

**Thursday of the Lord's Supper  
(Holy Thursday)  
April 6, 2023**

## **Presentation of the Oils**

This morning at the St. Louis Cathedral, the Archbishop consecrated oils to be used during the celebration of sacraments. We now present these oils for use at our parish.

### **Oil of the Sick**

We bring the oil of the sick blessed by our Archbishop for the anointing of all those who suffer in mind and body. By this holy anointing may the sick gain strength even in their suffering. May they be released from fear and receive the consolation of faith.

### **Oil of the Catechumen**

We bring the oil of catechumens blessed by the Archbishop for the anointing of all the infants, children and adults who are called to prepare for baptism. By this anointing may they receive strength to renounce sin and the glamor of evil and so approach the waters of baptism.

### **Holy Chrism**

We bring the holy chrism, the mixture of oil and fragrant perfume, consecrated by our Archbishop to anoint all the baptized in the sacrament of confirmation, to anoint the priest's hands and the bishop's head, to anoint also the altar and the walls of the house of church.

## ***Entrance Hymn Gather Us In (BB 303)***

Here in this place, new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away.  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, Gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, Gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

## **Greeting**

In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**And with your spirit.**

***God have Mercy***

You come to heal the contrite. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

You come to call sinners. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
You plead for us at the right hand of the Father. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

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

### *Gloria*

#### **Refrain (2x in beginning)**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
We give you thanks for your great glory.  
Lord God, heavenly One, O God, almighty Father. **Refrain**

Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.  
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer,  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. **Refrain**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. **Refrain**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

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

A reading from the Book of Exodus

The Most High God said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall stand at the head of your calendar; you shall reckon it the first month of the year.

Tell the whole community of Israel: On the tenth of this month every one of your families must procure for itself a lamb, one apiece for each household. If a family is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join the nearest household in procuring one and shall share in the lamb in proportion to the number of persons who partake of it.

The lamb must be a year-old male and without blemish. You may take it from either the sheep or the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, and then, with the whole assembly of Israel present, it shall be slaughtered during the evening twilight.

They shall take some of its blood and apply it to the two doorposts and the lintel of every house in which they partake of the lamb. That same night they shall eat its roasted flesh with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

This is how you are to eat it: with your loins girt, sandals on your feet and your staff in hand, you shall eat like those who are in flight. It is the Passover of the LORD.

For on this same night I will go through Egypt, striking down every firstborn of the land, both man and beast, and executing judgment on all the gods of Egypt—I, the Almighty God! But the blood will mark the houses where you are. Seeing the blood, I will pass over you; thus, when I strike the land of Egypt, no destructive blow will come upon you.

This day shall be a memorial feast for you, which all your generations shall celebrate with pilgrimage to the Most High God, as a perpetual institution.”

The word of our God.

**Thanks be to God**

*Responsorial Psalm*

**Refrain**

O God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you, your love is finer than life.

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As a dry and weary desert land, so my soul is thirsting for my God,  
and my flesh is faint for the God I seek, for your love is more to me than life. **Refrain**

I think of you when at night I rest, I reflect upon your steadfast love.

I will cling to you, O Lord my God, in the shadow of your wings I sing. **Refrain**

I will bless your name all the days I live, I will raise my hands and call on you,  
my joyful lips shall sing your praise, you alone have filled my hungry soil. **Refrain**

*Second Reading* 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from the letter of Paul to the People of Corinth

Sisters and brothers, I received from the Lord Jesus what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and after he had given thanks, broke it, and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also the cup, 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 death of the Lord until he comes.

The Word of our God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation*

Praise and honor to you, O Lord Jesus Christ.

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I give you a new commandment, says the Lord

Love one another as I have loved you.

Love one another as I have loved you, thus says the Lord.

**Praise and honor to you, O Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Gospel* John 13:1-15

The Lord be with you.

**And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Before the feast of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the One who had sent him; having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

The devil had already induced Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to hand him over. So, during supper, fully aware that God had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, Jesus rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Master, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "Unless I wash you, you have no inheritance with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well!"

Jesus said to him, "Whoever have bathed have no need except to have their feet washed, for they are clean all over; so you are clean, but not all." For he knew who would betray him; for this reason, he said, "Not all of you are clean."

So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master'; and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."

