



## OPENING PRAYER

**+In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen**

Father God, thank you for this time with you. May the Holy Spirit be upon me, that I may receive wisdom from your Word, be open to Your holy Will and give glory to You always. Through Christ our Lord, Amen  
Our Father + Hail Mary + Glory Be

## LECTIO DIVINA

Invite the Holy Spirit - Read - Reflect - Respond in Prayer - Rest in Silence

### **Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26**

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there." The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

The Passover was a key obligation of the Jewish faith and tradition, to give thanks to God for His deliverance and protection. How is this similar to us when we celebrate Mass? The Eucharist is a memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. What does it mean to you when you hear that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith?

### **Reading I : Exodus 24:3-8**

When Moses came to the people and related all the words and ordinances of the LORD, they all answered with one voice, "We will do everything that the LORD has told us." Moses then wrote down all the words of the LORD and, rising early the next day, he erected at the foot of the mountain an altar and twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then, having sent certain young men of the Israelites to offer holocausts and sacrifice young bulls as peace offerings to the LORD, Moses took half of the blood and put it in large bowls; the other half he splashed on the altar. Taking the book of the covenant, he read it aloud to the people, who answered, "All that the LORD has said, we will heed and do." Then he took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words of his."

Passover and the covenant ratified through the sacrifice of the lamb help us understand Christ's sacrifice on the cross and its effect. After being sprinkled with the blood, the people are charged to obey and live out the words of the Lord. How is this expressed today for us? What does the holy sacrifice of the Mass mean to you? What does a covenantal relationship with God look like?

# Notes

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.**

**Reading II: Hebrews 9:11-15**

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God. For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

Christ is the mediator of the new covenant. What does it mean to have our consciences cleansed from dead works? What kind of barriers do you see in your own life that effects your relationship with God? What does it mean to you that God is a living God?

**Feast days this week**

**SUNDAY JUNE 2 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)**

**MONDAY 3 ST. CHARLES LAWANGA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**

**TUESDAY 4 WEEKDAY**

**WEDNESDAY 5 SAINT BONIFACE, BISHOP AND MARTYR**

**THURSDAY 6 WEEKDAY**

**FRIDAY 7 THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

**SATURDAY 8 THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

*reflect*

Do I believe in the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist?

*pray*

Father God, having received You, my I be mindful that I carry your presence with me everywhere.  
Through Christ our Lord,  
Amen

*live*

Make an effort to visit our Eucharistic Lord in the holy tabernacle.