

## Worship Aid for April 1 — Holy Thursday

Things to note during restrictions due to Covid:

- A simple procession will be observed at the beginning of Mass, so that the ministers and servers may observe appropriate social distancing protocols. You will notice fewer altar servers for this same reason.
- Per the Diocese of Youngstown, reception of the Precious Blood from the Chalice is suspended.
- Holy Communion will be received by hand, not by mouth. Please wait for the usher to release you from the pew, maintain 6 feet of space and wear your mask until you reach the altar. At that time pull your mask down, hold out your hands, receive the Host and replace your mask.
- **Please take this bulletin with you!** Do not leave it in the pews. We will then sanitize before the next mass.

Thank you for helping to keep us all safe!

### Prayer for the Bishop's Appeal

Loving and gracious God, you gave us your Son, Jesus Christ. He gave of himself, not only on the cross, but in every moment of his life. Jesus saw the hungry; he fed them. Jesus saw the lame; he cured them. Jesus saw the sick; he healed them. Jesus saw the discouraged; he encouraged them. Jesus saw the dying; he gave them new life. Jesus gave. In this way, he taught us to give. Loving and gracious God, open our hearts to the many ministries offered throughout our Diocesan Church. Strengthen our resolve to be like your Son, Jesus Christ, to give of ourselves in every moment of our lives. Amen.

### Opening Hymn: Lift High the Cross

#### Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. (Verses)

#### Verses:

Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. (Refrain)

Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died. (Refrain)

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. (Refrain)

#### First Reading

*Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 (39ABC)*

A reading from the Book of Exodus

The Lord 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 Lord! 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 Lord, as a perpetual institution."

#### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps. 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18*

Our blessing cup is a communion with the blood of the Lord.

#### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

A reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord 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.

#### Gospel

*John 13:1-15*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end. The devil had already induced Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, to hand him over. So, during supper, fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, he 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 will 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 has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is 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."

### **Profession of Faith**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Presentation of Gifts: Bread for the World**

#### Refrain:

Bread for the world: a world of hunger, wine for all peoples; people who thirst. May we who eat be bread for others. May we who drink pour out our love. (Verses)

#### Verses:

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life, broken to reach and heal the wounds of human pain. Where we divide your people you are waiting there on bended knee to wash our feet with endless care. (Refrain)

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the wine of peace, poured into hearts once broken and where dryness sleeps. Where we are tired and weary, you are waiting there to be the way which beckons us beyond despair. (Refrain)

### **Communion Hymn: Gathered 'Round This Table**

#### Refrain:

Gathered 'round this table for the supper of the Lord. Christ himself becomes our food; in him our life restored. Here he stands before us as the first-born from the dead. Now our eyes are opened in the breaking of the bread. (Verses)

#### Verses:

I am the vine and you are the branches. You will know great abundance when you live in my love. (Refrain)

I will be there when two or three have gathered. And the Father will hear you when you pray in my name. (Refrain)

I am the bread that came down from heaven. If you eat of my body you will share in my life. (Refrain)

### **Meditation Hymn: Draw Near in Faith**

Draw near, draw near and receive the body of our Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, given for you. Draw near, draw near and receive Christ's blood, shed for you, Christ's blood, shed for you. Draw near, draw near.

### **Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament with Procession into the Friendship Room (Please maintain social distancing!)**

### **Sing, My Tongue, the Savior's Glory**

Sing, my tongue, the Savior's glory, of his flesh the myst'ry sing: of the Blood, all price exceeding, shed by our immortal King, destined for the world's redemption, from a noble womb to spring.

Of a pure and spotless virgin born for us on earth below, He, as man, with us conversing, stayed, the seeds of truth to sow; then he closed in solemn order wondrously his life of woe.

On the night of that last supper, seated with his chosen band, He, the Paschal victim eating, first fulfills the Law's command; then as food, to the disciples gives himself with his own hand.

Word made flesh, the bread of nature by his word to flesh he turns; wine into his blood he changes: What though sense no change discerns? Only be the heart in earnest, faith its lesson quickly learns.

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.

To the everlasting Father, and the Son who made us free, and the Spirit, God proceeding from them each eternally, be salvation, honor, blessing, might and endless majesty. Amen.