

HOLY THURSDAY

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

St Pië X, Belair Luxembourg
6 April 2023



Opening song:

Here I am to worship

So, here I am to wor-ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to

say that You're my God. And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er

wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me.

Last time to Coda

Mass setting : Mass of St Alphonse

First Reading *Exodus 12:1-8,11-14*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:

‘This month is to be the first of all the others for you, the first month of your year. Speak to the whole community of Israel and say, “On the tenth day of this month each man must take an animal from the flock, one for each family: one animal for each household. If the household is too small to eat the animal, a man must join with his neighbour, the nearest to his house, as the number of persons requires. You must take into account what each can eat in deciding the number for the animal. It must be an animal without blemish, a male one year old; you may take it from either sheep or goats. You must keep it till the fourteenth day of the month when the whole assembly of the community of Israel shall slaughter it between the two evenings. Some of the blood must then be taken and put on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where it is eaten. That night, the flesh is to be eaten, roasted over the fire; it must be eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. You shall eat it hastily: it is a passover in honour of the Lord. That night, I will go through the land of Egypt and strike down all the first-born in the land of Egypt, man and beast alike, and I shall deal out punishment to all the gods of Egypt, I am the Lord! The blood shall serve to mark the houses that you live in. When I see the blood I will pass over you and you shall escape the destroying plague when I strike the land of Egypt. This day is to be a day of remembrance for you, and you must celebrate it as a feast in the Lord’s honour. For all generations you are to declare it a day of festival, for ever.”’

Psalm refrain:

The bless - ing - cup that we bless is a comm - un - ion with the

blood of Christ. The bless - ing - cup that we bless is a comm -

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Second Reading *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.’ In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.’ Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

Gospel Jn13: 1-15

It was before the festival of the Passover, and Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to the Father. He had always loved those who were his in the world, but now he showed how perfect his love was.

They were at supper, and the devil had already put it into the mind of Judas Iscariot son of Simon, to betray him. Jesus knew that the Father had put everything into his hands, and that he had come from God and was returning to God, and he got up from table, removed his outer garment and, taking a towel, wrapped it round his waist; he then poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he was wearing. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'At the moment you do not know what I am doing, but later you will understand.' 'Never!' said Peter 'You shall never wash my feet.' Jesus replied, 'If I do not wash you, you can have nothing in common with me.' 'Then, Lord,' said Simon Peter 'not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!' Jesus said, 'No one who has taken a bath needs washing, he is clean all over. You too are clean, though not all of you are.' He knew who was going to betray him, that was why he said, 'though not all of you are.'

When he had washed their feet and put on his clothes again he went back to the table. 'Do you understand' he said 'what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am. If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.'

After the homily, those who are to have their feet washed will be invited forward

The Mandatum (the giving of the New Commandment)

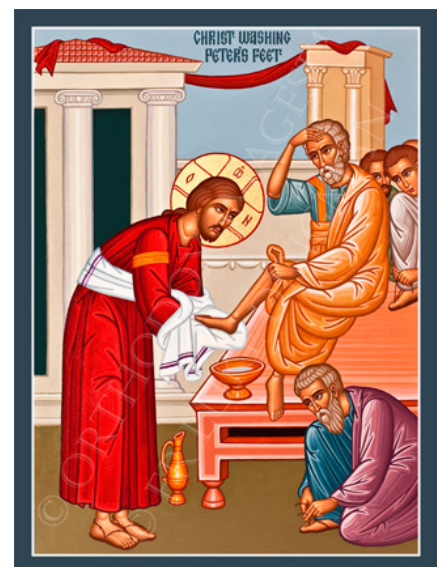
A New Commandment

*A new commandment I give unto you,
That you love one another as I have loved you,
That you love one another as I have loved you.*

1. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another. x2
2. You are my friends if you do what I command you. Without my help you can do nothing. x2
3. I am the true vine, my Father is the gardener Abide in me, I will be with you. x2
4. True love is patient, not arrogant nor boastful, Love bears all things, love is eternal.

Preparation of the Gifts — Take, O take (Taizé)

Take O take me as I am, Summon out what I shall be
Set Your seal upon my heart and live in me.



Holy Communion: This is my body

1. This is my body broken for you
bringing you wholeness, making you free
Take it and eat it and when you do
Do it in love for me.
2. This is my blood poured out for you
bringing forgiveness, making you free
Take it and drink it and when you do
do it in love for me.
3. Back to my Father soon I shall go
Do not forget me, then you will see
I am still with you, and you will know
you're very close to me.

4. Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow
You are my branches, I am the tree
If you are faithful, others will know
you are alive in me.
5. Love one another, I have loved you
and I have shown you how to be free
serve one another, and when you do
do it in love for me.



Procession to the Altar of Repose

This procession of the Blessed Sacrament represents the journey of Jesus from the Upper Room of the Last Supper to the Garden of Gethsemane, where he will be betrayed by Judas. The narrative continues tomorrow with the solemn Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord.

Of the glorious Body telling

1. Down in adoration falling
This great sacrament we hail
Over ancient forms of worship
Newer rites of grace prevail
Faith will tell us Christ is present
When our human senses fail
2. To the everlasting Father
And the Son who made us free
With the Spirit God proceeding
From them each eternally
Be salvation, honour, blessing
Might and endless majesty.

V. You have given them bread from heaven
R. The bread which is full of goodness.

Let us pray : O God, who under a marvellous Sacrament has left us a memorial of Thy Passion; grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within us the fruit of Thy Redemption. Thou, who livest and reignest forever and ever. R. Amen.



*When you leave, please do so in silence. Thank you.
Tomorrow, Good Friday, Solemn Commemoration of the Passion, 15:00, in
ST MICHEL, RUE SIGEFROI, LUXEMBOURG-VILLE*