



*Let us be still  
and ask the Holy Spirit to be with us*

Dear Father,  
Be with us as we pray.  
Open our ears to hear your Word in the Gospel.  
Unite us in faith, hope and love as we pray together.  
Send your Holy Spirit to inspire and sustain us in our mission.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Gospel

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?'

So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.'

The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

*What words or phrases struck you in Sunday's Gospel reading? What might God be saying to you in and through the Gospel?*

## Reflection

A central part of Jesus's mission we can call table ministry. Jesus frequents the homes of those who need his mercy. They open their doors; his light penetrates the doors of their hearts. Jesus as the new sacrificial lamb, extends the same table ministry of fellowship and mercy in Eucharist.

As leaders we can take after Christ in his invitations and closeness. When those in our care ask, 'Where shall we go?' we can guide them to a space 'all prepared' - a space of hospitality, openness and mercy with an invitation to encounter the closeness of Jesus. *(Christopher Gilroy, CSYMA Youth Ministry International)*

## Father,

In your presence and through your grace,  
Help us to share in your mercy and hospitality.  
We thank you for humbling yourself to become our life giving food.  
Send us out to proclaim your life to others.

**Amen.**