

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Holy Thursday

*The focus of this day is on the institution of the Holy Eucharist, humble service and love, one to another.*

### Antiphon

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection,  
through whom we are saved and delivered.

### Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



1. Draw near and take the Bod - y of the Lord,  
2. Saved by Christ's Bod - y and his ho - ly Blood,  
3. Christ, our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,  
4. He spent his life for great - est and for least.



And drink with faith the Blood for you out - poured.  
With souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.  
Has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.  
Praise Christ the Pas - chal Vic - tim, Christ the Priest.

5. Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere  
And claim the promise of salvation here.
6. Christ rules our hearts, and all his saints defends;  
He gives believers life that never ends.
7. With heav'nly bread Christ makes the hungry whole;  
His living water fills the thirsting soul.
8. Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow  
All nations of the earth, be with us now.

**Invocation and Kyrie**

In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy.

*On Holy Thursday the Gloria is said.*

**The 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**

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, one God, for ever and  
ever. Amen.

### **Reading 1** **EX 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 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  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**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. 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.**

## **Reading 2**

### **1 COR 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.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Verse Before the Gospel**

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

## **Gospel JN 13:1-15**

### **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.”

### **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Following the Gospel, spend some time reflecting on the readings, or listen to a homily from a Catholic priest or deacon that has been recorded for this purpose. Fr. Richard has provided a homily for this day.*

Go [HERE](#) for the YouTube homily video.

*Also, the Holy Thursday Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper at 8 pm is live streamed here:*

[facebook.com/DioceseChas](https://www.facebook.com/DioceseChas) and [YouTube.com/DioceseChas](https://www.youtube.com/DioceseChas)

*and live streamed at 7pm at St. Mary’s in Greenville here:*

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarysgvl>

*Following the homily, the washing of feet usually takes place. The priest washes the feet of twelve men who represent the apostles. This action signifies the love and humble service of our Lord, and of us one to another. Since that is not done this year, perhaps you might want to put a visual reminder of it at your worship space - a jug of water, a bowl and a towel - to help you focus during the following antiphons. The worship leader could read the antiphon, and everyone could respond with the Taize chant “Ubi Caritas” following each of the antiphons, while meditating upon the spiritual meaning of this liturgical action.*

### **Antiphon 1**

After the Lord had risen from supper,  
 he poured water into a basin  
 and began to wash the feet of his disciples: he left them this example.

**Antiphon 2**

The Lord Jesus, after eating supper with his disciples, washed their feet and said to them:

Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done for you? I have given you an example, that you should do likewise.

**Antiphon 3**

Lord, are you to wash my feet? Jesus said to him in answer: If I do not wash your feet, you will have no share with me.

**Antiphon 4**

If I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, how much more should you wash each other's feet?

**Antiphon 5**

This is how all will know that you are my disciples: if you have love for one another.

**Antiphon 6**

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you, says the Lord.

**Antiphon 7**

Let faith, hope and charity, these three, remain among you, but the greatest of these is charity.

# Ubi Caritas

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Refrain

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.  
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8; Where charity and love are found, God is there; Taizé Community, 1978  
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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*The Creed is not said on Holy Thursday evening.*

## General Intercessions

As we begin the sacred Paschal Triduum, and our celebration of the Lord's Passover from suffering and death to new life, let us offer our prayers for the Church, the world and all who are in need.

for the holy Church of God throughout the world: that it might be faithful and courageous in its proclamation of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

for all ordained to the sacred priesthood: that in faithfully offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and carrying out ministries of loving service, they may build up in charity Christ's Body, the Church, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

for the nations of the world and their leaders: that they might follow the example of

Jesus in striving to bring peace and reconciliation to all people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

for all the Christian faithful: that they might persevere throughout the Triduum in steadfast devotion, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

for the sick, and especially those who suffer from the coronavirus Covid 19: that God would be merciful to them, heal them, and raise them up, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

for all the faithful departed: that God will loosen their bonds and bring them to His nearer presence in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, as we enter into the sacred Paschal Triduum, hear our prayers and grant that we may faithfully celebrate what has been handed on to us, and obediently do for others what the Lord Jesus has done for us, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

**The Our Father**

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.

*Since receiving the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is not possible at this time, make a Spiritual Communion by using the following prayer:*

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### **Closing Collect**

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. Amen.

May Almighty God bless us, the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The following hymn is usually sung after the Blessed Sacrament has been translated to the Altar of Repose.*

## DOWN IN ADORATION FALLING

### *Tantum Ergo Sacramentum*

ST. THOMAS (TANTUM ERGO)



1. Down in ad - o - ra - tion fall - ing, This great sac - ra - ment we hail;  
 2. To the ev - er - last - ing Fa - ther, And the Son who made us free,  
 1. *Tan - tum er - go Sa - cra - mén - tum Ve - ne - ré - mur cér - nu - i:*  
 2. *Ge - ni - tó - ri, Ge - ni - tó - que Laus et ju - bi - lá - ti - o,*



1. O - ver an - cient forms of wor - ship New - er rites of grace pre -vail;  
 2. And the Spir - it, God pro - ceed - ing From them each e - ter - nal - ly,  
 1. *Et an - tí - quum do - cu - mén - tum No - vo ce - dat rí - tu - i:*  
 2. *Sa - lus, ho - nor, vir - tus quo - que Sit et be - ne - dí - cti - o:*



1. Faith will tell us Christ is pres - ent, When our hu - man sens - es fail.  
 2. Be sal - va - tion, hon - or, bless - ing, Might and end - less maj - es - ty.  
 1. *Prae - stet fi - des sup - ple - mén - tum Sén - su - um de - fé - ctu - i.*  
 2. *Pro - ce - dén - ti ab u - tró - que Com - par sit lau - dá - ti - o.*

Text: 87 87 87; *Tantum ergo*; St. Thomas Aquinas, 1227–1274; *Liber Hymnarius*, 1963; tr. by Edward Caswall, 1814–1878.  
 Music: John F. Wade, 1711–1786.