

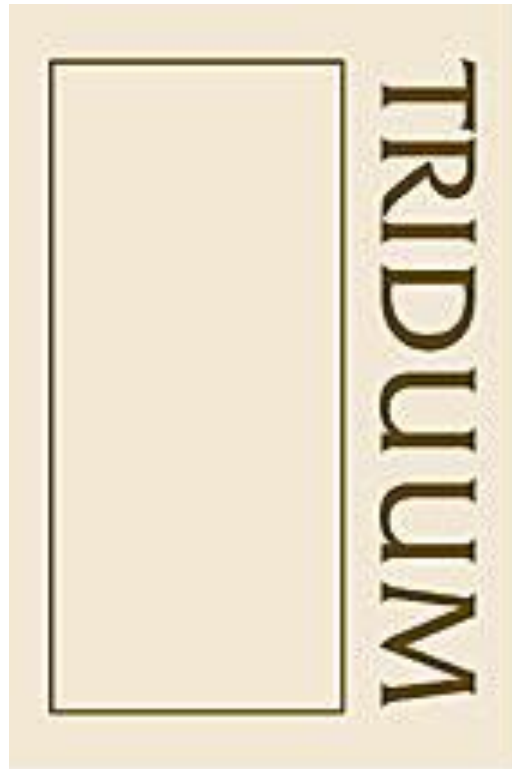
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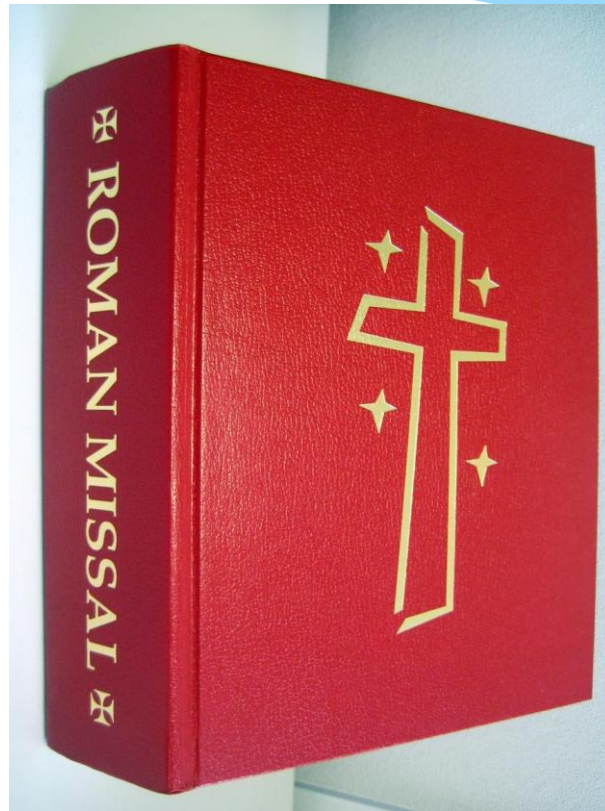
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The Three Most Holy Days

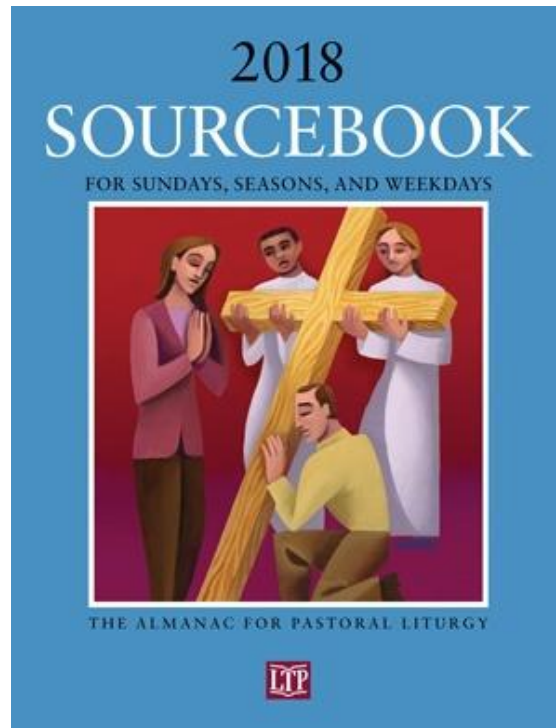
A Triduum Source Book I, II, III




Roman Missal



Sourcebook (LTP)



