

SOLEMNITY OF *CORPUS CHRISTI* OR THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (Year A)

Mass prayers and readings.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

OPENING PRAYER

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. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READINGS FOR YEAR A (2020, 2023, 2026)

READING I

Dt 8:2–3, 14–16

Moses said to the people: “Remember how for forty years now the Lord, your God, has directed all your journeying in the desert, so as to test you by affliction and find out whether or not it was your intention to keep his commandments. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord.

“Do not forget the Lord, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery; who guided you through the vast and terrible desert with its saraph serpents and scorpions, its parched and waterless ground; who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock and fed you in the desert with manna, a food unknown to your fathers, that he might afflict you and test you, but also make you prosperous in the end.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Lauda, Ierúsalem, Dóminum.

Glorify the Lord, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion.
For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;
he has blessed your children within you.

R.

He has granted peace in your borders;
with the best of wheat he fills you.
He sends forth his command to the earth;
swiftly runs his word!

R.

He has proclaimed his word to Jacob,
his statutes and his ordinances to Israel.
He has not done thus for any other nation;
his ordinances he has not made known to them.

R.

READING II
1 Cor 10:16–17

Brothers and sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

SEQUENCE (short form) LAUDA SION

Lo! the angel's food is given to the pilgrim who has striven; See the children's bread from heaven, which on dogs may not be spent. Truth the ancient types fulfilling, Isaac bound, a victim willing, Paschal lamb, its life blood spilling, manna to the fathers sent.

Very bread, good shepherd, tend us, Jesu, of your love befriend us, you refresh us, you defend us, you eternal goodness send us in the land of life to see.

You who all things can and know, who on earth such food bestows, grant us with your

saints, though lowest, where the heav'nly feast you show, fellow heirs and guests to be.
Amen. Alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; if anyone eats this bread he will live forever. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:51–58
Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

The Word of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Grant your Church, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace, whose signs are to be seen in mystery in the offerings we here present. Through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

For he is the true and eternal Priest who instituted the pattern of an everlasting sacrifice, and was the first to offer himself as the saving Victim, commanding us to make this offering as his memorial. As we eat his Flesh that was sacrificed for us, we are made strong and, as we drink his Blood that was poured out for us, we are washed clean.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the

hosts and Powers of heaven, as we sing the hymn of your glory without end we acclaim: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may delight for all eternity in that share in your divine life, which is foreshadowed in the present age by our reception of your precious Body and Blood. Who live and reign for ever and ever.