

**Old Testament Reading***Exodus 12:1–14***The Passover**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup>And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup>and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

<sup>7</sup>“Then 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. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup>And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”

**Psalm***Psalm 116:12–19; antiphon: v. 17*

<sup>12</sup>What shall I render | to the LORD\*  
for all his bene- | fits to me?

<sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation\*  
and call on the name | of the LORD,

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- <sup>14</sup>I will pay my vows | to the LORD\*  
in the presence of all his | people.
- <sup>15</sup>Precious in the sight | of the LORD\*  
is the death | of his saints.
- <sup>16</sup>O LORD, I am your | servant;\*  
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.  
You have | loosed my bonds.
- <sup>17</sup>I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving\*  
and call on the name | of the LORD.
- <sup>18</sup>I will pay my vows | to the LORD\*  
in the presence of all his | people,
- <sup>19</sup>in the courts of the house | of the LORD,\*  
in your midst, O Jerusalem. | Praise the LORD!

### Epistle

*1 Corinthians 11:23–32*

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “**This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**” <sup>25</sup>In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “**This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.**” <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup>Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup>That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup>But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup>But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

### Verse

*Psalms 111:4–5*

He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;\*  
the LORD is gracious and | merciful.

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He provides food for those who | fear him;\*  
he remembers his covenant for- | ever.

### Holy Gospel

*John 13:1–15*

#### Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

<sup>1</sup>Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, <sup>4</sup>rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you."

### Stripping of the Altar

#### Why Have You Forsaken Me?

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?\*

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?

<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not | answer,\*  
and by night, but I | find no rest.

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- <sup>3</sup>Yet you are | holy,\*  
enthroned on the praises of | Israel.
- <sup>4</sup>In you our fathers | trusted;\*  
they trusted, and you de- | livered them.
- <sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were | rescued;\*  
in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and | not a man,\*  
scorned by mankind and despised by the | people.
- <sup>7</sup>All who see me | mock me;\*  
they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;
- <sup>8</sup>“He trusts in the LORD; let him de- | liver him,\*  
let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!”
- <sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me | from the womb;\*  
you made me trust you at my | mother’s breasts.
- <sup>10</sup>On you was I cast | from my birth,\*  
and from my mother’s womb you have | been my God.
- <sup>11</sup>Be not far from me,  
for trouble | is near,\*  
and there is | none to help.
- <sup>12</sup>Many bulls en- | compass me;\*  
strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round me;
- <sup>13</sup>they open wide their | mouths at me,\*  
like a ravening and roaring | lion.
- <sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are | out of joint;\*  
my heart is like wax;  
it is melted with- | in my breast;
- <sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks | to my jaws;\*  
you lay me in the | dust of death.
- <sup>16</sup>For dogs en- | compass me;\*  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my | hands and feet—
- <sup>17</sup>I can count | all my bones—\*

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they stare and gloat | over me;

<sup>18</sup>they divide my garments a- | mong them,\*  
and for my clothing they | cast lots.

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be | far off!\*  
O you my help, come quickly | to my aid!

<sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul | from the sword,\*  
my precious life from the power | of the dog!

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the | lion!\*

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild | oxen!

<sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my | brothers;\*  
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you:

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glo- | rify him,\*  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of | Israel!

<sup>24</sup>For he has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted,  
and he has not hidden his | face from him,\*  
but has heard, when he | cried to him.

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congre- | gation;\*  
my vows I will perform before those who | fear him.

<sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall | praise the LORD!\*

May your hearts live for- | ever!

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn | to the LORD,\*  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship be- | fore you.

<sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs | to the LORD,\*  
and he rules over the | nations.

<sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;\*  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep him- | self alive.

<sup>30</sup>Posterity shall | serve him;\*  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;

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<sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,\*  
that he has | done it.

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