

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

CORPUS CHRISTI

COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of your redemption; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Gen 14.18–20

A reading from the book of Genesis.

King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, ‘Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!’ And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from Ps 116



R. The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord’s name. *(All repeat)*



How can I re-pay the Lord for all his good-ness to me? The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call upon the name of the Lord. **R.**

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful. Your servant Lord, your ser-vant am I; you have freed me from my bonds. **R.**

A thanksgiving sacri-fice I make: I will call upon the name of the Lord. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil in the presence of all his people. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 11.23–26

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6.51

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord: whoever eats of this bread will live for ever. *Alleluia.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews:

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

God our sustainer, receive the offerings we bring before you, and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION

All praise to you, our God and Father, for you have fed us with the bread of heaven and quenched our thirst from the true vine: hear our prayer that, being grafted into Christ, we may grow together in unity and feast with him in his kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May the Father, who fed his children with manna in the wilderness, strengthen you in your pilgrimage to the Promised Land.

Amen.

May the Son, who gave his flesh for food and his blood for drink, keep you in eternal life and raise you up on the last day. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, help you discern the Lord's body and empower you to proclaim his death until he comes. **Amen.**

And the blessing ...