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## Opening Hymn

Hymnal 707

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
 Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

*The Presider, the People's Respondent, and the People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son (+), and Holy Spirit.

***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

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.***

Let us confess our sins to God.

*The Presider begins*

Jesus, like the prodigal,

***We have wasted your love.***

Like Nicodemus,

***We have crept about in the dark.***

Like James and John,

***We have slept through each other's sorrows.***

Like Peter,

***We have denied and betrayed you.***

Like Pilate,

***We have washed our hands of blame.***

We are sorry.

***We are truly sorry.***

And yet, as with the woman at the well,

***You give us drink in the heat of the day.***

As with the man born blind,

***You open our eyes.***

As with Simon,

***You teach us mercy.***

As with the disciples,

***You wash our feet.***

As with the criminal hanging near you,

***You promise us paradise.***

And as with Peter,

***You restore us in your love.***

***Jesus, give us now,***

***the gift of repentance.***

***the grace of forgiveness, and hearts made ready for Easter's Joy. Amen***

God has put away your sins and given you a fresh start. May God strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit (†) keep you in eternal life. Be now at peace, and pray for me a sinner.

Let us pray:

***Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: In those holy mysteries, grant us a pledge of eternal life; through our Savior Jesus Christ, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

## **A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures**

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14

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.

Here ends the reading.

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## **Psalm 116:1, 10-17**

*Dilexi, quoniam*

1 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.

**10 How shall I repay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?**

11 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.**

13 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.**

15 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.

**Hallelujah!**

## **A Reading from the Gospel of John**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that 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.

"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."

## **Homily**

*The Presider then says*

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

***Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.***

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

***Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.***

By this shall the world know that you are my disciples:

***That you have love for one another.***

*Silence is kept.*

## Peace

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*The Presider then says*

Let us pray.

***Gracious God, we welcome your presence with us. May the companionship we share nourish us. And may our spirits be refreshed as we live in the light of your presence with us now, and at all times and in all places. Amen.***

*The Presider continues*

While the Israelites were still in bondage in the land of Egypt, the Lord spoke to Moses and his brother Aaron saying: You must speak to the entire community of Israel and say: “On the tenth of this month, each household must take and slaughter a lamb without blemish. You must put some of the blood on the doorposts and lintels of your houses. That night, the lamb is to be eaten roasted over the fire. You shall eat it standing up with your shoes and coats on and with your staff in your hand. You must eat it quickly. This is a passover in honor of the Lord.

On that night I am going to go through the whole land of Egypt and strike down every firstborn in the land, man and beast alike. The blood of the lamb will serve to mark the houses where you live. When I see the blood, I will pass over you and you will escape the destruction.”

The Lord also told his people, “From now on, you are to celebrate this Passover as a feast to honor my name. It is to be kept as a day of festival for all generations to come.”

Blessed are you, O Lord our God.

***Blessed are you O Lord our God, who spared our ancestors in faith.***

*The Presider continues*

And so, Moses summoned all the elders of Israel, and told them everything that the Lord had commanded him to say. When the Israelites heard the message, they bowed down and worshipped the Lord and did all the Lord had commanded.

And it came to pass that the angel of the Lord struck down the firstborn of all the land of Egypt, but when the angel found a house with the blood on the lintel and door posts he passed over and spared those inside.

Blessed be God in his mercy

***Blessed be God in his mercy, holy is his name.***

*The Presider continues*

And so each year the people of God celebrated the feast in God's honor. Parents explained the meaning to their children and they in turn explained it to their children. "Once we were slaves in the land of Egypt, but the Lord rescued us on this holy night. That is why this night is forever special and different from all other nights."

For many years our ancestors celebrated the Passover. Then at the appointed time, Jesus, God's anointed One, came to celebrate it on his last night with his friends. He left it, and us, changed forever.

On the night before he died, Jesus celebrated the Passover for the last time with his disciples. He knew the end had come. He had always loved those who were his, but now he showed how perfect his love was. They were all seated at the table.

Judas had already yielded to the temptation to betray Jesus as soon as the opportunity arose. Jesus knew that he came from God and was going back to God, and that the Father had put all things in his hands. He got up from the table removed his outer garment and tied a towel around his waist. He came to Simon Peter who asked him "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered "I know you don't understand what I'm doing now, but later you will." Peter exclaimed "You will never wash my feet". Jesus answered Peter "If I do not wash you, you can share nothing with me." Peter relented "Then wash my hands and face as well!"

Blessed be God!

***Blessed be God in Jesus, who washes us clean.***

*Silence is kept for a time.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray,

***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.  
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 for ever. Amen.***

**Psalm 22**    *Deus, Deus meus*

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- 2 *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.
- 10 *I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.***
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.
- 12 *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.
- 14 *I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.***



- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-herd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- 16 *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.
- 18 *Be not far away, O LORD; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.***
- 19 Save me from the sword, \*  
my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 *Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.***
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brothers and sisters; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 22 *Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line,  
give glory.***
- 23 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.
- 24 *My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.***
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 *All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations bow before him.***
- 27 For dominion belongs to the LORD; \*  
God rules over the nations.
- 28 *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.
- 30 *They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.***

## Silent Prayer

# Closing Hymn

LEVAS 37

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? \_\_\_\_\_ Were you  
2. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? \_\_\_\_\_ Were you  
3. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? \_\_\_\_\_ Were you

1. there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
2. there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
3. there when they laid Him in the tomb? O! \_\_\_\_\_

Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem - ble. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? \_\_\_\_\_

*The service ends in silence.*

*We continue our worship together on Good Friday.*