



A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you. *John 13.34*

*The Priest welcomes the people using these or other appropriate words.*

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

**All** and also with you.

**Welcome:**

**Greeter:**

Good evening every one.

The time has come – our great feast is about to begin.

We are about to enter into the solemn celebration of the

Triduum – the Sacred Three Days,

the highpoint of our year as Christians.

We remember the words of Jesus to his disciples:

“Go and prepare a room for me”.

This is the room which we have prepared.

This is the room in which we have gathered as a community.

In these next days

we will celebrate the great mysteries of our faith –  
in a few moments of shared silence  
let us ready ourselves to celebrate well.

*(pause for a few moments of silence)*

**Greeter:**

On this night we receive into our community the holy oils that were blessed for us by Bishop Lawrence Provenzano at the Chrism Mass this past Tuesday at our cathedral in Garden City. They represent the ministry we share with our Bishop and with the other parishes of our diocese:

We welcome the oil of the sick.

May the sick who are anointed with this oil experience the compassion of Christ and his saving love in body, mind and soul.

Blessed be God for ever.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

We welcome the oil of catechumens:

Through anointing with this oil, may any adult catechumens who are preparing to receive the sacrament of baptism by or any infants being baptized be strengthened to resist the power of Satan and reject evil in all its forms.

Blessed be God for ever.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

We welcome the Sacred Chrism.

Through anointing with this perfumed Chrism may children and adults, who are baptized and confirmed, and priests and bishops, who are ordained, experience the gracious gift of the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

**Greeter:**

At the beginning of this great feast, let us stand and unite in song.

**Gathering song** Hymnal 325 Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread together on our knees.

Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees.  
Let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]

*Pause for a few moments of shared silence*

### **Call To Worship**

Priest: It was the last supper

**People: For Jesus**

Priest: On this earth.

**People: A solemn occasion.**

Priest: A time of sadness,

**People: A preparation for betrayal**

Priest: And death.

**People: A good-bye meal.**

Priest: A sense of loss

**People: And grief**

Priest: Hung in the air.

**People: The Last Supper.**

Priest: But only on this earth;

**People: For this supper**

Priest: Foreshadows another

**People: Which will come**

Priest: In the fullness of time.

**People: And this meal,**

Priest: The wedding feast of the Lamb,  
**People: Will last for all time;**

Priest: Will be infinitely joyful;  
**People: And will satisfy the soul's deepest longings.**

Priest: So let us eat of tonight's meal with our sorrow lessened  
**People: By the hope of that future feast**

Priest: Which will usher in the era of eternal joy.  
**People: Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

*The Priest may say these sentences.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ says  
If you love me, keep my commandments. *John 14.15*  
Unless I wash you, you have no part with me. *John 13.8*

Priest Let us confess to almighty God our sins against his love, and ask him to cleanse us.

**All Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Priest Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon *you*,  
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,  
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,  
and keep *you* in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you    **And Also with You**

Let us pray

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**Sit**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Exodus 12.1--8,11--14 NEB*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt: This month is for you the first of months; you shall make it the first month of the year. Speak to the whole community of Israel and say to them: On the tenth day of this month let each man take a lamb or a kid for his family, one for each household, but if a household is too small for one lamb or one kid, then the man and his nearest neighbour may one between them. They shall share the cost, taking into account both the number of persons and the amount each of them eats. Your lamb or kid must be without blemish, a yearling male. You may take equally a sheep or a goat. You must have it in safe keeping until the fourteenth day of this month, and then all the assembled community of Israel shall slaughter the victim between dusk and dark. They must take some of the blood and smear it on the two door-posts and on the lintel of every house in which they eat the lamb. On that night they shall eat the flesh, roast on the fire; they shall eat it with unleavened cakes and bitter herbs.

