

## THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Exodus 24:3-8 † Hebrews 9:11-15 † Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

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“It is in community that we come to see God in the other. It is in community that we see our own emptiness filled up. It is community that calls me beyond the pinched horizons of my own life, my own country, my own race, and gives me the gifts I do not have within me.”

—Sister Joan D. Chittister, OSB

Jesus brings together those he loves and has spent time with, preparing them to carry on his mission. In Jewish tradition, of which Jesus is always respectful, they would be preparing to celebrate Passover. He moves them away from this saying, *“Just as you used to do this in memory of the miracles performed in Egypt, so now you must do this in memory of me.”* \*



In the past, blood was shed in remembrance of the first born; now it is to be shed for the forgiveness of the whole world. *“Do this in memory of me until I come again. I long to eat this Passover with you, I have longed to hand over this new rite, and to give you the Passover which will turn you into people moved by the Spirit.”* \*

St. Augustine reminds us, *“See what you have become, become what you see.”* Do we dare allow ourselves to look? Bread which is blessed, broken and given for the salvation of the world. If we allow ourselves the look, what will we see? Others in pain? With needs? What must we let go of to have the courage to take it all in? Is this not the gift of Community, giving us the strength to look and to take the next steps toward Conversion?

\* [From Commentary by John Chrysostom](#)