

PRAYER: Great & Holy Thursday

O Most Merciful Master, we sing and magnify Thee, the sinless God, Who hast willingly suffered and accepted passion in the flesh for our sakes. For when the glorious Disciples were made bright at the supper and the washing of feet, then the evil Judas, afflicted with greed, was darkened; and taking the thirty pieces of silver, the price of Him that was appraised, he betrayed Thee the Righteous Judge to the most lawless high priests and scribes. For having received his fill of many good things, and being made a disciple, he conceived the thought of betrayal and handed Thee, the immortal King and Lord of Glory, to the lawless wolves; being committed to strangulation, and having dipped his hand into the dish, with a false kiss, he said to the high priests: Him that I shall kiss, that is He, seize Him. For the way of greed, O most lawless Judas, hath put a halter upon thee, which thou didst bear as the righteous judgment of God. But we, the faithful, if we in love communicate of the most pure and lifecreating Body and Blood, in love and fear adore also the Saviour, in His sufferings on the Cross, in His burial and Resurrection: our Lord and God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the + Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.