This is the way in which you must eat it: you shall have your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand, and you must eat it in urgent haste. It is the Lord's Passover. On that night I shall pass through the land of Egypt and kill every first-born of man and beast. Thus will I execute judgement, I the Lord, against all the gods of Egypt. As for you, the blood will be a sign on the houses in which you are: when I see the blood I will pass over you; the mortal blow shall not touch you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

You shall keep this day as a day of remembrance, and make it a pilgrim-feast, a festival of the Lord; you shall keep it generation after generation as a rule for all time.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All    Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 116.11--end*

*This response may be used.*

**R The cup of blessing which we bless,  
is it not a sharing of the blood of Christ?**

- 11 How shall I repay the | Lord:  
for | all his | bene-fits | to me?
- 12 I will take up the | cup of · sal|vation:  
and | call up-on the | name · of the | Lord. **R**
- 13 I will pay my | vows · to the | Lord:  
in the | presence · of | all his | people.
- 14 Grievous in the | sight · of the | Lord:  
is the | death | of his | faithful ones. **R**
- 15 O Lord, I am your servant  
your servant and the | son of · your | handmaid:  
you | have un|loosed my | bonds.
- 16 I will offer you a sacrifice of | thanks|giving:  
and | call up-on the | name · of the | Lord. **R**
- 17 I will pay my | vows · to the | Lord:  
in the | presence · of | all his | people,
- 18 In the courts of the | house · of the | Lord:  
even in your midst O Jerusalem|  
Praise |-- the | Lord. **R**

#### NEW TESTAMENT READING (EPISTLE)

*1 Corinthians 11.23--29 NEB*

The tradition which I handed on to you came to me from the Lord himself: that the Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread and, after giving thanks to God, broke it and 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 sealed by my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes.

It follows that anyone who eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will be guilty of desecrating the body and blood of the Lord. A man must test himself before eating his share of the bread and drinking from the cup. For he who eats and drinks eats and drinks judgment on himself if he does not discern the Body.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** What Wondrous Love Is This Hymnal #439

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sin

**Stand**

THE GOSPEL

*When it is announced*

**All** Glory to you. Lord Christ

*John 13.1--15 NEB*

It was before the Passover festival. Jesus knew that his hour had come and he must leave this world and go to the Father. He had always loved his own who were in the world, and now he was to show the extent of his love.

The devil had already put it into the mind of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. During supper Jesus, well aware that the Father had entrusted everything to him, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from table, laid aside his garments, and taking a towel, tied it round him. Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash his disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel.

When it was Simon Peter's turn, Peter said to him, 'You, Lord, washing my feet?' Jesus replied, 'You do not understand now what I am doing, but one day you will.' Peter said, 'I will never let you wash my feet.' 'If I do not wash you,' Jesus replied, 'you are not in fellowship with me.' 'Then Lord,' said Simon Peter, 'not my feet only; wash my hands and my head as well!'

Jesus said, 'A man who has bathed needs no further washing; he is altogether clean; and you are clean, though not every one of you.' He added the words, 'not every one of you' because he knew who was going to betray him.

After washing their feet and taking his garments again, he sat down. 'Do you understand what I have done for you?' he asked. 'You call me "Master" and "Lord", and rightly so, for that is what I am. Then if I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you also ought

to wash one another's feet. I have set you an example: you are to do as I have done for you.'

At the end the reader says

This is the gospel of Christ.

**All Praise to Christ our Lord.**

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## THE WASHING OF FEET (Hands for tonight)

*The washing of feet may end with this prayer.*

Almighty Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brethren,  
we do also for him;  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as he was the servant of all,  
who gave up his life and died for us,  
yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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## THE PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

On this night, which is very different from all other nights, we are invited with the apostles to the supper of the Lord. Let us pray to him that we may enter into his own attitudes and dispositions of the night before he suffered, and let us say to him.

**R/ Stay with us, Lord.**

– Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, you do the will of the Father to the end; you are loyal to your mission of love. Give us the same loyalty, that we may not seek our headstrong self-will but, in whatever we do, the will of the Father. We pray you, therefore:

**R/ Stay with us, Lord.**

– Lord, at the Last Supper you found a way to stay with those you love. Give us the strength to keep standing by the side of those in need of love, that we may support them in their misery and give them hope in life and in you. We pray you, therefore:

**R/ Stay with us, Lord.**

– Christ, our Savior, at the Last Supper you gave us your commandment of love as your last testament. Commit us to do the works of love so that we can truthfully celebrate the eucharist by working toward social justice, peace and respect for human dignity. We pray you, therefore:

**R/ Stay with us, Lord.**

– Lord, on this night you showed that your love does not consist in mere words but that it is stronger than death, for you give your life for us. Give us the strength to love you and others with a love stronger than words, with a loyal and total love: We pray you, therefore:

**R/ Stay with us, Lord.**

– Lord Jesus, tonight you show us that love means humble service. We ask you for the courage not to do works of “charity” to be seen by people but to help others quietly and unobtrusively, so as to respect their human dignity, and to give preference to the poor, to the unknown, to little people, to the outcasts of life. We pray you, therefore:

