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**TABLE**

Online Worship  
Maundy Thursday  
April 9, 2020

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*Gathering as the Body of Christ*

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## Call to Worship and Silence

*Where you see a + in the booklet, you may make the sign of the cross.*

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*      + Blessed be our God.  
*People*            **Now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

This is the night that Christ the Son of Man gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the night that Christ our Lord and Master took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, calling us to love one another as he has loved us.

This is the night that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his perfect sacrifice.

This is the night that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

### The Collect

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose most dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it in thankful remembrance of Jesus Christ our Savior, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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*Listening for the Word of God*

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### Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 12:1-14*

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

## Responsive Psalm Reading

*Psalm 78:15-26*

In the daytime he led them with a cloud, \*  
**and all the night through with a light of fire.**  
 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*  
**and gave them drink in abundance, as out of the great deep.**  
 He brought waters out of the stony rock, \*  
**so that it gushed out like the rivers.**  
 Yet for all this they sinned more against him, \*  
**and provoked the Most High in the wilderness.**  
 They tested God in their hearts \*  
**and demanded food for their craving.**  
 They spoke against God, saying, \*  
**"Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?"**  
 Indeed, he smote the stony rock, so that water gushed out, and the  
 streams overflowed; \*  
**but can he give bread also, or provide meat for his people?"**  
 When the Lord heard this, he was full of wrath; \*  
**so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and there flared up fierce  
 anger against Israel,**  
 Because they did not believe in God, \*  
**and did not put their trust in his help.**  
 So he commanded the clouds above \*  
**and opened the doors of heaven.**  
 He rained down manna upon them to eat \*  
**and gave them food from heaven.**  
 So mortals ate the bread of angels; \*  
**for he sent them food enough.**

## New Testament Reading

*1 Corinthians 11:23-34*

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

## Gospel Reading

*John 13:1-15*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

## The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the + resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Homily

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

## Prayers of the People

*Responding to today's good news:*

Lord Jesus, may your love change me/us in my/our \_\_\_\_\_.  
We receive your sacrificial love so we are free to love one another.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Praying for the Church and the World. The Prayer Leader pauses after each bidding, and the people may add petitions, either silently or aloud.*

For the healing of the whole world, and, in the midst of this pandemic, for the well-being and unity of the people of God... Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Todd, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation... Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially Donald, our President and Eric, our Governor. Give them the humility and wisdom they need to bear their authority responsibly... Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For those who are sick... Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For those who are bereaved and supporting the bereaved... Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For those who are anxious and afraid... Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For those who are feeling alone and isolated... Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For those who have jobs that put them at risk and can't afford to miss a day's work... Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For those who are especially vulnerable to infection... Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For those who are confined at home but not safe at home... Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For teachers trying to help their students learn online... Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For the medical professionals and healthcare workers around the world... Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For the scientists and researchers who are dedicating their lives to helping us... Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have + departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.... Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Prayer Leader concludes with this or some other appropriate Collect.*

O Lord, you who are the refuge of the poor and needy, we ask that you would save us from the pestilence that stalks in the darkness and the plague that destroys at midday. Be our sun and shield. Be our fortress. Be our comfort this day. May we not fear any evil but rather trust in your might to save and your wisdom to guide, so that we may rest always in the shadow of the Almighty. In the name of the One who heals our diseases. **Amen.**

## The Exhortation

Dearly beloved in the Lord: if you intend to come to the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, you must consider how Saint Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthians, exhorts us all diligently to examine ourselves before we presume to eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup. For as the benefit is great, if we receive that holy Sacrament with a truly penitent heart and lively faith, spiritually eating the Flesh of Christ and drinking his Blood, so that we might be made one with Christ and he with us; so also is the danger great, if we receive these gifts

unworthily. For then we become guilty of profaning the Body and Blood of Christ our Savior, and we eat and drink to our own condemnation.

Therefore, judge yourselves lest you be judged by the Lord. First, examine your life by the rule of God's commandments. Wherever you have offended, either by thought, word, or deed, confess your sins to Almighty God, with the full intention to amend your life. Be ready to make restitution for all injuries and wrongs you have done to others; and also be ready to forgive others who have offended you: for otherwise, if you unworthily receive Holy Communion, you will increase your own condemnation. Therefore, repent of your sins, or else do not come to God's Holy Table.

If you have come here today with a troubled conscience, and you need help and counsel, come to me, or to some other Priest, and confess your sins, that you may receive godly counsel, direction, and absolution. To do so will both satisfy your conscience and remove any scruples or doubt.

Above all, each of us should give humble and hearty thanks to God for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Savior Jesus Christ. He humbled himself, even to death on a Cross, for us sinners who lay in darkness and in the shadow of death, that he might make us children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life.

Because of his exceedingly great love for us, our Savior Jesus Christ has instituted and ordained these holy mysteries as pledges of his love, and for a continual remembrance of his death and passion, to our great and endless comfort.

To him, therefore, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, let us give continual thanks, as is our duty and our joy, submitting ourselves entirely to his holy will and striving to serve him in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. **Amen.**

## The Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

————— *Communing at the Table: Holy Eucharist* —————

## Offertory

Ascribe unto the Lord the honor due unto his Name;  
bring offerings and come into his courts.

*Psalm 96:8*

*The Celebrant prepares the altar for Holy Communion.*

## The Sursum Corda

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise!**

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; and on the night before he suffered, he instituted these holy mysteries; that we, receiving the benefits of his passion and resurrection, might be made partakers of his divine nature.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## The Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**+ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## The Prayer of Consecration

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: in your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us.

In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died!  
Christ is risen!  
Christ will come again!**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN!**

## The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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 our tresspasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Fraction

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## The Prayer of Humble Access

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great  
mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs  
under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is  
always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat  
the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that  
our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls  
washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore  
dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## The Ministration of Communion

*The Celebrant says the following invitation*

Behold the Lamb of God;  
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

*The Celebrant receives the Sacrament in both kinds on behalf of the Church.*

## Prayer For Spiritual Communion

**Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

## The Post Communion Prayer

**Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Stripping of the Altar

*Psalm 22*

*As we enter the Triduum (the sacred three days), we forgo our usual blessing and dismissal and we leave in silence, awaiting the celebration of Easter where we will celebrate and receive a blessing. This day commemorates the Lord's example of servant ministry, the institution of the Eucharist, the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the betrayal leading to the crucifixion.*