

COLLECT

God our Father,
you have invited us to share in the
supper
which your Son gave to his Church
to proclaim his death until he comes:
may he nourish us by his presence,
and unite us in his love;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Exodus 12.1-4 [5-10] 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 th
at 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. Do
not eat any of it raw or boiled in water,
but roasted over the fire, with its head,
legs, and inner organs. You shall let none
of it remain until the morning; anything
that remains until the morning you shall
burn.] 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 firstborn in the land of
Egypt, both human beings and animals;
on all the gods of Egypt I will execute
judgements: 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.

PSALM Psalm 116.1, 10-17

*R The cup of blessing that we bless,
is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?*

or

R I will lift up the cup of salvation.

I love the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of my
supplication,
because he inclined his ear to me
on the day I called to him. *R*

How shall I repay the Lord
for all the benefits he has given to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord.
I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people. *R*

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful servants.
O Lord, I am your servant;
your servant, the child of your
handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds. *R*

I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.
I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
In the courts of the house of the Lord,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Alleluia. *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, 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.

GOSPEL

John 13.1-17, 31b-35

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
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, 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 Lord – and you are right, for
that is what I am. So if 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 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. 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 Jews 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."

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,
we thank you that in this wonderful
sacrament
you have given us the memorial of your
passion:
grant us so to reverence the sacred
mysteries of your body and blood
that we may know within ourselves
and show forth in our lives
the fruit of your redemption,
for you are alive and reign, now and for
ever.