

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST
June 5 & 6, 2021

GATHERING SONG: *In Christ There Is a Table Set for All*

1. O, welcome all you noble saints of old,
as now before your very eyes unfold
The wonders all so long ago foretold.
In Christ there is a table set for all, in Christ there is a table set for all
2. Elders, martyrs, all are falling down,
prophets, patriarchs are gathering 'round
What angels longed to see now we have found. In Christ there is a table...
3. Beggars, lame, and harlots also here,
repentant publicans are drawing near,
Wayward sons come home without a fear. In Christ there is a table...
4. Who is this who spreads the victory feast?
Who is this who makes our warring cease?
Jesus, risen savior, prince of peace. In Christ there is a table...

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Gloria: *“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will!”*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Exodus 24:3-8

When Moses came to the people and related all the words and ordinances of the LORD, they all answered with one voice, "We will do everything that the LORD has told us." Moses then wrote down all the words of the LORD and, rising early the next day, he erected at the foot of the mountain an altar and twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then, having sent certain young men of the Israelites to offer holocausts and sacrifice young bulls as peace offerings to the LORD, Moses took half of the blood and put it in large bowls; the other half he splashed on the altar. Taking the book of the covenant, he read it aloud to the people, who answered, "All that the LORD has said, we will heed and do." Then he took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words of his."

Responsorial Psalm 116 Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of the Lord.

1. How can I make a return to the Lord for all God has done for me?
The cup of salvation I will take up, I will call on the name of the Lord.
2. Precious, indeed, in the sight of the Lord is the death of the faithful ones;
and I am your servant, your chosen one, for you have set me free.
3. Unto your name I will offer my thanks for the debt that I owe to you.
In the presence of all who have called on your name, in the courts of the house of the Lord.

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Second Reading Hebrews 9:11-15

Brothers and sisters:

When Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be,
passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle
not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation,
he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves
but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.
For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes
can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed,
how much more will the blood of Christ,
who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God,
cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God.

For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant:
since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant,
those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

Sequence

Lo! the angel's food is given
To the pilgrim who has striven;
see the children's bread from heaven,
giving life and joy forever.

Truth the ancient types fulfilling,
Isaac bound, a victim willing,
Paschal lamb, its lifeblood spilling,
manna to the fathers sent.

Very bread, good shepherd, tend us,
Jesus, of your love befriend us,
You refresh us, you defend us,
Your eternal goodness send us
In the land of life to see.

You who all things can and know,
Who on earth such food bestow,
Grant us with your saints, though lowest,
Where the heav'nly feast you show,
Fellow heirs and guests to be.
Amen. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb,
Jesus' disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"
He sent two of his disciples and said to them,
"Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water.
Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house,
'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room
where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'"
Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready.
Make the preparations for us there."
The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them;
and they prepared the Passover.
While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said,
"Take it; this is my body."
Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it.
He said to them,
"This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.
Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine
until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."
Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Prayer of the Faithful: Un-mute your microphone so we can lift up your prayers!

Prayer of Pope Francis

O Mary, you shine always on our way as a sign of our safety and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the foot of the cross bound yourself to the suffering of Jesus, keeping strong in your faith.

O Advocate for All People, you know what we need

and we are sure that you will provide it for us, just as at Cana of Galilee

the joy and feasting could return after that moment of trial.

Mother of Divine Love, help us to conform ourselves to the will of the Father

and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took upon Himself our sufferings

and is marked by our sorrows and so leads us, toward the Cross,

to the Joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts *We Come To Your Feast*

1. We place upon your table a humble loaf of bread:
the gift of field and hillside, the grain by which we're fed;
we come to taste the presence of him on whom we feed,
to strengthen and connect us, to challenge and correct us, to love in word and deed.

Refrain: We come to your feast, we come to your feast:
the young and the old, the frightened, the bold, the greatest and the least.
We come to your feast, we come to your feast
with the fruit of our lands and the work of our hands, we come to your feast.

2. We place upon your table a simple cup of wine:
the fruit of human labor, the gift of sun and vine;
we come to taste the presence of him we claim as Lord,
his dying and his living, his leading and his giving, his love in cup outpoured.

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Spiritual Communion Prayer

Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Communion

May We Be One

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus.
So as we share this feast may we become healing and light and peace. May we be one.

1. This is the bread of Israel's wand'ring. Amen, amen.
The bread that strengthened Elijah. Amen, amen.
The bread that fed many thousands. Amen, amen.
This is the bread of Judas' betrayal. Amen, amen.
Take and eat; this bread is the life of God.
2. This is the blessing cup of the Sabbath. Amen, amen.
The cup of Cana's amazement. Amen, amen.
The cup that would not pass from you. Amen, amen.
This is the cup now shared in your mem'ry. Amen, amen.
Take and drink; this cup is the life of God.
3. This is a people homeless and wand'ring. Amen, amen.
A people at home with each other. Amen, amen.
A people gathered at table. Amen, amen.
This is a people grateful for blessing.
And deep within all people the breath of God.

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Sending Forth Song:

Sing of the Lord's Goodness

1. Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us, his love is for ever,
faithful to the end of days.

Refrain: Come, then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.

2. Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,
splendor of the living God.

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