

Corpus Christi

Liturgical Colour: White.

Readings at Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 80: 17

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

First reading

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: ‘Remember how the Lord
your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to
humble you, to test you and know your inmost
heart – whether you would keep his commandments
or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he
fed you with manna which neither you nor your
fathers had known, to make you understand that man
does not live on bread alone but that man lives on
everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

‘Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the
Lord your God who brought you out of the land of
Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you
through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of
fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless
place brought you water from the hardest rock; who
in this wilderness fed you with manna that your
fathers had not known.’

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 147:12-15,19-20

R/ O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates
he has blessed the children within you. *R/*
 2. He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. *R/*
 3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. *R/*
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Second reading

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

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

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with
the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a
communion with the body of Christ. The fact that
there is only one loaf means that, though there are
many of us, we form a single body because we all
have a share in this one loaf.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Jn6:51

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

John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowd:

‘I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.’

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ they said. Jesus replied:

‘I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the Offerings

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.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 6: 57

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

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.

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