

MAUNDY THURSDAY

→ **The First Reading** – Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

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 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 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 judgments: 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.

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| Reader | The Word of the Lord. |
| <i>People</i> | Thanks be to God. |

→ **The Second Reading** – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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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→ Prayers of the People

Reader With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy." For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Reader For our Bishops, Sean & Doug, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Reader For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Reader For this city of Naples, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Reader For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Reader For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Reader For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Reader For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Reader For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Reader That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

Reader In the communion of St. Monica and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

***People* To thee, O Lord our God.**

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