

# LENT

## *The Last Supper*

**Entrance music** (either live or recorded) Choose a suitable piece of music

### **Introduction**

Some days after his entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey and proclaimed as Messiah-King, it was obvious to Jesus that he would soon die. He wanted to die to save us, but he also wanted to remain with us. His solution was, through the Last Supper, to establish the Eucharist or Mass as a way in which he could remain always with his followers as they commemorated his death on Calvary.

### **Focus or symbol –**

- ~ Poster/print of Last Supper scene
- ~ Chalice with some bread and grapes

### **Sign of the Cross**

At every Mass we begin with the sign of the Cross reminding us of our baptism by which we were claimed as Christ followers through his death on Calvary. So we begin *“In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”*

### **Hymn or song**

| <i>CFE</i> |                                   | <i>O&amp;N</i> |
|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| 4          | A new commandment I give unto you | 39             |
| 730        | This is my body                   | 556            |



## **Reading**    *Mark 14:22-26*

While they were eating, Jesus took a piece of bread and gave a prayer of thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, “Take it, this is my body.” Then he took a cup, gave thanks to God and handed it to them and they all drank it. Jesus said, “This is my blood which will be poured out for many...” They sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.

## **Comment on reading**

The Church teaches us: “At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Saviour gave us the Eucharistic sacrifice of his body and blood. This he did in order to carry on the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages until he should come again. He has thus given to us in the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of love, a paschal meal in which Christ is received, our minds are filled with grace and we are given the hope our future glory.” *[Vatican II, Liturgy SC47 – paraphrased]*

## **Response to reading**

Some children walk around the hall showing the main Mass vestments: alb, stole and chasuble.

## **Prayers**

We pray to Jesus for a deep love of the Mass and that its benefits may be shared by the world.

That all who celebrate the Eucharist – priests and people - may be blessed and holy.

***Response: You are the Bread of Life***

That all who are preparing for First Communion may remain close to you always.

***R./ You are the Bread of Life.***

That parents, catechists and teachers who prepare others to receive the sacraments may lead also by the example of their lives.

***R./ You are the Bread of Life.***

That those Christians who are separated from us, and others who cannot receive Holy Communion with us, may be drawn into its unity and blessings.

***R./ You are the Bread of Life.***

That all who have died may through the Mass be brought into the fullness of life.

***R./ You are the Bread of Life.***

[other prayers]

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**Our Father...**

### **Thought-Word-Phrase for the day**

**“O sacrament most holy, O sacrament divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.”**

### **Blessing**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Amen.

### **Concluding song or music**

*CFE*

271/272

578

I am the Bread of Life

One Bread one Body

*O&N*

225/226

744