

INTRODUCTION:

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, also known as the Feast of Corpus Christi. This solemn day, the liturgy reminds us that we worship the Real Presence of Jesus Christ – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity – in the Blessed Sacrament and by receiving His Body and Blood during the Holy Eucharist we become sharers of His divine life. St. Augustine said, “Believe what you see, see what you believe and become what you are: the Body of Christ.” When we say “Amen”, we are saying “Yes! I believe this is the Body and Blood of Christ and that I will be the Body of Christ to others.”

READINGS:

First Reading: Ex 24: 3-8
Psalms: Ps 116: 12-13, 15 & 16bc, 17-18
Second Reading: Heb 9: 11-15
Gospel: Mk14: 12-16, 22-26

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

CELEBRANT:

Realizing that as one community we are the Body of Christ, we now offer our petitions to our merciful Father:

RESPONSE: Abba Father, in your love, hear our prayer.

For the Holy Father, the Bishops, Priests and Religious, that under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they may assist in building our human community as the Body of Christ. **R/**

For all nations, that they may strive for good governance and ensure peace in the world. **R/**

For each one of us, that in the reception of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may have a deep experience of His divine life so that we can also share it with others. **R/**

For all educational institutions, schools, Principals, teachers, non-teaching staff and students, that the new academic year may be a fresh opportunity to have fruitful and valuable experiences in learning and growth. **R/**

For our personal intentions and needs which we now place before the Lord in silence (Pause). **R/**

CELEBRANT:

Abba Father, we thank you for making us partakers of the Divine Life through the reception of the Body and Blood of your Son. We are ever grateful for your constant presence in our life and for listening to the prayers we make in faith, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.