND

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

R: Lord hear our prayer

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

Psalm 118:16-17

The Lord's right hand is raised; the Lord's right hand strikes with power. I shall not die but live and declare the deeds of the Lord.

OFFERTORY HYMN 156 *Let us sing our song of praise (1, 2, 4)*

Let us sing our song of praise, as our grateful hearts we raise.
And we sing in contemplation of Thy wondrous ways.

In this Holy Sacrament, Christ, our Lord, from Heav'n is sent,
That we might have life eternal, blessed covenant.

Bless us with the holiest Bread from the heavens, to defend.
May it cure us as it saves us, in our every need.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty and everlasting God, may this offering, which Jesus Christ established before His passion and commanded to be commemorated until the end of time, both strengthen us in spirit and enkindle love in our hearts. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

PREFACE

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T. S. Peplowski

~ CANON ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN 167 *At Thy Door, I Come Before Thee*

At Thy door I come before Thee, at Thy door I come before Thee,
And I ask, O Lord, Thy mercy, and I ask, O Lord, Thy mercy.

(In this Bread we now behold Thee,
(Heaven's gift, Thou Lord Almighty,)

(He has come to live within us,
(That He might redeem and save us.)

(Live within me, O my Savior;
(May I live with Thee forever.)

COMMUNION VERSE

1 Corinthians 11:24-25

This is My Body that is for you, do this in remembrance of Me. This cup is the new covenant in My Blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father, we have been refreshed with this Food of Life instituted this night by Jesus Christ. May we be more faithful in our endeavors and more persevering in our labors, so that we may be fully united with You in eternity. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

HOLY THURSDAY PROCESSION INTO DARKNESS

This procession commemorates Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane after the Last Supper. As He was handed over to His captors, imprisoned, beaten, mistreated and finally led to His death, so in solemn procession, we remove the Most Blessed Sacrament from the main Altar and transfer it to the Altar of Repose, where it will remain until the Mass of Resurrection on Easter.

The celebrant will begin the procession by intoning:

Hallowed be forever

Hallowed be forever, Living Host Divine,
In which Christ our Savior hidden is sublime.

Refrain (Hail, Thou Jesus, Son of Mary.
Thou art God Eternal, wondrous mystery!)

Hallowed be forever, Thou Angelic Bread,
Sacrament Most Holy, by which we are fed. *Refrain*

Hallowed be forever, Shepherd Crucified,
for us Thou didst suffer, for us Thou hast died. *Refrain*

Hallowed be forever, ris'n in victory,
in this bread most holy, we would worship Thee. *Refrain*

CONCLUDING PRAYER (Stand)

C: Let us pray. Lord, we ask You to look upon the family of Your faithful people, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ did not resist betrayal into the hands of evil men or the torments of the cross, in order to show us the way to salvation. Grant us faith in Your infinite mercy, a love for truth, and the hope of eternal happiness. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTARS – PSALM 22:2-32

Antiphon: They divide my garments among them; for my clothing they cast lots.

C. My God, my God, why have You abandoned me? Why so far from my call for help, from my cries of anguish?

**R. My God, I call by day, but You do not answer;
by night, but I have no relief.**

Yet You are enthroned as the Holy One; You are the glory of Israel.

In You our ancestors trusted; they trusted and You rescued them.

To You they cried out and they escaped;

in You they trusted and were not disappointed.

**But I am a worm, hardly human, scorned by everyone,
despised by the people.**

**All who see me mock me; they curl their lips and jeer;
they shake their heads at me:**

"You relied on the Lord--let Him deliver you;

If He loves you, let Him rescue you."

**Yet You drew me forth from the womb,
made me safe at my mother's breast.**

Upon You I was thrust from the womb; since birth You are my God.

**Do not stay far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is no one to help.**

Many bulls surround me; fierce bulls of Bashan encircle me.

They open their mouths against me, lions that rend and roar.

Like water my life drains away; all my bones grow soft.

My heart has become like wax, it melts away within me.

As dry as a potsherd is my throat; my tongue sticks to my palate;
you lay me in the dust of death.
Many dogs surround me; a pack of evildoers closes in on me.
So wasted are my hands and feet that I can count all my bones.
They stare at me and gloat; they divide my garments among them;
for my clothing they cast lots.
But You, Lord, do not stay far off;
my strength, come quickly to help me.
Deliver me from the sword, my forlorn life from the teeth of the dog.
Save me from the lion's mouth,
my poor life from the horns of wild bulls.
Then I will proclaim Your name to the assembly;
in the community I will praise You:
"You who fear the Lord, give praise!
All descendants of Jacob, give honor;
show reverence, all descendants of Israel!
For God has not spurned
or disdained the misery of this poor wretch,
Did not turn away from me, but heard me when I cried out.
I will offer praise in the great assembly;
my vows I will fulfill before those who fear Him.
The poor will eat their fill; those who seek the Lord will offer praise.
May your hearts enjoy life forever!"
All the ends of the earth will worship and turn to the Lord;
All the families of nations will bow low before You.
For kingship belongs to the Lord, the ruler over the nations.
All who sleep in the earth will bow low before God;
All who have gone down into the dust will kneel in homage.
And I will live for the Lord; my descendants will serve You.
The generation to come will be told of the Lord,
that they may proclaim to a people yet unborn
the deliverance You have brought.

Antiphon: They divide My garments among them; for My clothing they cast lots.