

Sunday Readings

22nd June 2025

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

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Genesis 14:18-20

In those days: Melchizedek king of Salem brought
out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High.
And he blessed Abram and said, 'Blessed be Abram
by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;
and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered
your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him
a tenth of everything.

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 109:1-4 R/. v.4

***R/. You are a priest for ever, a priest like
Melchizedek of old.***

The Lord's revelation to my Master:
'Sit on my right:
I will put your foes beneath your feet.' *R/.*

The Lord will wield from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes. *R/.*

A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the daybreak I begot
you. *R/.*

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
'You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.' *R/.*



SECOND READING

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

11:23-26

Brothers and Sisters: I received from the Lord what
I also delivered to you; that the Lord Jesus on the
night when he was betrayed took bread, and when
he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This
is my body, which is for you. Do this in
remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took
the cup, 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

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!

GOSPEL

Luke 9:11-17

The Lord be with you. *And with your Spirit.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus spoke to the crowd of the
kingdom of God and cured those who needed
healing. Now the day began to wear away, and the
Twelve came and said to him, 'Send the crowd away
to go into the surrounding villages and countryside
to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here
in a desolate place.' But he 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 he said
to his disciples, 'Make them sit down in groups of
about fifty each.' And they did so, and made them
all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two
fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing
over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them
to the disciples to set before the crowd. And they
all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over
was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

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

Prayer after Communion

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.

The Body and Blood of Christ

Lectionary Year C

The Word of God

Saint of the Week

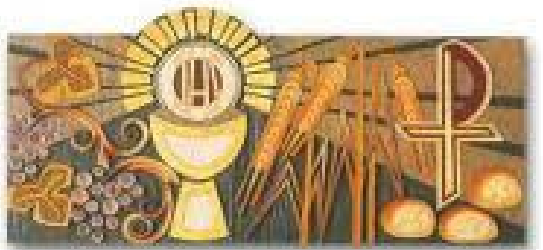
Corpus Christi is often considered the height of devotional life in the Western tradition, and the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament is a marvellous way to witness to our faith by getting out beyond the walls of our churches and taking the Lord, in His sacramental presence, into the streets of our parishes. Corpus Christi means, of course, the Body of Christ. The feast gives us the opportunity to reflect on different aspects of the meaning of this one little phrase. In one sense, we know that the Body of Christ – the physical, risen, ascended, glorified body of Jesus – is in heaven: it has been taken up ‘into the cloud,’ as we read on Ascension Day. That is to say, Jesus Christ has entered that ‘space’ which is God, where He sits at the Father’s right hand and intercedes for us as our High Priest and Universal King.

Secondly, ‘Corpus Christi’ refers to the Body of Christ which is the Blessed Sacrament. Here Jesus is truly present, body and soul, in his humanity and in his divinity, present on every altar where the Mass is offered by faithful bishops and priests. And we must not forget the third meaning of the words Corpus Christi, which point us to the mystical Body of Christ which is the Church. This meaning of the phrase teaches us that we belong together in Christ, united with Him is baptism, and so able not only to call God our Father, but every single member of the Church our sister or brother in the Lord.

On Corpus Christi we are forcibly reminded that we cannot be Christians on our own: we are members of the Body, whose Head is Jesus Christ.

Happy Feast! Yours in our Risen Lord

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Monday 23rd June 2025

St Etheldreda (- 679)

She was born in Suffolk in the first quarter of the 7th century. She was married twice but remained a virgin, and in 672 left her second husband, the King of Northumbria, to become a nun. The following year she founded a monastery of men and women, which she ruled as abbess, on the site of what is now Ely cathedral. She died there in 679. She was the most venerated of the women saints of Anglo-Saxon England, renowned for her dedication to a life of chastity and for the austerity of the regime she imposed on herself in her later years.

Prayer of the Week



A prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

In silence

To be there before you, Lord, that's all.

To shut the eyes of my body,

To shut the eyes of my soul,

And to be still and silent,

To expose myself to you who are there, exposed to me.

To be there before you, the Eternal Presence.

I am willing to feel nothing, Lord,

to see nothing

to hear nothing.

Empty of all ideas

of all images,

In the darkness.

Here I am, simply

To meet you without obstacles,

In the silence of faith,

Before you, O Lord.

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