

#### Welcome to

# Holy Martyrs Catholic Church

April 17, 2025 Holy Thursday

The Church gathers us today much like the people of Israel gathered for a meal on the eve of their journey out of slavery in Egypt to freedom. The Church gathers us to commemorate our passage from sin to freedom in Jesus Christ, through his death on the cross. At this paschal

meal, we are one in the celebration of the Eucharist as we recognize that Jesus invites us to serve one another In many parts of the country, this is a bilingual or multilingual celebration attended by members of various cultural groups who wish to be united as one community.



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We remember that we often choose sin, and we come before a merciful and forgiving God whom we love.

Penitential Act:

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

We haven't sung this hymn of praise during Lent - and we won't join in this song again until the celebration of the resurrection!





Prayer - (Respond) "Amen"

#### Liturgy of the Word

The Liturgy of the Word is the word of God shared in a "first reading" (most often from the Old Testament); a sung response to the reading (usually from the book of Psalms); a "second reading" from one of the "epistles" (letters) or the book of Revelation; a reading from one of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John); a homily; the creed; and the Prayers of the Faithful.

**EXODUS** 

Chapter 12

Verses 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.

#### **EXODUS**

Chapter 12

Verses 1-8, 11-14 "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.

We respond to the message of the First Reading with a Psalm.

PSALM 116

Verse 12-13, 15-16, 17-18

Music CPILG



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.

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.

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.

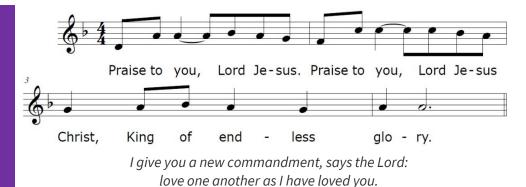
1 CORINTHIANS Chapter 11 Verses 23-26

#### 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.

We sing with excitement for the Gospel we are about to hear.



## **JOHN**

#### Chapter 13

**Verses: 1-15** 

The Lord be with you. And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. 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."

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

### **Homily**

#### **The Washing of Feet**





### **Prayers of the People**

#### **Choir Anthem: "Here At Thy Table, Lord"......Lani Smith**

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father

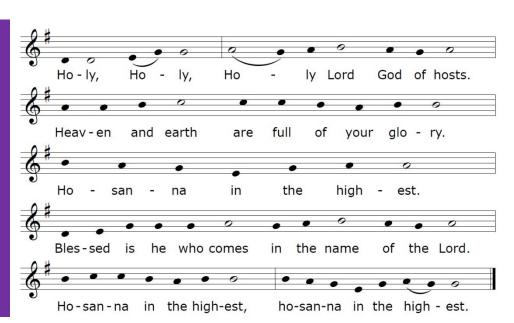
People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church

The Lord be with you – And with your spirit.

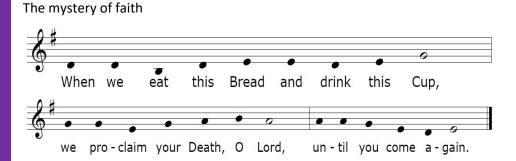
Lift up your hearts - We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God – It is right and just.

Before we sing the "Holy, Holy," the Priest, in the name of the whole of the holy people, glorifies God the Father in a prayer and gives thanks to him for the whole work of salvation



As part of the
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acclaim our faith
together.

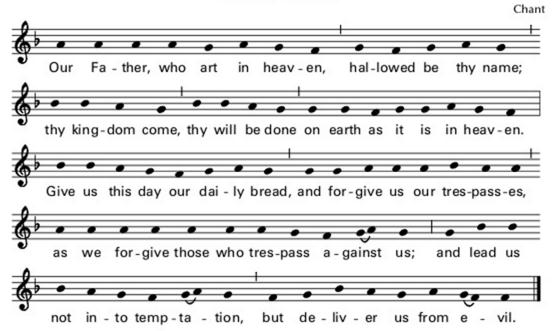


We respond to the entire Eucharistic prayer Through him, and with him, and in him, O God Almighty Father, in unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever

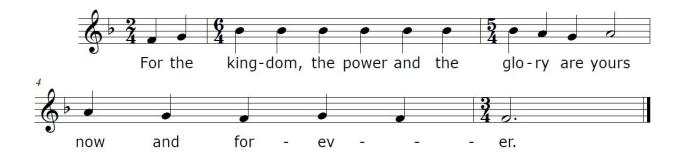


### **The Lord's Prayer**

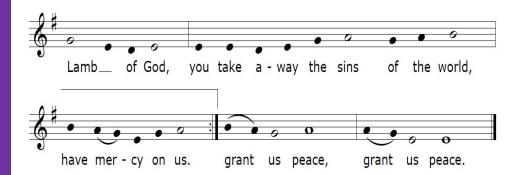
#### LORD'S PRAYER



Music: Chant; adapt. by Robert J. Snow, 1926-1998.



Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi Miserere nobis Dona Nobis Pacem



Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

A prayer for all unable to physically be here today.

### Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

This music plays in the background as Eucharistic Ministers receive communion Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui: Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui: Praestet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.

Humbly let us voice our homage for so great a sacrament. Let all former rites surrender to the Lord's New Testament. What our senses fail to fathom, let us grasp through faith's consent

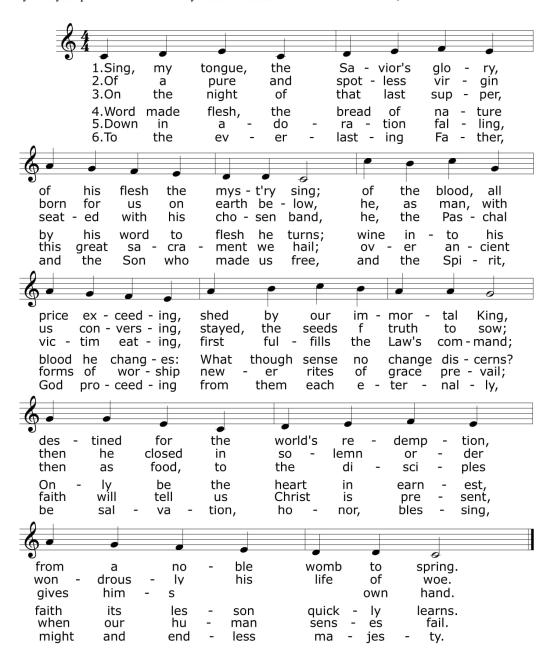


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### Sing, My Tongue, The Savior's Glory

to the tune "Tantum Ergo"

Lyrics by: Aquinas text translated by Edward Caswall 1814-1878 Music by: John F. Wade, 1711-1786



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