

**Thursday, April 14, 2022**  
**Thursday of Holy Week**

**Mass Readings** 1) Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 2) 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 3) John 13:1-15

**FOCUS:** Serve one another, and love one another.

The community surrounding Moses, the people of Corinth, and the disciples present at the Last Supper all were given Godly instructions – “do this,” for the Lord who has made a covenant with you has provided the means of salvation. We, like the people of old, are commanded to hear God’s word, partake of the Eucharist, and go forth transformed to serve and love one another.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

In the first reading, God gives Moses instructions that, if followed, will protect Israel from his judgment during Passover. Paul writes to the Corinthians that what he received from the Lord, he passed on to them: Christ’s command to partake of his body and blood in remembrance of him. In the Gospel, Jesus washes the feet of his disciples, saying, *I have given you a model to follow.*

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

**PRIEST:** Let us lift our hearts and minds to God as we present our petitions.

- 1) For the Church, may Christ’s true presence among us strengthen us in service to one another, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For elected leaders, may Christ’s service to his Church be a model for their service to their people, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those suffering from doubt, may their faith be strengthened through the gift of the Eucharist, let us pray to the Lord
- 4) For those gathered here, may God grant us the wisdom to serve, through faithful listening, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may they soon behold the true presence of the Lord in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

**PRIEST:** God of truth and love, you have given us your Son in order to show us the way to you. We ask that you hear our prayers, through Christ our Lord.