

The service begins in the church.



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.

All standing, the Celebrant says

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 Celebrant 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: 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 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.

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!



Homily

Ceremony of Foot Washing

The Leader 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.

Members of the congregation, who so desire, are then invited to come, two at a time, to the front pew on the organ side to sit and have their feet or hands washed. Hand sanitizer will be used in lieu of water; single-use towels will be provided. They can then return to their seats in the church.

Silence is kept.

Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

All are now invited to the Upper Room setting in the church hall.

The Mass of the Last Supper

The Leader says

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we welcome your presence with us. May the food and companionship we share nourish our bodies, hearts and minds. 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.

All should then be seated at the table.

The Leader 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.

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The Leader says

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

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

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The Leader says

And so each year the people of God celebrated this feast in his 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.

Taize chant: Bless the Lord, my soul *(repeat 3 times)*

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a bass line on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name." and "Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life." The first system ends with a repeat sign, and the second system also ends with a repeat sign. The bass line includes a (b) marking above a measure, indicating a flat.

The Leader says

We gather, on this night, to be united with Christ and our spiritual ancestors who have gone before around the sharing of a common meal in Jesus' presence. May this table, like our hearts and hands be open to all who are in need and see God's presence. 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!

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Blessed be God in Jesus, who washes us clean.

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The Agapé Meal

Reader 1 says

Did you know that on the very night
on which you washed your own disciples' feet
that one of them would leave the upstairs room
and scurry through the dark to price your head.
And did you know that those you trusted most,
who tried your patience and enjoyed your love,
who knew your fondest stories off by heart
would soon desert you in the dead of night?

Reader 2 says

And did you know that while it yet was dark
your fiercest enemies would rub their hands,
and sluggards, who were game for any bribe,
would lie and lie again to seal your fate?

Did you know this when, with your healing hands,
you broke the bread and shared the cup of wine,
and feasted in the face of certain death
that we in this place may do so again?

Reader 3 says

Then, Jesus, on your fearless faith we lean.
Here let us taste the food and drink of heaven,
and in it, own the brokenness we cause,
and through it, know that all can be forgiven.

People God, you are the source of our life. Gather us now together we pray. Form us into a holy community of your own people. Mold us by the breath of your Holy Spirit. Reveal in this corporate body the face of your anointed Christ. Amen.

Reader 4: Why do we light candles on this night?

Presider: Our ancestors in faith lit candles to bring peace and tranquility into their homes. We light candles to remind us of Jesus who said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Candles are lit around the table.

People You who send forth the light, create the morning, make the sun to rise on good and the evil, enlighten the blindness of our minds with the knowledge of truth; lift up the light of your countenance upon us, that in your light we may see light and, at the last, be in the light of grace and the light of glory. Amen.

Reader 1: Why do we eat special bread on this night?

Presider Our ancestors in faith ate special bread, called Matzah. At the time of their Exodus to freedom, they had no time to bake. They took their dough, unleavened, and baked it in the wilderness. We eat special bread on this night as a symbol of Jesus who said, "I am the bread of life. The bread that I shall give is myself for the life of the world".

People Blessed are you (†), O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and on this night you have given us the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into

the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader 4: Why do we drink wine on this night?

Presider: Our ancestors in faith drink four cups of wine, recalling the four promises made to them by God: to bring them out of Egypt; to save them from enslavement; to deliver them; and to take them for his people. We drink wine on this night as a reminder that, like the fruit of the vine, we can be transformed into a new creation in Christ. Jesus said “this wine is my blood of the new covenant, whenever you drink it do this in remembrance of me.”

Wine is poured and passed around the table.

People Blessed are you (+), O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and on this night you have refreshed us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader 3: Why do we eat bitter herbs and salt?

Presider: We, and our ancestors in faith, eat the bitter herbs to recall our bondage in Egypt, and in the wilderness of sin. We taste the salt water to remind us of the tears we cried in slavery, and the tears of joy at our miraculous deliverance from bondage, and from sin.

The salt water is passed around the table.

Reader 5: Why do we share special food on this night?

Presider: Our ancestors in faith share special food on this night in celebration of their release from slavery, and their becoming the people of God. We share special food to remind us that it is through love, God’s love for us and love for each other, that Christ came into the world. Indeed, to us, Jesus said,

People “A new commandment I give you, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

Presider: By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. ”

People: Blessed are you (†), O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen us in the fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. Amen.

During the meal or towards its close, a person appointed reads the seventeenth chapter of the Gospel according to John.

After the meal, the Celebrant says

Holy God, you give us this meal of bread and wine in which we celebrate your great compassion; grant that we may work with you to fulfil our prayers, and to love and serve others as Christ has loved us; this we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Celebrant continues

Abba Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus, your only and eternal Son, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, Jesus took bread; and gave thanks for it. He broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying “This is my Body, which will be broken for you. Do this to remember me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine and gave thanks for it. He gave the cup to them and said, “This is the new covenant to be made in my blood. Whenever you drink it, remember me.”

Holy and Gracious God, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine; sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for us the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us (†) also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament and serve you; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom! ***Amen.***

Therefore, every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the death of the Lord until he returns in glory.

We proclaim that Jesus is the Passover lamb.

We proclaim that, as God rescued our ancestors through the blood of a lamb, he now rescues us from sin and death, by the blood of Jesus, our New Passover Lamb.

We proclaim a feast in honor of the Lord!

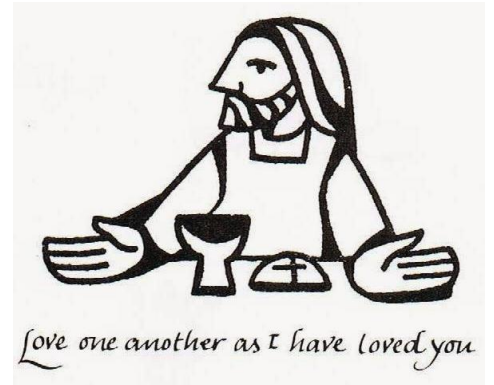
Now come to this table, share the cup and bread, and tell your children and grandchildren all the wonderful things God has done for us!

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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 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.***

The Presider then washes hands.

The Bread is broken.

We proclaim a feast of the Lord! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Communion is served. Each communicant will pass the plate to the person next to them, saying "The Body of Christ, given for you," and letting them take a piece of the Bread. The plate is then passed on and the receiver becomes the giver.

The wine will be distributed by a minister who will pour the wine from the chalice into each person's glass.

When all have communicated, the Presider says

Let us pray.

***Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have
fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his
Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in
peace, and grant us strength and courage to love
and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

A priest blesses the people

Dismissal

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

People now move into the church for the Stripping of the Altar.

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22 *Deus, Deus meus* (read in unison)

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- 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-sherd; 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 brethren; *
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 kingship belongs to the LORD; * he 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.

After the Psalm, please join in the hymn while the altar is being stripped.

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? _____

All depart in silence.

Our Mission:

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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