

## Maundy Thursday

### The Litany

**L** O Lord,

**G** have mercy.

**L** O Christ,

**G** have mercy.

**L** O Lord,

**G** have mercy.

**L** O Christ,

**G** hear us.

**L** God the Father in heaven,

**G** have mercy.

**L** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**G** have mercy.

**L** God the Holy Spirit,

**G** have mercy.

**L** Be gracious to us.

**G** Spare us, good Lord.

**L** Be gracious to us.

**G** Help us, good Lord.

**L** From all sin, from all error, from all evil;

From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;

From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;

From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

**G** Good Lord, deliver us.

**L** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;

By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;

By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

**G** Help us, good Lord.

**L** In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

**G** Help us, good Lord.

**L** We poor sinners implore You

**G** to hear us, O Lord.

**L** To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;

To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

**G** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

**L** To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

**G We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**L** To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;

To direct and defend our [*president/queen/king*] and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;

To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;

To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;

To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

**G We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**L** To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

**G We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**L** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**G we implore You to hear us.**

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**G have mercy.**

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**G have mercy.**

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**G grant us Your peace.**

**L** O Christ,

**G hear us.**

**L** O Lord,

**G have mercy.**

**L** O Christ,

**G have mercy.**

**L** O Lord,

**G have mercy. Amen.**

**P** O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## Holy Gospel

*John 13:1–17, 31b–35*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, <sup>4</sup>rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to you, O Christ**

## Nicene Creed

**G** **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,**

**God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Hymn**

- 1     Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,  
        Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
        Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.
  
- 2     Come in poverty and meanness,  
        Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness,  
        From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white;  
Ye shall walk with God in light.

3 Come in sorrow and contrition,  
Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission,  
Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore;  
They that drink shall thirst no more.

4 They that drink shall live forever;  
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when He was glorified.

## Sermon

### Prayer of the Church

### Stripping of the Altar

During the stripping of the Altar, you can read or chant the following psalm: (Psalm 22)

1 My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?\*

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?

2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not | answer,\*  
and by night, but I | find no rest.

3 Yet you are | holy,\*  
enthroned on the praises of | Israel.

4 In you our fathers | trusted,\*  
they trusted, and you de- | livered them.

5 To you they cried and were | rescued,\*  
in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.

6 But I am a worm and | not a man,\*  
scorned by mankind and despised by the | people.

7 All who see me | mock me,\*  
they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;

8 "He trusts in the LORD; let him de- | liver him;\*"   
let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!"

9 Yet you are he who took me | from the womb,\*  
you made me trust you at my | mother's breasts.

10 On you was I cast | from my birth,\*  
and from my mother's womb you have | been my God.

11 Be not far from me,  
for trouble | is near,\*  
and there is | none to help.

12 Many bulls en- | compass me;\*"   
strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round me;

13they open wide their | mouths at me,\*  
like a ravening and roaring | lion.  
14I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are | out of joint,\*  
my heart is like wax;  
it is melted with- | in my breast;  
15my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks | to my jaws,\*  
you lay me in the | dust of death.  
16For dogs en- | compass me,\*  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my | hands and feet—  
17I can count | all my bones—\*  
they stare and gloat | over me;  
18they divide my garments a- | mong them,\*  
and for my clothing they | cast lots.  
19But you, O LORD, do not be | far off!\*  
O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!  
20Deliver my soul | from the sword,\*  
my precious life from the power | of the dog!  
21Save me from the mouth of the | lion!\*You have rescued me from the horns of the wild | oxen!  
22I will tell of your name to my | brothers,\*  
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you:  
23You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glo- | rify him,\*  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of | Israel!  
24For he has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted,  
and he has not hidden his | face from him,\*  
but has heard, when he | cried to him.  
25From you comes my praise in the great congre- | gation,\*  
my vows I will perform before those who | fear him.  
26The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall | praise the LORD!\*May your hearts live for- | ever!  
27All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn | to the LORD,\*  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship be- | fore you.  
28For kingship belongs | to the LORD,\*  
and he rules over the | nations.  
29All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship,\*  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep him- | self alive.

30Posterity shall | serve him;\*

it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;

31they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,\*

that he has | done it.

There is no Benediction spoken as this is part of the Triduum. The Benediction will be spoken at the end of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.