

HOLY THURSDAY

A Lenten Journey with Joseph
Tonight's Theme: "God Feeds His People"
April 14, 2022
7 PM



INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:4; 124:8*

L: I will go to the altar of God,
C: **to God, my exceeding joy.**

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: **who made heaven and earth.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C: **for with the Lord is plenteous redemption and the forgiveness of all our sins.**

L: Let us then confess our sins unto our gracious Lord.
C: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our brother, Jesus Christ, Your Son... Forgive us all that is past and with the power of the Holy Spirit, move us to serve You faithfully. Set our feet upon the new path of life, and build Your kingdom here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

L: Hear the good news! The same God who delivered Jacob and his family from the famine and forgave Joseph's brothers though they had rejected and tried to kill him, sent His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who willingly gave His life as a sacrifice for our sin and by his blood forgives us and sets us free! Believe the Good News; in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

“These Things are True of You” Tommy Walker

**Unshakable immovable Faithful and true
Full of wisdom Strength and beauty
These things are true of You**

**Fearless courageous Righteousness shines through In all You do
Yet You're so humble You laid down Your life
These things are true of You**

Chorus

**And as I turn my face to You
Oh Lord I ask and pray
By the power of Your love and grace
Make these things true of me too
Make these things true of me too**

**Patient compassionate Love flows through You
You never give up On the hopeless ones
These things are true of You
Holy and blameless You stand up for justice and truth
Yet You love mercy and forgiveness
These things are true of You**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L:** O Lord, in the wondrous Sacrament You 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 47:1-12 (Joseph feeds his family)*

So Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, “My father and my brothers, with their flocks and herds and all that they possess, have come from the land of Canaan. They are now in the land of Goshen.” And from among his brothers he took five men and presented them to Pharaoh. Pharaoh said to his brothers, “What is your occupation?” And they said to Pharaoh, “Your servants are shepherds, as our fathers were.”

They said to Pharaoh, “We have come to sojourn in the land, for there is no pasture for your servants’ flocks, for the famine is severe in the land of Canaan. And now, please let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen.” Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Your father and your brothers have come to you. The land of Egypt is before you. Settle your father and your brothers in the best of the land. Let them settle in the land of Goshen, and if you know any able men among them, put them in charge of my livestock.”

Then Joseph brought in Jacob his father and stood him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said to Jacob, “How many are the days of the years of your life?” And Jacob said to Pharaoh, “The days of the years of my sojourning are 130 years. Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their sojourning.” And Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went out from the presence of Pharaoh. Then Joseph settled his father and his brothers and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. And Joseph provided his father, his brothers, and all his father’s household with food, according to the number of their dependents.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 116:12–19*

L: What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?

C: **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,**

L: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.

C: **Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.**

L: O LORD, I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

C: **I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.**

L: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people,

C: **in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

All: Praise the LORD!

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 11:23-32* (Jesus makes a New Covenant)

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 concerning 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

L: He sent redemption to His people;

C: He has commanded His covenant forever.

HOLY GOSPEL (Read Responsively) *Luke 22:7–20* (The Lord's Supper.)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

L: Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying,

C: "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it."

- L: They said to Him, "Where will You have us prepare it?" He said to them,
C: "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there."
- L: And they went and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover. And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him. And He said to them,
C: "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."
- L: And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He said,
C: "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."
- L: And he took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying,
C: "This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
- L: And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,
C: "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood."
- L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN No. 718 "Jesus, Lead Thou On"

**Jesus lead Thou on Till our rest be won;
 And although the way be cheerless,
 We will follow calm and fearless;
 Guide us by Thy hand To our fatherland.**

**If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
 Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;
 Let not faith and hope forsake us;
 For through many a woe To our home we go.**

**When we seek relief From a long felt grief,
 When temptations come alluring,
 Make us patient and enduring;
 Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.**

**Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest be won;
Heav'nly leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.**

SERMON "God Feeds His People" Gen. 47:12-13 Pastor Daniel Kofi

OFFERING

THE INTERCESSIONS

P: Father, on this, the night He was betrayed,
Your Son Jesus Christ washed His disciples' feet.
We commit ourselves to follow His example of love and service. Lord, hear us

C: and humble us.

P: On this night, He prayed for His disciples to be one.
We pray for the unity of Your Church. Lord, hear us

C: and unite us.

P: On this night, He prayed for those who were to believe through their message.
We pray for the mission of Your Church. Lord, hear us

C: and renew our zeal.

P: On this night, He commanded them to love,
But suffered rejection Himself.
We pray for the rejected and unloved. Lord hear us,

C: and fill us with Your love.

P: On this night, He reminded them that if the world hated them it hated Him first.
We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, hear us

C: and give us Your peace.

ALL: Most merciful Lord, Your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under Your table. But You, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share Your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of Your Son, that He may live in us and we in Him; And that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in Your kingdom. Amen.

THE PEACE

P: Now in union with Christ Jesus You who were once far off
have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood;
for He is our peace.

C: Amen.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: and also with you.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

P: At the Eucharist we are with our crucified and risen Lord.
We know that it was not only our ancestors in the faith but we who were redeemed and
brought forth from bondage to freedom, from mourning to feasting. We know that as He
was with them in the upper room, so our Lord is here with us now.

C: Until the kingdom of God comes, let us celebrate this feast.

P: Blessed are You, Lord God of the universe, you bring forth bread from the earth.

C: Blessed be God forever.

P: Blessed are You, Lord God of the universe, You create the fruit of the vine.

C: Blessed be God forever.

HYMN No. 641 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Refrain:

**You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.**

**As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when You call Your fam'ly Lord,
We follow and rejoice. Refrain**

With joyful lips we sing to You
Our praise and gratitude
That You should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heav'nly food. Refrain

Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ out-poured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
Our oneness in the Lord? Refrain

The myst'ry of Your presence, Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell. Refrain

You give Yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in Your name
In truth and charity. Refrain

PRAYER

P: O God, who has called us to participate in this most sacred Supper, in which your Only Begotten Son, when about to hand himself over to death, entrusted to the Church a new sacrifice for all eternity, the banquet of his love; Grant, we pray, that we may draw from so great a mystery, the fullness of charity and of life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

L: 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 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.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: With the very words of Christ we consecrate and partake of this sacred meal.

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

(Let us eat together the body of Christ.)

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

(Let us drink together from the cup of salvation, the blood of Christ shed for our sins.)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of Your Son. Sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth, until our joy is complete in heaven and we share the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR "My God, My God, Why Have You Abandoned Me"
Based on *Psalm 22* *Sung by Sarah Hart* *(Video)*

The congregation departs in silence.