

## HOLY THURSDAY VIDEO SERVICE

### Eyes on Jesus: More Than Meets the Eye

#### As We Gather

Today, our worship begins with the Passion reading and the sermon so that the liturgy may then move uninterrupted from Confession and Absolution to our anticipation of the reception of the Lord's Supper... that is when we may gather again as a congregation. Our worship will continue tomorrow with Good Friday and our eyes focused upon the cross.

This Lent, we have been using the metaphor of eyesight to examine how the various people in Mark's Gospel viewed Jesus during His Passion. In most cases, they misunderstood who He was and what He was doing; then again, sometimes ***by faith*** people did recognize Him correctly.

Here, nearing the end of the forty days of Lent, we look within ourselves as people of faith... and we ask again if we're like... or unlike the people who saw Jesus in the flesh. Most important, we WILL see again what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent suffering and death.

#### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

#### Passion Reading

*Mark 14:22–25*

- P** In our reading of Christ's Passion, Jesus reveals that the disciples are receiving much more than bread and wine at the Passover on the night in which He was betrayed.

The Passion of Our Lord according to **St. Mark**, the **fourteenth** chapter.

As they were eating, [Jesus] took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "**Take; this is My body.**" And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And He said to them, "**This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.**"

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

- P** The Lord's Supper is a mystery, for the reality of it cannot be seen with human eyes.

## Address

- P** On Ash Wednesday, there were physical signs of our penitence, visible in the mirror and to everyone we met. The ashes were placed on each of our individual foreheads. Soon, I dearly pray... many of us will be receiving our Lord's body and blood, somehow in, with, and under the bread and wine—certainly more than our physical eyes can perceive. But we cannot commune with our Lord so intimately, sinners that we are; penitence is not enough. We need **God's** forgiveness, assured thereby that God's Lamb, our Lord Jesus Christ, has staved off the death sentence our sins deserve as surely as the Israelite's lamb's blood told the angel of death to pass over the Israelite homes so long ago.

Let us therefore confess our sins to our heavenly Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

## Confession

- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

- P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

- C** Amen.

- P** Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

- C** Yes.

- P** Let it be done for you as you believe.

- P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in  peace. (*1 Thessalonians 5:23–24*)

- C** Amen.

## **Peace of the Lord**

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you all.  
**C** And also with you.

## **Kyrie**

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation, visible in the Lord's Supper, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**P** For peace the whole world may see, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all who see in Christ their Savior, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**P** For this holy house and all our own individual homes where all who show their faith in worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C** Amen.

## **Salutation**

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

## **Prayer of the Day**

- P** Let us pray.

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.

- C** Amen.

The Old Testament Reading for Holy Thursday is from the **twelfth** chapter of **Exodus**.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too

small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and 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 are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Gradual

*Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a*

**P** [Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood,  
**C** thus securing an eternal redemption.

**P** Therefore, He is the mediator of a new covenant,  
**C** so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

**P** He sent redemption to His people;  
**C** He has commanded His covenant forever.

**P** The Epistle is from the **eleventh** chapter of **First Corinthians**.

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

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** Having loved His own who were in the world,  
**C** **He loved them to the end.**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to **St. John**, the **thirteenth** chapter.  
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, 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, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "**What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.**" 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.**" Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 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." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

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? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.**

**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. 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.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**
- P** Let us now confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

## Nicene Creed

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.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the Church around the world, ourselves, and all people in their various needs.

The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season. *Psalm 145:15*

..... let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord have mercy.**

**P** My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for He will pluck my feet out of the net. *Psalm 25:15*

..... let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord have mercy**

**P** His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. *Psalm 97:4*  
..... let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord have mercy**

**P** I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD. *Psalm 121:1-2a*

.....let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord have mercy**

**P** Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings. *Psalm 17:8*

..... let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord have mercy**

**P** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him! *Psalm 34:8*

..... let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord have mercy**

**P** Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

+ SACRAMENT +

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

### Let Us Pray

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for in Your great love You freed us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of Your Son. In His suffering, death, and resurrection, Your mercy and power were made visible to all who saw Him during His earthly sojourn and to us, who see Him by faith. Grant that when we can joyfully come together again to eat the bread and drink from the cup in true faith, we may receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Grant us to show forth His death until we join all the faithful at the heavenly banquet of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Together we pray as our Lord Jesus Christ has taught us...

**C** 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.

### Stripping of the Altar

**P** This is the night in which our Lord was betrayed. Knowing that it was for our salvation, He willingly let the forces of evil strip Him of freedom, friends, dignity, and life itself.

All the appointments in the chancel remind us of our Lord, the light of the world, the Word of God appearing in the flesh, and the covering for our sins. This evening, they all have been stripped away, leaving only the altar— and the veiled cross of our Lord Christ Jesus Himself.

Hear now the words of Psalm 22, which anticipated our Lord's Passion and which He seems to have prayed while on the cross. And then... our worship will continue tomorrow... for the night our Lord was nailed upon the Cross.

### Psalm

*Psalm 22:1–31*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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

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

Yet you are holy,  
    enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our fathers trusted;  
    they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried and were rescued;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

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

All who see me mock me;  
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;  
“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

Yet you are he who took me from the womb;  
you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.

On you was I cast from my birth,  
and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

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

Many bulls encompass me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;  
they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.

I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;  
it is melted within my breast;  
my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.

For dogs encompass me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my hands and feet—  
I can count all my bones—  
they stare and gloat over me;  
they divide my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.

But you, O LORD, do not be far off!  
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!  
Deliver my soul | from the sword,  
my precious life from the power of the dog!  
Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:  
You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
For 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.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before you.

For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.

All 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 himself alive.

Posterity shall serve him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;  
they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,  
that he has done it.

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