

**Key Facts**

- Believers who respond to God’s word and become members of Christ’s Body become intimately united with him: “In that body the life of Christ is communicated to those who believe, and who, through the sacraments, are united in a hidden and real way to Christ in his Passion and glorification.” This is especially true of Baptism, which unites us to Christ’s death and Resurrection, and the Eucharist, by which “really sharing in the body of the Lord, ... we are taken up into communion with him and with one another.”
- The Eucharist is a memorial sacrifice in the Jewish sense of remembering, that is it makes present a past reality. It is a memorial of Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross, through which Christ gives his body and blood for the salvation of all people and provides hope for the future
- During the Last Supper the events of the Exodus would have been present in the memories of Jesus and his friends; they would have recalled how God led his people to freedom. Jesus would have celebrated Passover every year of his life, but this time it was different. He introduced something quite new as he blessed, broke and passed the unleavened bread to everyone, telling them it was his body and then the cup of wine saying it was his blood and that it would be shed, be sacrificed, for everyone. He asked that they repeat his actions in memory of him.

**Big Question**

**Why do we need memories?**

| <b>Key Vocabulary</b>     | <b>I can explain what these key words mean</b>   |
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| <b>Memorial Sacrifice</b> | Remembering the sacrifice of another, particularly Christ’s sacrifice for everyone.                                |
| <b>Passover/ Pesach</b>   | The festival celebrated by Jews, remembering the Exodus.   |
| <b>Last Supper</b>        | Jesus’ celebration of Passover with his disciples, before the Crucifixion. This is where the Eucharist comes from. |
| <b>Eucharist</b>          | The ceremony remembering the Last Supper, where bread and wine are consumed.                                       |
| <b>Consecration</b>       | The action of declaring bread and wine to be the body and blood of Christ.   |
| <b>Genuflect</b>          | Lower one’s body briefly by bending one knee, typically in worship or as a sign of respect.                        |
| <b>Chalice</b>            | The wine cup used in the Eucharist.  |

**Scripture Readings**

Exodus 13: 3  
 Luke 22: 14-20