**R/ Stay with us, Lord.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, Lord of love, you said at the Last Supper, as you tell us again tonight, that a person can have no greater love than to lay down one’s life for ones’ friends. Give us the strength not to live for ourselves but, by the warmth of our hearts and our commitment to one another, to make your love a bit more visible on earth, that people may believe in you, now and for ever. **R/ Amen.**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **THE PEACE**

**Stand**

*The Priest*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles,  
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.  
Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church,  
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom,  
where you live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*He then says*

**All**

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest,  
faces them and sings or says*

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

He is the true and eternal priest  
who established this unending sacrifice of praise and  
thanksgiving.

.He offered himself for our deliverance  
and taught us to make this offering in his memory.  
As we eat his body which he gave for us,  
we grow in strength.  
As we drink his blood which he poured out for us  
we are washed clean.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and  
Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever  
sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**THE SANCTUS**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us  
for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become  
subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus  
Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human  
nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the  
God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself,  
in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole  
world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our  
Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks  
to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take,

eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

Priest As our Savior taught us, so we pray.

**All Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are  
yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All**            **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*The following ANTHEMS may be said.*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the  
world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the  
world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the  
world:  
grant us peace.**

*Before the distribution the Priest says*

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord  
Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood  
which he said for you. Eat and drink in  
remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him  
in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Priest            The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All**            **Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

The Priest and people receive the Communion.

## AFTER COMMUNION

*The Priest may say*

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes. *1 Corinthians 11.26*

*Silence may be kept and A HYMN may be sung.*

*Either of these prayers is said.*

ALL      **Almighty and heavenly Father,  
we thank you that in a wonderful sacrament  
you have given us the memorial  
of the passion of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Grant us so to reverence  
the sacred mysteries of his body and blood  
that we may know within ourselves  
and show forth in our lives the fruits of his redemption;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Those who have volunteered to do so come forward to strip the altar. While the Altar is stripped Psalm 22 is prayed in unison

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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

<sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
and by night, but find no rest.

<sup>3</sup> Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> In you our ancestors trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup> To you they cried, and were saved;  
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup> But I am a worm, and not human;  
scorned by others, and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup> All who see me mock at me;  
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

<sup>8</sup> "Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—

let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"

<sup>9</sup> Yet it was you who took me from the womb;  
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

<sup>10</sup> On you I was cast from my birth,  
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

<sup>11</sup> Do not be far from me,  
for trouble is near  
and there is no one to help.

<sup>12</sup> Many bulls encircle me,  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

<sup>13</sup> they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup> 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;  
15 my mouth<sup>[a]</sup> is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.

16 For dogs are all around me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me.

My hands and feet have shriveled;<sup>[b]</sup>

17 I can count all my bones.

They stare and gloat over me;

18 they divide my clothes among  
themselves,

and for my clothing they cast lots.

19 But you, O LORD, do not be far away!

O my help, come quickly to my aid!

20 Deliver my soul from the sword,

my life<sup>[c]</sup> from the power of the dog!

21 Save me from the mouth of the lion!

From the horns of the wild oxen you have  
rescued<sup>[d]</sup> me.

22 I will tell of your name to my brothers and  
sisters;<sup>[e]</sup>

in the midst of the congregation I will  
praise you:

23 You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of him, all you offspring of

Israel!

24 For he did not despise or abhor

the affliction of the afflicted;

he did not hide his face from me,<sup>[f]</sup>

but heard when I<sup>[g]</sup> cried to him.

25 From you comes my praise in the great  
congregation;

my vows I will pay before those who fear  
him.

26 The poor<sup>[h]</sup> shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek him shall praise

the LORD.

May your hearts live forever!

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD;

and all the families of the nations

shall worship before him.<sup>[i]</sup>

28 For dominion belongs to the LORD,

and he rules over the nations.

29 To him,<sup>[j]</sup> indeed, shall all who sleep  
in<sup>[k]</sup> the earth bow down;

before him shall bow all who go down to  
the dust,

and I shall live for him.<sup>[l]</sup>

30 Posterity will serve him;

future generations will be told about the

Lord,

31 and<sup>[m]</sup> proclaim his deliverance to a

people yet unborn,

saying that he has done it.

After the stripping altar the Sacrament is  
removed and the church is left  
empty.....All leave in silence