

## READINGS

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-7, 31b-35

## OPENING PRAYER

O God,  
in the fullness of time  
you revealed to us your love  
in Jesus your Son, our Saviour.  
Give us such assurance of his saving work  
that we find life in this sacred banquet  
and joy in humble service  
to you and to one another,  
through the One who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, source of all love,  
on the night of his betrayal  
Jesus gave to his disciples a new commandment,  
to love one another as he loved them.  
Write this commandment in our hearts;  
give us the will to serve others  
as he was the servant of all,  
who gave his life and died for us,  
yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

*A Reading from the Book of Exodus.*

God 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 neighbor in obtaining one;  
the lamb shall be divided in proportion  
to the number of people who eat of it.

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 your God.

For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night,  
and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt,  
both humans and animals;  
on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments:  
I am your God.

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 your God;  
    throughout your generations  
    you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

*Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:1, 10-17

I love you, O God,  
because you have heard the voice of my supplication,  
**because you inclined your ear to me  
whenever I called upon you.**

How shall I repay you, O God,  
for all the good things you have done for me?  
**I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call upon the Name of our God.  
I will fulfill my vows to our God  
in the presence of all your people.**

Precious in your sight, O God,  
is the death of one of your servants.  
**O God, I am your servant;  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.**

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon your Name, O God.  
**I will fulfill my vows to you, O God,  
in the presence of all your people.**

We will call upon the Name of our God:  
**in the courts of the house of our God,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*

What I passed on to you, I received from Christ—that on the night he was betrayed, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup also, 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 Christ's death until he comes.

*Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.*

***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL READING: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

*God be with you.*

***And also with you.***

*The Good News of Jesus Christ  
according to John.*

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

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.

So 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, "Rabbi, 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, "Rabbi, then 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, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Master—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Teacher and Master, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their

master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the people so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*The Gospel of Christ.*

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