

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

19 June 2022

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 14:18-20

A reading from the book of Genesis

When Abram heard that his nephew, Lot, had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, and routed the abductors.

After Abram's return

King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High.

He blessed Abram 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 109:1-4

R. You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.

The Lord says to my lord,

'Sit at my right hand:

until I make your enemies your footstool.' **R.**

The Lord sends out from Zion

your mighty sceptre.

Rule in the midst of your foes. **R.**

Your people will offer themselves willingly
on the day you lead your forces on the holy mountains.
From the womb of the morning, like dew, your mouth will come to you. **R.**

The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind.
'You are a priest for ever,
According to the order of Melchizedek.' **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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

Beloved,

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:51-52

The optional sequence (Lauda Sion) is intended to be sung; otherwise it is better omitted. The shorter version (Ecce Panis) begins at the asterisk.

Praise, O Zion, Christ our glory; To the Shepherd let us sing,
Tell to all the world the story; Laud with all our might the King.
Bread of life and source of living! Lacking, still our praises ring.

This our special theme for singing, Christ the Lamb for us was slain.
At the paschal meal he taught us, To the twelve he made it plain:

Flesh as food for us was giving, Therefore let your faith not wane.
On this day of Christian feasting, With full voices we delight:
Instituting our salvation, In the sacred meal that night,
Christ the ancient law fulfilling, Fills all people with new sight.
To obey the call Jesus, Gathered we as chosen band.
Bread and wine Christ is transforming, Flesh and Blood are now at hand.
From his words and actions learning, Love we share at his command.
Gathered at this solemn table, Darkness now has taken flight.
In the bread and wine partaking, Christ is for each one the light,
Then as food to us disciples, Gives our souls a new delight.
To all people Christ is giving, Truth in word and sacrament.
By the sacrifice redeeming, All into one covenant.
One in Jesus' name assembling: Faith and love our testament.
To our minds these signs disclosing, To our senses must unfold:
Bread is broken, Blood outpouring; Christ the myst'ry, awe untold!
Flesh and Blood to sight revealing: This the story to be told.
Undivided is his body, Yet Christ gives himself to all.
Word made flesh with us abiding, For without him we must fall.
Christ the Pasch we are consuming, One in spirit is our call.
Good and evil are all sharing, Seeds of destiny are sown.
To new life our Saviour guides us; Death prevails when on our own.
Life immortal, for those seeking, Is fulfilled in Christ alone.
When the sacred bread is broken, All receive the Christ as one.
By his love Christ is transforming, Though so many we are one;
All the scattered are united, All the lonely welcomed home.
* Come, behold, the bread of angels, This our strength on pilgrims' way.
For the children God is giving, Manna for our bread each day.
Now the sign of Isaac telling: Christ has conquered on this day.
Hear our prayers, O kindly Shepherd, Be for us true living bread.
Grant us peace in all our doings, To our resting place be led,
Forth with all the saints now dwelling, We the body, you the Head.

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 9:11-17

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke
Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God,
and healed those who needed to be cured.

The day was drawing to a close,
and the twelve came to him and said,
"Send the crowd away,
so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside,
to lodge and get provisions;
for we are here in a deserted place."

But Jesus said to them,
"You give them something to eat."
They said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish-
unless we are to go and buy food for all these people."
For there were about five thousand men.

And Jesus said to his disciples,
"Make the people sit down in groups of about fifty each."
They did so and made them all sit down.

And taking the five loaves and the two fish,
he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them,
and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.

And all ate and were filled.
What was left over was gathered up,
twelve baskets of broken pieces.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.