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## **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Most Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ also known as Corpus Christi, is the solemn commemoration of the institution of the Eucharist. As we celebrate this Solemnity, we are taken back to the book of Exodus, and the account of the Passover Lamb and the meal. Christ offered himself without blemish to God and now at every Eucharist we hear His saving words: “Take and eat...Take and drink”. The real celebration that occurs on Holy Thursday night, today once again confirms that this spiritual Food is given to us, as a pledge of eternal life. We constantly grow in our understanding and reverence for this precious gift.

### **READINGS:**

**First Reading:** Ex 24:3-8

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 116:12-13,15&16bc,17-18

**Second Reading:** Heb 9:11-15

**Gospel:** Mk 14:12-16,22-26

### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**CELEBRANT:** We gather around our Eucharistic Lord at this altar of sacrifice, to partake of His sacred Body and Blood. With deep gratitude, faith and appreciation, we approach the throne of God, bringing our petitions as we pray:

### **Our Response: LORD GRACIOUSLY HEAR OUR PRAYER**

1. For the Pope, Bishops, Clergy and Religious: that through the worthy celebration of the daily Eucharist, they may draw the faithful closer to God by their pastoral ministry, we pray to the Lord...
2. For all the faithful who greatly lament their inability to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, due to the pandemic: that they may remain strong in their faith, and recognize that the Lord never abandons them, we pray to the Lord...
3. For all families, those grieving the loss of a dear one, and those experiencing untold hardships: that the Lord may fill their hearts with comfort and bring meaning into their lives, we pray to the Lord...

4. For the young among us, who are stressed over the future of their educational careers, amidst the uncertainty of what lies ahead for them: that God's wisdom may guide them to make the right decisions, we pray to the Lord...
5. For our troubled world, with so much loss of life due to wars, natural calamities, bad governance, and a disregard for the poor and marginalized: that love of neighbour may prevail over all selfish considerations, we pray to the Lord...
6. We pause to bring to the Lord our personal needs and intentions (pause), we pray to the Lord...

**CELEBRANT:** Lord God, we thank you for nourishing us with the Body and Blood of your Son, Jesus, and for listening to our prayers. Grant what we have asked, through the same Christ Our Lord. AMEN.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF FROM THE CORONA VIRUS:**

Almighty and merciful God, who show Your love to all creation everywhere, hear graciously the prayers we make for all those affected by the Corona Virus in various parts of the world.

We come before You asking for an efficacious control of the outbreak, for a healing of those affected, for the victims and their families.

We thank You for blessing the efforts of our research scientists working on the development of a vaccine. We pray that these vaccines will be effective in combating the virus and its mutants, and in controlling the spread of the pandemic. We pray that the vaccine be available for all our people even the poor and those in rural areas.

We pray for doctors, nurses and health workers who are in the frontline of this battle, that they be kept safe and have the strength and courage to continue their heroic efforts.

We pray for the Government and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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