

# THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - SOLEMNITY

Cycle C

## ENTRANCE HYMN

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious king,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from his pierced side.  
Praise we Christ, whose love divine  
Gives his sacred Blood for wine,  
Gives his Body for the feast  
Christ the Victim, Christ the priest.
2. Where the paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above.
3. Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce powers beneath you lie;  
You have conquered in the fight  
You have brought us life and light.  
Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And your saints in you shall rise.
4. Paschal triumph, Paschal joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's power, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in you to be.  
Father, who the crown shall give,  
Saviour, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days;  
Three in One, Your name we praise.

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis 14:18-20  
*He brought bread and wine.*

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: 'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.' And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything. The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 109: 1-4

- R. You are a priest for ever,  
a priest like Melchizedek of old.**
1. The Lord's revelation to my Master:  
'Sit on my right:  
I will put your foes beneath your feet.' (R.)
  2. The Lord will send from Zion  
your scepter of power:  
rule in the midst of all your foes. (R.)
  3. A prince from the day of your birth  
on the holy mountains;  
from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. (R.)
  4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.  
'You are a priest for ever,  
a priest like Melchizedek of old.' (R.)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter  
of St. Paul to the Corinthians 11:23-26  
*Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are  
proclaiming the Lord's death.*

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death. The word of the Lord.

**Optional Sequence:** *see spoken missalette.*

**Acclamation** *Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. *Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*They all ate as much as they wanted.* 9:11-17

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing. It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets. The Gospel of the Lord.



