

We Believe: The Catholic Faith Re-Presented
Session 6: The Paschal Mystery

1. Paschal mystery: The passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ

2. Jesus, the Lamb of God (Paschal Lamb)

3. The Fall (Genesis 3)

4. Abraham
 - a. Sacrifice establishes covenant communion.

 - b. “God will provide himself the lamb.” (Genesis 22:8)

5. The Passover (See Exodus 12:1-14, 21, 46, 22-27 attached)

6. Manna in the desert (Exodus 16:11-15)

7. John the Baptist proclaims Jesus is the Lamb of God (John 1:29)

8. Feeding of the multitude at Passover (John 6:1-15)

9. The Bread of Life discourse (John 6:48-69)

10. The Last Supper: “This is my body, which will be given for you.” (Luke 22:19)

11. Jesus condemned at noon on Preparation Day (John 19:14)
12. Jesus given wine on a sprig of hyssop (John 19:29)
13. Jesus's legs remain unbroken (John 19:33-36)
14. The Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:12-20)
15. The Ascension (Hebrews 9:11-26)
16. How we participate in the paschal mystery:
 - a. Baptism (Romans 6:3-8)
 - b. Eucharist (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)
 - c. Taking up your cross (Luke 9:23-25)
 - d. Completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions (Colossians 1:24)

Exodus 12:1-14, 21, 46, 22-27

- 1 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,
- 2 “This month shall be for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.
- 3 Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month they shall take every man a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household;
- 4 and if the household is too small for a lamb, then a man and his neighbor next to his house shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb.
- 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old; you shall take it from the sheep or from the goats;
- 6 and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs in the evening.
- 7 Then they shall take some of the blood, and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat them.
- 8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.
- 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled with water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts.
- 10 And you shall let none of it remain until the morning, anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.
- 11 In this manner you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's passover.
- 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.

13 The blood shall be a sign for you, upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall fall upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

14 “This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as an ordinance for ever.

21 Then Moses called all the elders of Israel, and said to them, “Select lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the passover lamb.

46 In one house shall it be eaten; you shall not carry forth any of the flesh outside the house; and you shall not break a bone of it.

22 Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood which is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood which is in the basin; and none of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning.

23 For the LORD will pass through to slay the Egyptians; and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to slay you.

24 You shall observe this rite as an ordinance for you and for your sons for ever.

25 And when you come to the land which the LORD will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service.

26 And when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’

27 you shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the LORD’s passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he slew the Egyptians but spared our houses.’” And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.