Maundy Thursday Thursday, April 6, 2023

Prelude "There Is a Balm in Gilead" (arr. Bock)

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Opening Sentences

This is the day that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

This is the day that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

This is the day that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

This is the day that Christ our God gave us the holy feast.

May we who eat the bread and drink the cup remember his sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day reign with him in heaven.

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Hymn (see back) "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"

Blessing Over the Food

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; you have fed us with the bread of life in the Body of your Son. Feed us now with your presence among us and your presence in your Word. You create the fruit of the vine; and you refresh us with the cup of salvation, as we remember Jesus Christ, crucified yet risen. May this bread and this cup strengthen us as we follow in the way of the cross. Amen.

Please be seated, and let us begin our meal together. Help yourself and serve each other.

A reading from the book of Exodus 12:1-14

A reading from John 13:1-17, 31-35

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily "What Was It Like?"

Jacopo Tintoretto. **The Last Supper.** 1592–1594. Basilica di San Giorgio Maggiore, Venice, Italy. Domenico Ghirlandaio. **The Last Supper.** c. 1486. Basilica of St. Mark, Florence, Italy. Pascal Adolphe Dagnan-Bouveret. **The Last Supper.** 1896. Private Collection.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer continues concluding with The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Most merciful God, we have been invited guests at your table,

But we have betrayed you with our lives.

We say, "Surely not I! I would never betray Jesus!"

But each of us – all of us – have done things and said things.

We also have left things undone and unsaid.

We have traveled a long, dusty Lenten journey.

Our feet are tired, aching, and in need of washing.

As Christ has washed us,

So let us wash one another.

You have shown us, O God, what is right:

To do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you.

In Christ, you have shown us what it means to give everything to God's call.

May we walk these next days with Christ, not abandoning him at the cross, not forgetting him in the despair of Saturday, not forgetting his sacrifice when we come to the joy of Easter Sunday. Amen.

Hymn #93

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

A Reading from Luke 22:39-65

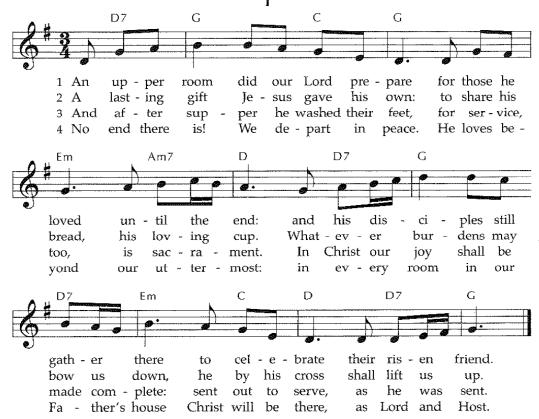
Postlude

"Amazing Grace" (arr. Innes)

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Please leave the Family Life Center in silence.

An Upper Room Did Our Lord 202 Prepare



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text brings together the two New Testament traditions regarding Jesus' final evening with his disciples: the Synoptic account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26–29/Mark 14:22–25/Luke 22:14–20) and the Fourth Gospel's report of his washing the disciples' feet (John 13:3–17).



WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF A LOVING GOD, GATHERING, GROWING, GIVING, AND GOING TO SERVE, TOGETHER



Ford Madox Brown. **Jesus Washing Peter's Feet.** 1852–1856. London: Tate Gallery.