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Maundy Thursday

DUE TO THE PENITENTIAL NATURE OF HOLY WEEK OUR SERVICE IS SPOKEN, EXCEPT FOR THE PSALM, THE SANCTUS, AGNUS DEI, AND THE HYMNS.

Reflective silence is most appropriate prior to the service.

Prayers for worship may be found inside the front cover of the hymnal.

*INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen
- P I will go to the altar of God.
- C To God, my exceeding joy.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- C Who made heaven and earth.

Confessional Address for the End of Lent

- P During this Lenten we have heard our Lords call to...
- ... Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P: O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C: I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.
- P: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
- C: Amen.
- P: Do you believe the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?
- C: Yes
- P: Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

P: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ▶ peace.

C: Amen

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: The Lord be with you
- C: And with your spirit.
- P: Let us pray... One God, now and forever
- C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON *after the lesson is said:*

- P: This is the Word of the Lord
- C: Thanks be to God

PSALM 116 vs. 12-19 antiphon vs. 17

- K: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving* and call on the name | of the LORD.
- K: What shall I render | to the LORD* for all his bene- | fits to me?
- C: I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation* and call on the name | of the LORD,
- K: I will pay my vows | to the LORD* in the presence of all his | people.
- C: Precious in the sight | of the LORD* is the death | of his saints.
- K: O LORD, I am your | servant;*
 I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have | loosed my bonds.
- C: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving* and call on the name | of the LORD.
- K: I will pay my vows | to the LORD* in the presence of all his | people,

C: in the courts of the house | of the LORD, * in your midst, O Jerusalem. | Praise the LORD!

K: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving* and call on the name | of the LORD.

SECOND LESSON *after the lesson is said:*

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

*VERSE

*HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 22nd chapter.

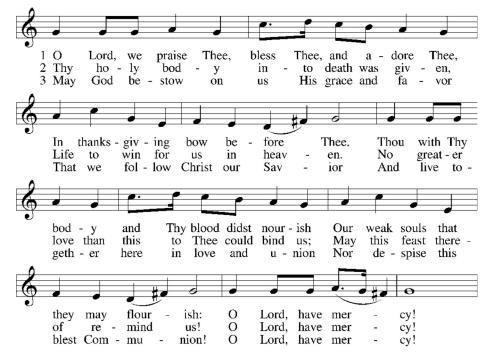
C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord

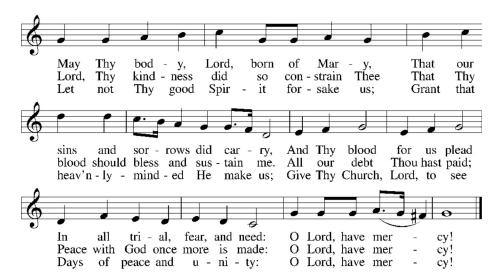
after the lesson is said:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to You O Christ

HYMN OF THE DAY #617 O Lord, We Praise Thee





SERMON

OFFERING

(the offertory is omitted)

There is a Garden (Adult Choir).

*THE PRAYERS

*SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

The service continues with the Preface (spoken)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN # 435 & 421

The Nunc Dimittis is omitted.

*THE THANKSGIVING (spoken)

Following the Distribution is said:

P: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup:

C: Ye do show the Lord's death until he comes.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Due to the unitive nature of the services of the Triduum, no Benediction is spoken at the conclusion of the Holy Thursday service. The Benediction spoken at the Easter Vigil concludes all the services of the Three Days.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The candles are extinguished, and Communion Vessels are removed. The church's lights will be turned off for the stripping of the altar.

PSALM 22

During the Psalm, the altar is solemnly stripped in token of the Lord's abandonment by his disciples and in preparation for Good Friday.

After the minister exits the chancel. The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing in silence.

Communion Hymn #435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain



Communion Hymn #421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing



Savior, let Your agony Ever help and comfort me; When I die be my protection, Light and life and resurrection.