

Holy Thursday 1.

39 MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

FIRST READING

Exodus 12.1-8, 11-14

These are the instructions for the Passover meal.

A reading from the book of Exodus.

- 1 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:
- 2 This month shall mark for you the beginning of months;
it shall be the first month of the year for you.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male;
you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.
- 6 You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month;
then the whole assembled congregation of Israel
shall slaughter it at twilight.
- 7 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.
- 8 They shall eat the lamb that same night;
they shall eat it roasted over the fire
with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.
- 11 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.
- 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night,
and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt,
both human beings and animals;
on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments:
I am the Lord.

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13 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.

14 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.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 116.12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (R. 1 Cor 10.16)

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

12 What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?

13 I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord. R.

15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

16 O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds. R.

17 I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.

18 I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people. R.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

*As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Beloved:

23 I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you,
that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed
took a loaf of bread,

24 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."

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25 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.”

26 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.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 13.34

This verse may accompany the singing of the acclamation.
If the acclamation is not sung, it is omitted.

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

GOSPEL

John 13.1-15

*Having loved his own who were in the world,
he loved them to the end.*

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

1 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.

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

And during supper

3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands,
and that he had come from God and was going to God,

4 got up from the table,
took off his outer robe,
and tied a towel around himself.

5 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.

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

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

8 Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.”