

## Holy Thursday | Year B

March 28, 2024 (Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 | 1 Cor 11:23-26 | John 13:1-15)

When the Israelites first celebrated the Passover of the Lord, they knew that it was the same night when God saved them from being slaughtered together with human gods of Egypt. Let us remember the mighty deeds that God has done for his people by offering him our prayers.

1/ Let us take up the cup of salvation and let us call on the name of the Lord. For all peoples of God. We pray that, together with Pope Francis, they may take up the cup of salvation by partaking in their communion with the Blood of Christ. Let us pray.

2/ Early Christians regarded Jesus's celebration of the Last Supper with his disciples to be a new and everlasting covenant between God and humanity. For all peoples in this world—whether Christians or non-Christians. We pray that they may benefit from God's promise of grace and mercy through Jesus's death and resurrection. Let us pray.

3/ On the night before his arrest and passion, Jesus set the example of love for one another by humbling himself and by washing his disciples' feet. For lawmakers and world leaders. We pray that they may learn to humble themselves in serving others. Let us pray.

4/ Love for one another must begin with one's sincerity and authenticity. This is what God did for humanity with his love by sending his Son Jesus to the world to show us the true example of love in service. For our faithfully departed sisters and brothers who had strived to imitate Jesus's love in their lives. We pray that God, who forgives all wrongdoings, may also forgive our brothers and sisters their past sins and so welcome them to eternal life. Today we remember all the faithfully departed members of Saint John the Apostle, especially our benefactors. Let us pray.

God of love. On this night of the Passover, you smote those who refused to heed your words. But on this same night, your Son Jesus remitted the sins of those who offended you by his undertaking suffering and death. We implore that you inspire us to avert our wrongdoings and to turn to you with our love for one another. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord.