

**Sunday, June 12, 2022**

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Solemnity**

- 1) Genesis 14:18-20
- 2) 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
- 3) Luke 9:11b-17

**FOCUS:** Here in the great mystery of the Eucharist, Christ fulfills his promise to be with his people always.

Today we profess and acknowledge the Eucharist as the source and summit of our faith. Here, under the appearance of bread and wine, Christ's body and blood are broken and shared, and we celebrate Christ's enduring presence with us. Here we encounter his compassionate love and healing, and here we are strengthened and nourished to live the Gospel.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

In the first reading, Melchizedek – *a priest of God Most High* – brings bread and wine to Abram and blesses him. Paul writes to the Corinthians, telling them what he received from the Lord: that the Lord offered his body and blood to his disciples. Paul says, *as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes*. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks to the crowds about God's kingdom and heals all who need healing. He then feeds them (about five thousand in number), using five loaves and two fish.

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

**PRIEST:** Confident of the abiding presence of Christ, we bring our prayers and petitions to the Father.

- 1) For the Church throughout the world, may the Lord strengthen faithful communities united in love of God and neighbor, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For civic leaders, may the Holy Spirit guide them in embracing sound and moral principles in solving the issues before them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who are sick or in need, may the love of Christ comfort them and give them hope in the promise of eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this Eucharistic assembly, may the Lord help us grow in faith and love, bearing fruit in the manner of our lives and the abundance of our service, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our beloved dead, that seeing the face of God, they may live in everlasting joy with God in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

**PRIEST:** God of abundant love, as we bring our needs before you, we ask that you hear and answer them through Christ our Lord.