

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: MASS CORPUS CHRISTI: THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from Deuteronomy

You shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments, or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know; that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but that man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD.

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 116

The Said Mass Reader says:

Please join me in reading Psalm 116, verses 10 through 17, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 759.

The Reader repeats the above information several times.

10. How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?
11. I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
12. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.
13. Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.
14. O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your
handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
15. I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
16. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,
17. In the courts of the LORD'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Revelation to John

After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying, “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for his judgments are true and just.” And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who is seated on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!” And from the throne came a voice crying, “Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.” Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure” -- for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are true words of God.”

The Reader concludes **The Word of the Lord.**

Verse before the Gospel

All stand as the reader leads the appointed acclamation.

Reader Alleluia.

People Alleluia.

Reader My flesh is food indeed and my blood is
drink indeed; *
He who eats my flesh and drinks my
blood abides in me and I in him.

People Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

The Minister says The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Minister ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the people, “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that a man may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh.”
The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying,

“How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me. This is the bread which came down from heaven, not such as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live for ever.”

The Minister says The Gospel of the Lord.