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- * Christ the Lord achieved His task principally by the paschal mystery of His blessed passion, resurrection from the dead, and the glorious ascension, whereby "dying, he destroyed our death and, rising, he restored our life" (SC #5)

Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year

* **The Cycle of the Year**

- * **Over the course of the year the Church celebrates the whole mystery of Christ, from the Incarnation to Pentecost Day and the days of waiting for the Advent of the Lord. (#17)**

Triduum – High point of the entire liturgical year!

- * the sacred Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year.²¹ Therefore the pre-eminence that Sunday has in the week, the Solemnity of Easter has in the liturgical year (#18)**

Triduum

- * The Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, has its centre in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Vespers (Evening Prayer) of the Sunday of the Resurrection. (#19)**

Triduum

- * **The Three Days**

- * **Scriptural foreshadowing**

 - * **Exodus 3:16-18**

 - * **Exodus 10:22-23**

 - * **2 Kings 20: 1-5**

 - * **Esther 4:15; 5:1-2**

 - * **Genesis 42:, 6-7, 17**

Triduum

“Jesus said, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” He was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this.”

John 2:19, 21-22

Triduum

- * **Time Stops...**

- * **We enter eternity...**

- * **Keeping watch, waiting, anticipating...**

Triduum

- * Eternal life is when things happen in God's good time...

- * When God – in whom past, present and future are not merely *as one* but *are one* – breaks into our time.

Easter is the beginning and centre and summation of the whole Christian year, of the whole Christian life. (Mark Searle)

Triduum

- * First day of the Triduum: Holy Thursday
Sunset to Good Friday Sunset – 6th Day
of Creation**
- * Second day of the Triduum: beginning
sunset, is the Sabbath.**
- * Third day of the Triduum: beginning
Holy Saturday Sunset...**

Triduum

- * **Baptism (Hippolytus, 3rd C)**
 - * **And let those who are to be baptised be instructed to wash and cleanse themselves on the fifth day of the week (Thursday).**
 - * **Those who are to receive baptism shall fast on the Preparation (Friday) and on the Sabbath (Saturday). And on the Sabbath the bishop shall assemble those who are to be baptised in one place, and shall bid them all to pray and bow the knee.**
 - * **And they shall spend all the night in vigil, reading the scriptures to them and instructing them.**

Holy Thursday Evening

O God, who have 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 sacrifice new 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 life.

Through our Lord... (Collect – Mass of the Lord's Supper)

Holy Thursday Evening

**Infinite, intimate God;
This night you kneel before your friends
And wash our feet.
Bound together in your love,
Trembling, we drink your cup
And watch.**

(New Zealand Prayer Book – Anglican)

Mass of the Lord's Supper

- * **Take a Lamb... Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14**
- * **As often as you do this... 1 Cor 11:23-26 ...
Philippart**
- * **A New Commandment... John 13: 1-15**
 - * **Jesus Poured Water**
 - * **Washed My Feet**
 - * **Gifts for the Poor**
 - * **Divine Hospitality**
 - * **Eating & Drinking**
 - * **Silent Adoration – remaining; watching;
praying**



Reception of the Holy Oils

- * The reception of the holy oils may take place before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday or on another day after the celebration of the Chrism Mass
- * The oils, in suitable vessels, are carried in procession by members of the assembly
- * The oils are received by the priest and then placed on a suitably prepared table in the sanctuary or in the repository where they will be reserved

Washing of the Feet

* Who?

- * “... pastors may select a small group of the faithful to represent the variety and the unity of each part of the people of God. Such small groups can be made up of men and women, and it is appropriate that they consist of people young and old, healthy and sick, clerics, consecrated men and women and laity.”

Why the change?

