

# Mass of the Lord's Supper

## Holy Thursday Mass

1 April 2021

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:  
This month shall mark for you the beginning of months;  
it shall be the first month of the year for you.

Tell the whole congregation of Israel

that on the tenth of this month

they are to take a lamb for each family,  
a lamb for each household.

If a household is too small for a whole lamb,  
it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one;  
the lamb shall be divided

in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male;  
you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month;  
then the whole assembled congregation of Israel  
shall slaughter it at twilight.

They shall take some of the blood  
and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel  
of the houses in which they eat it.

They shall eat the lamb that same night;  
they shall eat it roasted over the fire  
with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

This is how you shall eat it:

your loins girded, your sandals on your feet,  
and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly.

It is the Passover of the Lord.

For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night,  
and I will strike down every first-born

in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals;  
on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments:  
I am the Lord.

The blood shall be a sign for you  
on the houses where you live;  
when I see the blood, I will pass over you,  
and no plague shall destroy you  
when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you.  
You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord;  
throughout your generations  
you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 115:12-13, 15-18

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

How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds. **R.**

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name.  
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people. **R.**

### **Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians  
Beloved:

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you,

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that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup also, 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 Lord's death until he comes.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

John 13:34

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### **Gospel**

John 13:1-15

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray him.

And during supper

Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe,

and tied a towel around himself.  
Then he poured water into a basin  
and began to wash the disciples' feet  
and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him,  
"Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus answered,  
"You do not know now what I am doing,  
but later you will understand."

Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet."

Jesus answered,  
"Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."

Simon Peter said to him,  
"Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

Jesus said to him,  
"One who has bathed does not need to wash,  
except for the feet, but is entirely clean.  
And you are clean, though not all of you."  
For he knew who was to betray him;  
for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, put on his robe,  
and returned to the table,

Jesus said to them,  
"Do you know what I have done to you?  
You call me Teacher and Lord-  
and you are right, for that is what I am.  
So I, your Lord and Teacher,  
have washed your feet,  
you also ought to wash one another's feet.  
For I have set you an example,  
that you should do as I have done to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**