

A Service of Eucharist for Holy Week

Monday

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit:
All **Amen.**

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you:
All **And also with you.**

Words of Preparation

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.

Lamentations 1.12

Prayers of Penitence

Christ himself carried up our sins in his body to the tree,
so that, free from sins,
we might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed.
Let us confess our sins.

You faced the crowd who shouted for blood
We dared not to object.
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

You stood before the ruler who washed his hands
We accepted his decision
Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

You were mocked by the faithful who feared for their power;
We denied we ever knew you.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

The Collect

Silence is kept.

Let us pray

Lord you bring us into being
And let our lives touch your heart:
May the fragrance of our worship
Draw us closer to your open heart
And free us from our clinging
To the things we can control
Through Jesus, the passion of God.

All **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42: 1-9

- ¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- ² He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
- ³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
- ⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
- ⁶ I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
- ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
- ⁸ I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
- ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 9: 11-15

¹¹ But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), ¹² he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

¹⁵ For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All Glory to you, O Lord.

John 12: 1-11

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

⁹ When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, ¹¹ since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

The following responses may be used:

Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We, who were enemies
of one another and of life,
have been reconciled
by the free gift of God;
for while we were still at war
God has made peace
By the blood of the cross

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Preparation of the Table
Taking of the Bread and Wine

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

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

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

The president praises God for God's mighty acts and all respond

All **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 president recalls the Last Supper

The following acclamation may be used
Great is the mystery of faith
All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again**

*The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology,
to which all respond boldly*
All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom
and teach us to pray.

**All 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 them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The president and people receive communion.
Authorized words of distribution are used.*

Prayer after Communion

**All Lord, we thank you
That in your passion
You offer forgiveness
And invite us to be with you
Where hunger is no more
And death has no dominion:
May the broken bread of life
Fracture our stony hearts
For the sake of another world.
Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

May the cross be the sign
In which we begin again
To undo the cords of violence,
The misery of exclusion,
And proclaim the love
Without conditions;
And the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers and people depart.