Mass of the Lord's Supper Holy Thursday Mass
2 April 2026

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

Let us glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by whom we are saved and made free.
Let us glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for he is our salvation, Jesus is our life!

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

A reading from the Book of Exodus

The law for the Passover meal.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 'This month is to be the first of all the others for you, the first month of your year. Speak to the whole community of Israel and say, "On the tenth day of this month each man must take an animal from the flock, one for each family; one animal for each household. If the household is too small to eat the animal, a man must join with his neighbour, the nearest to his house, as the number of persons requires. You must take into account what each can eat in deciding the number for the animal. It must be an animal without blemish, a male one year old; you may take it from either sheep or goats. You must keep it till the fourteenth day of the month when the whole assembly of the community of Israel shall slaughter it between the two evenings. Some of the blood must then be taken and put on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where it is eaten. That night, the flesh is to be eaten, roasted over the fire; it must be eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. You shall eat like this: with a girdle round your waist, sandals on your feet, a staff in your hand. You shall eat it hastily: it is a passover in honour of the Lord. That night, I will go through the land of Egypt and strike down all the first-born in the land of Egypt, man and beast alike, and I shall deal out punishment to all the gods of Egypt, I am the Lord. The blood shall serve to mark the houses that you live in. When I see the blood I will pass over you and you shall escape the destroying plague when I strike the land of Egypt. This day is to be a day of remembrance for you, and you must celebrate it as a feast in

the Lord's honour. For all generations you are to declare it a day of festival, for ever."'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: SUNG Ps 115; 1 Cor 10:16

R. Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.
Each time you drink this Cup, you proclaim his death, until he comes.

How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

Father, please hear my prayer!
May this Chalice pass by!
But if you want that I should drink,
Your will be done. **R.**

To you, I give my heart!
You are Father to me!
And I will live within your house!
Strong in your love! **R.**

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Second Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Until the Lord comes, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim his death.

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 13:34
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel John 13:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

To the end he showed his love for them.

It was before the festival of the Passover, and Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to the Father. He had always loved those who were his in the world, but now he showed how perfect his love was.

They were at supper, and the devil had already put it into the mind of Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray him. Jesus knew the hour that the Father had put everything into his hands, and that he had come from God and was returning to God, and he got up from table, removed his outer garment and, taking a towel, wrapped it round his waist; he then poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'At the moment you do not know what I am doing, but later you will understand.' 'Never!' said Peter 'You shall never wash my feet.' Jesus replied, 'If I do not wash you, you can have nothing in common with me.' 'Then, Lord,' said Simon Peter 'not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!' Jesus said, 'No one who has taken a bath needs washing, he is clean all over. You too are clean, though not all of you are.' He knew who was going to betray him, that was why he said, 'though not all of you are.'

When he had washed their feet and put on his clothes again he went back to the table. 'Do you understand' he said 'what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am. If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.'

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

TRANSFER OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
Procession and Adoration

PANGE, lingua, gloriosi
Corporis mysterium,
Sanguinisque pretiosi,
quem in mundi pretium
fructus ventris generosi
Rex effudit Gentium.

Sing, my tongue, the Saviour's glory,
of his flesh the mystery sing:
of the blood all price exceeding
shed by our immortal King,
destined for the world's redemption
from a noble womb to spring.

Of a pure and spotless virgin
born for us on earth below,
he, as man with man conversing,
stayed, the seeds of truth to sow;
then he closed in solemn order
wondrously his life of woe.

On the night of that last supper,
seated with his chosen band,
he the Paschal victim eating,
first fulfils the law's command;
then, as food to his apostles,
gives himself with his own hand.

Glory let us give and blessing,
To the Father and the Son,
Honour might and praise addressing
While eternal ages run;
Equal praise to him confessing
who proceeds from both as one.
Amen.