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YEAR B - MAUNDAY THURSDAY

Ο God, make speed to save me. O Lord, make hast to help me. Welcome, brethren, on this Thursday of Holy Week. Today's readings are centered on the theme of remembrance. In our first reading we see a reference to one being awakened, led back to whence he came. In our second reading, the Apostle Paul urges us to do as our Lord Jesus commanded us to do, this Holy Eucharist in remembrance of Him. And again, in the Gospel we are commanded by Christ to remember to love one another as he has loved us.

Christ came as a reminder of our divine origins. He awoke the Spirit within us, to lift us from the depths of despair, so that we may aspire to heavenly heights. We are given three instructions to fully accomplish this feat. In our second reading we are told that the Lord commanded us to partake of the Holy Eucharist; that we should eat of His Body, and drink of His Blood, partaking of the vivifying influence which he so generously brought to us through His life, death, and resurrection. In our Gospel Christ bathes the feet of his disciples, proving through example that we are all to lead through a willingness to bend to humble servitude. For Christ has shown here that no matter how high one has risen (no pun intended), no one is truly higher than another. We are all brothers of Christ, possessed of the same Spirit of God, equal in that Spirit. But Christ has also shown us here, allegorically, that we are to remember to exercise the Rite of Baptism, our duty as the true disciples of God. In our Gospel the feet represent our physical bodies which walk this earthly world. Our bodies hold our Spirit in ignorance and sin, and it is through the Holy Rite of Baptism that we are washed clean and awakened, awakened to the true revelation of Christ: that we are to hold to a new commandment which demands we love one another as he has loved us.

This is a lofty and pure love, one which demands we care so much for our brothers and sisters that we hold a responsibility to both evangelize and awaken them with the truth which Christ brought to us. We accomplish this through the Sacraments which Christ delivered to us, in particular the Rite of Baptism and the Rite of Holy Communion.

We perform these Rites in remembrance of Christ, to fulfill the new commandment: To love one another as he loved us.