



11 June 2023
The Most Holy Body & Blood
of Our Lord Jesus Christ



INTRODUCTION:

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, introduced in the late 13th century, specially commemorates, and honours the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, consecrated at the Eucharistic celebration. When we first listen to the WORD and then consume the Word made Flesh (in Holy Communion), it is an act of accepting the Word so completely, that we desire to make it a part of us. Receiving the Body of Christ in Holy Communion, we seek to become what we consume. Today's readings remind us of how God caters to the overall nourishment of his people.

READINGS:

- First Reading : Deut 8:2-3, 14b-16a
- Responsorial Psalm : Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
- Second Reading : 1 Cor 10:16-17
- Gospel : Jn 6:51-58

UNIVERSAL PRAYER:

Celebrant: Gathered as the people of God and nourished by His Word, we bring before Him all our needs with complete trust in our Father's love and providence.

Our response is: *Lord, hear our prayer*

For Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Religious: that rooted in Christ's Word and nourished by His Body, they may minister with dedication and love. We pray to the Lord.

For world leaders: that they may be inspired by Christ's example of servant leadership and work towards building a society where all receive equal opportunities, and are treated justly, with dignity and love. We pray to the Lord.

For vocations to priesthood & religious life: that young men and women may hear and respond to God's call to minister to His faithful who form the Body of Christ. We pray to the Lord.

For the sick, the aged & the home-bound: that they may be nourished through Holy Communion and find strength in body, mind, and spirit. We pray to the Lord.

For all Christians: that as we receive the Body of Christ in Holy Communion, we may become what we consume, witnessing to the humility and selfless service of the Lord Jesus. We pray to the Lord

In the silence of our hearts we bring to the Lord our personal petitions ... (*longer silent pause*)... We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Lord God, grant that this your family gathered here, may be strengthened by the Eucharist, and challenged to live as Christ calls us to, in His memory. Amen