

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus 12.1-14

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. 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.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM 116.1, 10-19

Refrain:
The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a sharing of the blood of Christ?

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. I kept my faith, even when I said, 'I am greatly afflicted';

I said in my consternation, 'Everyone is a liar.' **Refrain**

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

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, **Refrain**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. **Refrain**

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.

You have loosed my bonds.

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

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord! **Refrain**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians (11.23-26)

For 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.

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GOSPEL READING

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:

Love one another as I have loved you.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (13.1-17, 31b-35)

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.