

ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 6 JUNE 2021

THE MOST HOLY BODY
AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
(CORPUS CHRISTI)



Year B

Thank you, Jesus, for inviting me to your feast.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

COLLECT

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament
have left us a memorial of your Passion,
grant us, we pray,
so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood
that we may always experience in ourselves
the fruits of your redemption...



FIRST READING EXODUS 24:3-8

When someone makes a business arrangement, they usually sign a contract. Although it might be seen as just a piece of paper, the contract is legally binding. If anyone fails to keep their side of the agreement, they can be taken to court. When

Moses makes the covenant with God they don't sign a piece of paper. Something much more significant and memorable happens. Bulls are sacrificed and their blood seals the covenant. Everyone knows they are part of something very special.

We say these words or sing a hymn as the priest approaches the altar.

We ask for God's help. Listen now to the priest as he offers this prayer.



DO YOU KNOW?

Friday 11 June is the feast of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. You might have seen a picture or statue of the Sacred Heart, where Jesus is pointing to his heart, shown outside his body. Jesus' heart represents his love for every one of us. Let's thank Jesus for loving us so much.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

Moses seals the covenant between God the people with the blood of the sacrifice.

The cantor or psalmist sings or says the psalm. Listen to the verses, and then respond by using these words.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 115

The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.

Or Alleluia!



SECOND READING HEBREWS 9:11-15

This letter reminds the people about the sacrifices which used to be made in the Temple and emphasises the fact that they are not needed any more. When Jesus died on the cross, his blood sealed the new covenant. No more

sacrifices are needed. Nothing can ever top Jesus! Jesus' death and resurrection has healed our relationship with God once and for all. Jesus makes it possible for us all to have a loving, covenant relationship with God the Father.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

Jesus' sacrifice on the cross seals the new covenant.



We give a shout of praise to God, using these words taken from the Bible.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread which has come down from heaven,
says the Lord.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!



THINK

We don't like to remember that in Moses' time animals were sacrificed. Times have changed. Today we want to please God by looking after creation. How can you care for animals? Perhaps you can look after a pet or find out how to help insects.



GOSPEL MARK 14:12-16. 22-26

The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St Mark.

Jesus' friends help to get everything ready to celebrate Passover. This important festival reminds the people how, when they were slaves in Egypt, the angel of death passed over the Hebrew homes. The sign of the blood of the lamb on the doorposts meant that they were all

saved and were then free to escape. This Passover meal is different. Jesus takes the bread and says it is his body. He takes the wine and says it is his blood. Jesus is showing what the loving relationship of our covenant with God really means. Jesus is the lamb who brings us all freedom.

STAND to LISTEN

to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel.

Before he reads the Gospel, what does the priest do to his forehead, his lips and his heart? Can you copy him?



PRAY

"I am the living bread."

Perhaps you can bake bread with someone at home. As you work, think about all the people you love and the life God has given you. Make your baking into a prayer.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. This is a prayer you could say privately.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.



DO

Find out about the symbolism of the different foods that Jewish people eat as part of the seder meal during Passover.

We listen to the prayer of praise and thanks to God.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for anyone who is living in slavery today. Give them courage and hope. Help us to do what we can to stop slavery. Lord, hear my prayer.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about a time when you were sad this week and then think about something that happened that made you really happy.

Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today's special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God's promises to us.

What can you give special thanks for today?



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for giving me yourself in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Thank you for showing me just how much you love me. Amen.



We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.



is the Greek word for "fish" and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

- I (Jesus)
- X (Christos)
- Θ (Theou/God's)
- Υ (Uios/Son)
- Σ (Soter/Saviour)

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