- * **“The current change foresees that individuals may be chosen from amongst all the members of the people of God. The significance does not now relate so much to the exterior imitation of what Jesus has done, rather as to the meaning of what he has accomplished which has a universal importance, namely the giving of himself «to the end» for the salvation of the human race, his charity which embraces all people and which makes all people brothers and sisters by following his example.” *commentary on decree***

Interesting caution...

- * The washing of feet is not obligatory in the *Missa in cena Domini*. It is for pastors to evaluate its desirability, according to the pastoral considerations and circumstances which exist, in such a way that it does not become something automatic or artificial, deprived of meaning and reduced to a staged event. Nor must it become so important as to grab all the attention during the Mass of the Lord's Supper, celebrated on «the most sacred day on which our Lord Jesus Christ was handed over for our sake»

* *Commentary on Decree*

Procession of Gifts

- * **“At the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, there may be a procession of the faithful in which gifts for the poor may be presented with the bread and wine.” #14, Sacred Paschal Triduum, Roman Missal.**

Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament

- * After Communion, a ciborium with hosts for communion on the following day is left on the altar.
- * Priest prayers Prayer after Communion
- * Incense into thurible, then ciborium incensed 3 times
- * Procession with candles and incense accompanies Blessed Sacrament to place of repose preceded by Cross bearer
- * Tabernacle/Altar/Garden...
- * Adoration

Liturgy Overview Practicalities

- * Vestiture: What will be needed for presiders, ministers, the elect?
- * Flowers: May be present in moderation
- * Lights and Sound: Are all lightbulbs working, bugs in the sound system fixed?
- * Grounds and Church: Prior to Palm Sunday a clean up of all gathering areas and processional routes...

Vessels and other objects

- * Processional Materials: cross, banners, incense, candles
- * Altar Materials: cloths purificators, corporals, festive garments
- * Communion vessels: distribution, procession, reservation
- * Oil vessels: containers, ambry
- * Footwashing items: jugs, bowls, towels, seating

Vestiture & Books

- * Simple white Mass vestments
- * Humeral veil
- * Holy Week Missal

Special Times

* Before Evening Mass

- * Tabernacle empty, veil removed, sanctuary lamp removed, doors left opened

- * Church stripped and cleaned, only materials need for the eucharist present.

* Evening Mass

- * Enough bread consecrated for 2nite/2morow

- * Chapel of Reservation

Special times cont..

* After Evening Mass

- * Stripping of Altar and Church in dignified manner
- * Furniture not fixed removed (credence tables...)
- * Rugs removed
- * Crosses removed or veiled, Holy water removed

* Midnight

- * All candles extinguished. (Other than at place of Reservation) All decorations removed.

Sounds

- * **Entrance: Cross, salvation, life resurrection, saved, set free**
- * **Gloria: church bells rung – then silent til Easter Vigil**
- * **Footwashing (based on 1Cor 13:13)**
- * **Procession of gifts for the poor (Ubi caritas)**
- * **Communion: the body given, the cup poured**
- * **Procession: ‘Pange, lingua’ – Euch hymn**

The Lord Jesus after eating with his friends, washed their feet and said to them: Do you know what I, your Lord, have done to you? I have given you example, that so you also should do.

1. You are my friends:

And you can have no greater love than to give your life for your friends.

Refrain:

The Lord Jesus after eating with his friends, washed their feet and said to them: Do you know what I, your Lord, have done to you? I have given you example, that so you also should do.

**2. Peace I leave with you,
my peace I give to all who live
with sincere love for everyone. *Refrain:***

When unsure...

Sometimes there are liturgical practices in parish communities which may not be ideal – please remember we are all trying to give praise and worship to God, and no doubt are seeking to encourage others to do the same. Let's be gentle on each other!

The Ritual of the Triduum liturgies are beautiful in their simplicity and fullness. If these are well prayed by the community, as they are, all will be well.

Question raised:

Washing of hands – careful with symbols outside the Rite. While this practice is trying to encourage maximum participation in the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the symbolism of 'washing hands' in the Triduum relates to Pilates washing of his hands and responsibility for Christ's death; therefore a counter-symbol arises if people do this. As well the washing of feet is the act of a slave/servant and is directly related to the action of Christ and to Christ-like leadership. Washing of hands is not related to Christ's actions.