The Good News of Salvation

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Homily (take a moment to reflect on the readings - what word or phrase stood out to you?)*

**The Washing of Feet**

**Introduction to Foot Washing Ritual**

Our gospel reading this evening ended with these words: "I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do." These words are not for a chosen twelve but are for each of us. You will find three foot-washing stations (state where they are located). We invite you, and those in your household to come and participate in this sacred ritual. If you feel comfortable within your pod to wash each other's feet, feel free to do so. If not, each member can wash their own feet. New basins of water and towels will be provided.

With devotion and prayer, let us open our hearts to this ritual that Jesus gave us, remembering that we are called to live in charity and steadfast love.

*Songs during Washing of Feet: Song of the Lord's Supper (G 299)*  
**This is My Example**

**Refrain**

This is my example, love as I love you. This is my example, love as I love you.

Breaking bread with friends as his life was at an end, Jesus knelt to wash their feet. **Refrain**

Simon Peter said, "Wash my hands, my feet, my head!" Jesus looked on him with love. **Refrain**

Make my love complete, go and wash each other's feet; what I have done so you must do.

**Refrain**

To the poor and weak, be the comfort that they seek, let my example be your guide. **Refrain**

*Universal Intercessions*

**Response: God, make us one**

**(All: God, make us one)**

For the Church: that we may live like Jesus and spend our lives in loving service, washing the feet, carrying the burdens, and comforting the brokenness of one another, we pray...

For Pope Francis: that God will guide and strengthen him as leads the church in humble service of the Gospel, the poor, and the broken, we pray...

For all those called to ministry in the Church, that their gifts might be recognized and nurtured, we pray...

For all who are affected by the war, major illness, refugee status, and the death of loved ones, that they are held in love by each of us, we pray...

For all of creation, that we may recognize all as the body of Christ, we pray...

And for whom else shall we pray?

**The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

*Presentation of Gifts Here At This Table (BB 312)*

**Refrain**

Come and be filled here at this table.

Food for all who hunger and drink for all who thirst.

Drink of his love, wine of salvation.

You shall live forever in Jesus Christ the Lord.

You who labor for justice, you who labor for peace,

You who steady the plow in the field of the Lord. **Refrain**

You with lives full of pain, you who sorrow and weep,

You, beloved of Christ, come to him, come to him. **Refrain**

Children of every color in every land,  
You are his own, he gathers you gently.  
Don't you grown weary, for when you run, you run with the Lord. **Refrain**

You, the aged among us, holy, faithful and wise,  
May the wisdom you share form our lives and our world! **Refrain**

Let each woman and man learn from the stranger  
We're not so different and so much unites us.  
For we are one, blest with the Spirit and the power of love! **Refrain**

### *Offertory Prayers*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God forever.**

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*The Eucharistic Prayer* (if you are watching the video or listening to the audio, please follow along and participate with Fr. Jack; and continue with the Communion Song below.)

*Service Music* Mass of Christ the Savior (B917)

*Communion* The Supper of the Lord (BB 349)

### **Refrain**

Precious body, precious blood, seen as bread and wine;  
Here the Lord prepares the feast divine.  
Bread of love is broken now, cup of life is poured:  
Come, share the supper of the Lord.

This is the bread of God coming down from heaven,  
Giving life to us, to all the world. **Refrain**

“I am the living spring of eternal life;  
You that drink from me shall not thirst again.” **Refrain**

“I am the bread of heaven, giving life to you;  
You that eat this bread shall never die.” **Refrain**

“All those who feed on me have their life in me,  
As I have my life in the living God.” **Refrain**

All praise to you, O Christ, present in this feast;  
In this bread, we share in one life, one Lord. **Refrain**

**Prayer after Communion:**

Let us pray:

Grant, almighty God, that, just as we are renewed by the Supper of your Son in this present age,  
so we may enjoy his banquet for all eternity. Who lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen**

**Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

***Song of Transfer - Pange Lingua Gloriosi***

Pange lingua, gloriosi Corporis mysterium  
Sanguinisque pretiosi, Quem in mundi pretium  
Fructus ventris generosi Rex effudit gentium.

Nobis datus, nobis natur Ex intacta Virgine,  
Et in mundo conversatus Sparso verbi semine  
Sui moras incolatus Miro clausit ordine

Tantum ergo, Sacramentum Venere murcernui:  
Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui  
Praestet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui

Genitori, Genitoque Laus et jubilatio  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque Sit et benedictio:  
Procedenti abutroque Compar sit laudatio. Amen