Holy Thursday: Commemoration of the Lord's Supper

Call to Prayer

Cf. Galatians 6:14

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.



Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18

R. (cf. 1 Cor 10:16) Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.

How shall I make a return to the LORD for all the good he has done for me?

The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

R. Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.

Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds.

R. Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.

To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD. My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people.

R. Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.



1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Brothers and sisters:

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also 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 death of the Lord until he comes.

Intentions

Response: Hear us, Lord.

Watch over your Church. Preserve Pope Francis.

Guide our bishops and priests.

Bless those preparing for baptism.

Assist our country.

Protect my family and friends.

Give food to the hungry. Send aid to the poor.

Heal the sick.

Strengthen nurses and doctors. Bring an end to this pandemic.

Grant eternal life to those who have died.

Prayer during Holy Week

Gracious God, at Gethsemane

Jesus prayed to be spared the cup of suffering.

Then he said:

"Not my will, but your will."

On the cross he cried out:

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

He received no answer, yet he trusted in your love

and accomplished your will,

even when it meant death

and the apparent destruction of his work.

God of mercy,

we remember the mysterious ways of your love.

In this time of new birth, we recall the way of the cross

and we offer you our hearts.

We want to do your will in all things

in the way that Jesus did.

In all the circumstances of our lives, may our confidence in you never falter.

We make this offering through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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