

THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

For use in Parish Churches of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

The Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated in the evening and the faithful should be informed of the times of the celebration so that they can prayerfully unite themselves in their homes, or join by means of live (not recorded) televisual or internet broadcasts.

There is no need for the preparation of an altar of repose, since the Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and all that is connected to the procession and reposition, is OMITTED.

The tabernacle should be entirely empty; but a sufficient amount of bread should be consecrated in this Mass for the Communion of the clergy and assisting ministers the following day.

Introductory Rites

The antiphon (no. 6) may be recited/chanted prior to the Sign of the Cross:

Bells may be rung during the *Gloria*.

Liturgy of the Word

The Liturgy of the Word is carried out as usual through the homily (no. 9)

The Washing of Feet, as it is optional, is OMITTED this year because of COVID-19 (no. 10).

Following the homily, the Universal Prayer is prayed. Please consider including one intercession for those who are sick or otherwise affected by the COVID-19.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Liturgy of the Eucharist continues as shown in the *Roman Missal* (nos. 14-32).

The entrusting of the Eucharist to ministers to bring to the sick is OMITTED (no. 33).

Following the Priest's communion and the communion of all assisting ministers, a ciborium with hosts for Communion the following day is placed on the altar. The Priest, standing at the chair, says the Prayer after Communion.

**Grant, almighty God,
that, just as we are renewed
by the Supper of your Son in this present age,
so we may enjoy his banquet for all eternity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

Concluding Rites

After the Prayer after Communion, the Priest places the ciborium in the tabernacle and closes the door. He then returns to his chair for a moment of prayer. After a period of silence, he rises, genuflects to the tabernacle, and departs in silence. There is no blessing or dismissal.

Rubric 44 from the *Roman Missal* says, **“If the celebration of the Passover of the Lord on the following Friday does not take place in the same church, the Mass is concluded in the usual way and the Blessed Sacrament is placed in the tabernacle.”** This rubric refers to a celebration in a hospital chapel or some other remote region of the diocese where the local bishop has granted permission for an additional Holy Thursday Mass. In those circumstances, no period of adoration follows. This rubric does not apply to Holy Thursday during an international pandemic emergency.