

**June 3, 2018
The Body and
Blood of Christ (B)**

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:3–8

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses told the people
all of the LORD's commands and laws.
The people answered,
"We will do everything the LORD has commanded!"
Then Moses wrote down all that the LORD had said.

The next morning Moses got up early
and built an altar at the foot of the mountain.
He took a large stone
for each of the twelve tribes of Israel
and placed the stones there.
Then he sent some young men
to burn offerings and sacrifice bulls
as special offerings to the LORD.
Moses put half of the blood from the animals
into some bowls
and sprinkled the other half on the altar.

Moses read aloud from the book of the LORD's promises,
and the people shouted,
"We will obey the LORD!
We will do everything he has commanded."

Then Moses took the blood that was in the bowls.
He sprinkled it on the people and told them,
"This blood shows
that the LORD will keep all of his promises to you."

The word of the Lord.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 116:12–13,
17–19ab*

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

or:

All: *Alleluia.*

*What must I give you, LORD,
for being so good to me?
I will pour out an offering
of wine to you,
and I will pray in your name
because you have saved me.*

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

or:

All: *Alleluia.*

*I will offer you a sacrifice
to show how grateful I am,
and I will pray.
I will keep my promise to you
when your people
gather at your temple in Jerusalem.*

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

or:

All: *Alleluia.*

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GOSPEL

Mark 14:12–16, 22–26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

It was the first day of the Feast of Thin Bread,
and the Passover lambs were being killed.
Jesus' disciples asked him,
"Where do you want us to prepare the Passover meal?"

Jesus said to two of the disciples,
"Go into the city,
where you will meet a man carrying a jar of water.
Follow him, and when he goes into a house,
say to the owner,
'Our teacher wants to know if you have a room
where he can eat the Passover meal with his disciples.'
The owner will take you upstairs and show you a large room
furnished and ready for you to use.
Prepare the meal there."

The two disciples went into the city
and found everything just as Jesus had told them.
So they prepared the Passover meal.

During the meal Jesus took some bread in his hands.
He blessed the bread and broke it.
Then he gave it to his disciples and said,
"Take this. It is my body."

Jesus picked up a cup of wine and gave thanks to God.
He then gave it to his disciples and said,
"Drink it!"
So they all drank some.

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GOSPEL

Mark 14:12–16, 22–26

(Continued)

Then he said,
“This is my blood,
which is poured out for many people,
and with it God makes his agreement.
From now on I will not drink any wine,
until I drink new wine in God’s kingdom.”

Then they sang a hymn
and went out to the Mount of Olives.

The Gospel of the Lord.