

LITURGY OF HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesday of Holy Week

April 1, 2026

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GATHERING

*INVOCATION

We make the sign of the cross in remembrance of our Baptism.

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R: And also with you.

*PENITENTIAL RITE

C: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

C: Most merciful God,

R: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

C: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R: Amen.

*LORD, HAVE MERCY

C: Lord, have mercy.

R: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy

R: Christ, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

R: Lord, have mercy.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Let us pray. Father, in your plan of salvation your Son Jesus Christ accepted the cross and freed us from the power of the enemy. May we come to share the glory of his resurrection, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, That I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; And I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. He is near who upholds my right; if anyone wishes to oppose me, let us appear together. Who disputes my right? Let him confront me. See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34

L: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

R: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

L: For your sake I bear insult, and shame covers my face. I have become an outcast to my brothers, a stranger to my mother's sons, because zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall upon me.

R: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

L: Insult has broken my heart, and I am weak, I looked for sympathy, but there was none; for consolers, not one could I find. Rather they put gall in my food, and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

R: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

L: I will praise the name of God in song, and I will glorify him with thanksgiving: "See, you lowly ones, and be glad; you who seek God, may your hearts revive! For the LORD hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not."

R: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

R: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Hail to you, our King; you alone are compassionate with our errors. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

C: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

R: Glory to you, O Lord.

We make the sign of the cross with our right thumb on our forehead, lips, and heart to symbolize the gospel being present in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 26:14-25

One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over. On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples approached Jesus and said, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The teacher says, "My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples.'" The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered, and prepared the Passover. When it was evening, he reclined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another, "Surely it is not I, Lord?" He said in reply, "He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me. The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born." Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" He answered, "You have said so."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMLY

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

MEAL

***OFFERING PRAYERS**

C: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

R: Blessed be God forever.

C: By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

R: Blessed be God forever.

C: Lord God, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the worship we offer you with humble and contrite heart.

Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin.

C: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice of praise and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

R: May the Lord accept our sacrifice of praise for the glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

C: Lord, look with favor on our offerings. May the sacrifice of Christ, your Son, on the cross bring us to eternal life, for he is Lord forever and ever.

R: Amen.

***DIALOGUE**

C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

C: Lift up your hearts.

R: We lift them to the Lord.

C: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

C: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

R: 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.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

C: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

You have filled all creation with light and life;

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations.

You rescued Israel, your chosen people.

Through the prophets you renewed your promise;

and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son,

who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom

and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

On the night he was betrayed,

he took bread and gave you thanks and praise.

He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and eat it:

this is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks and praise,

gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it:

this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.

It will be shed for you and for many so that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in memory of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

R: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

C: Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.

And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share
with us the great and promised feast.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes
as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
almighty Father, forever and ever.

R: Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

C: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us.

**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 us our trespasses,
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.**

C: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep
us from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of
our Savior, Jesus Christ.

R: Amen.

***PEACE**

C: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles; I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live forever and ever.

R: Amen.

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

R: And also with you.

***LAMB OF GOD**

R: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

***FRACTION**

C: This the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

R: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

COMMUNION

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER *(for those who are watching via live-stream)*

C: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

C: Let us pray. All-powerful God, the eucharist proclaims the death of your Son. Increase our faith in its saving power and strengthen our hope in the life it promises. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

R: Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

We make the sign of the cross as God blesses us this day.

C: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, † and the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

***DISMISSAL**

C: Go in peace.

R: Thanks be to God.

HOLY WEEK 2026

March 29 @ 9am - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

We recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem that turns quickly to shouts of "Crucify."

March 30 @ 7pm - Monday of Holy Week

On this day the Church recalls Mary Magdalene anointing Jesus' feet.

March 31 @ 7pm - Tuesday of Holy Week

On this day the Church recalls Judas being named as Jesus' betrayer.

April 1 @ 7pm - Wednesday of Holy Week

On this day the Church recalls the betrayal of Jesus.

April 2 @ 7pm - Holy/Maundy Thursday

We gather to begin the Great Three Days with the celebration of the institution of the Holy Eucharist.

April 3 @ Noon - Stations of the Cross

We will pray at the stations in the Sanctuary with music.

April 3 @ 7pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

We will remember our Lord's death on the cross and offer our prayers of thanksgiving.

April 4 @ 7pm - Easter Vigil

We will gather outside to light the new fire and illumine the darkness with the light of Christ and the promise of salvation. This liturgy is the culmination of the entire liturgical year with the Rite of Confirmation, blessing of Holy Water, and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

April 5 @ 6:30am - Easter Sunday: Morning Prayer at Sunrise

We will gather to celebrate the resurrection in the pavilion.

April 5 @ 9am - Easter Sunday: The Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

We will gather to celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ and his victory over sin, death, and the devil.

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