

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

Psalm 78: 14-20, 23-25

14 He led them with a cloud by day, *and all the night through with a glow of fire.
15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *and gave them drink as from the great deep.
16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *and the waters gushed out like rivers.
17 But they went on sinning against him, *rebellling in the desert against the Most High.
18 They tested God in their hearts, *demanding food for their craving.
19 They railed against God and said, *"Can God set a table in the wilderness?
20 True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the gullies overflowed; *but is he able to give bread or to provide meat for his people?
23 So he commanded the clouds above *and opened the

doors of heaven.

24 He rained down manna upon them to eat * and gave them grain from heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; *he provided for them food enough.

Second Reading

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, 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 Lord's death until he comes.

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

Hymn 171 Go to Dark Gethsemane

Holy Gospel

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

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to

the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one

another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Celebrant

The Gospel of the Lord.

People:

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Trula Hollywood

Prayers of the People

As we journey this week with Christ, and celebrate the Paschal mystery of his death and resurrection, let us pray to God in the name of Jesus, the name that is above every name, saying: *Hear our prayer, O God.*

For the Church in all places, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, DeDe, our Bishop, Trula, our Priest, Chris, our District Dean, Dorothy, our District Deacon, Alice, our Lay Preacher & Worship Leader, that we may be strengthened to take up our cross, follow in his way, and share in his redeeming work.

Hear our prayer, O God.

For this parish family, that we who are called to be the community of the crucified One, may empty ourselves as Christ did, serving in unselfish love. ***Hear our prayer, O God***

For all those in positions of leadership, that they may have wisdom, insight, and courage, to act swiftly and compassionately for the common good. ***Hear our prayer, O God.***

For all who must bear the cross each day: for those far from home, for those who endure shame or threat, and for the weary and all who suffer, remembering especially Pauline Stoner, Susan Beattie, Esther Thomas, Julia Zepkowski, Johanna Masters, Diane Conneman, Eli Ames, Jean Radice, Joan Gibbs, Jane Cornett, Joseph Murphy, Dorette Burnham, Melanie, Noelle, Chris Mann, Grace Ellis, Greg Cello Sr., Louise Woodburn, Gail Yost Moyka, Joan Meddaugh, Johnny Wall, Doug Worthing, Matthew Smithkors, John Wall, Florence Sawyer, Violet Geller, Father Lee Love, Anthony Fusco, Marge Jackson, Maxine Bailey, Joan Babcock, Wylie Duerson, Darlene Allen, Joan Pascuzzo, Laura Engram, Daniel Cornwell and for those who love and care for them, and for those we now name..... (pause) that they may find strength and hope in the God of life. **Hear our prayer, O God.**

For those who are weary, anxious, and separated from those they love, for those who love and care for them, and for those who are working to deliver the vaccine. **Hear our prayer, O God.**

For those who have died, remembering especially Barry Vallequette... that they may rest in Christ and be raised into his glory. **Hear our prayer, O God.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who sent your Son among us to bear the pain and grief of humankind. Hear the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place and give us courage and grace to follow his example of obedient love, to walk in the way of the cross, and to share in

his glorious resurrection, that we may live in the power of his Spirit, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Please take some time to offer each other Peace.

Spiritual Communion

Spiritual Communion is a Christian practice of desiring union with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. It is used as a preparation for Holy Mass and by individuals who cannot receive Holy Communion.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

“My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you. But since I cannot receive Communion at this moment, feed my soul at least spiritually. I unite myself to you now as I do when I actually receive you.”

ACT OF RECEPTION

The Celebrant continues

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day remembering particularly St. Paul's and all those worshipping here today, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given us (pause) ...

We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts.

We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our heart, our soul, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Celebrant

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.

The Blessing

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm 22 Sung by Ladd Yost

The altar will be stripped. The cross draped in black

while the church darkens.

Please leave the service in quiet while we contemplate Jesus' sacrifice for us.

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