# The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

# Gathering Song: Here At This Table

**Refrain:** Come and be filled here at this table. Rood for all who hunger and drink for all who thirst. Drink of his love, wine of salvation. You shall live forever in Jesus Christ the Lord.

1. You who labor for justice, you who labor for peace, you who steady the plow in the field of the Lord.

#### Refrain

2. You with lives full of pain, you who sorrow and weep, you beloved of Christ, come to him, come to him!

#### Refrain

3. Children of every color in every land, you are his own, he gathers you gently. Don't you grow weary, for when you run, you run with the Lord.

#### Refrain

# Greeting

#### **Penitential Act: Confiteor**

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints; and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

#### -AND/OR-

Lord have Mercy, Christ have Mercy, Lord have Mercy

#### **Gloria**

Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace 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, 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. Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace on earth, peace to people of good will. Amen.

# Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading 1DT 8:2-3, 14B-16A

Moses said to the people:

"Remember how for forty years now the LORD, your God, has directed all your journeying in the desert, so as to test you by affliction and find out whether or not it was your intention to keep his commandments.

He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger,

and then fed you with manna,
a food unknown to you and your fathers,
in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD.
"Do not forget the LORD, your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
that place of slavery;
who guided you through the vast and terrible desert
with its saraph serpents and scorpions,
its parched and waterless ground;
who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock
and fed you in the desert with manna,
a food unknown to your fathers."

#### **Responsorial Psalm PS 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20**

R. (12) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Glorify the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

He has granted peace in your borders; with the best of wheat he fills you. He sends forth his command to the earth; swiftly runs his word!

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

He has proclaimed his word to Jacob, his statutes and his ordinances to Israel.

He has not done thus for any other nation; his ordinances he has not made known to them. Alleluia.

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

# 2nd Reading 1 COR 10-16-17

Brothers and sisters:

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

### Alleluia JN 6:51

#### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### **Gospel JN 6:51-58**

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,
"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

Jesus said to them,
"Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,

you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life,
and I will raise him on the last day.

For my flesh is true food,
and my blood is true drink.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.

Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven.

Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

# **Homily**

**Profession of Faith:** I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I

believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Universal Prayer:** Prayers of Petition

~ Lord hear our prayers

# Liturgy of the Eucharist

#### **Eucharistic Acclamations:**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Amen

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

# Communion Song: Bread of Life

- 1. Bread of life and cup of hope, we come as gift to you. Change our hearts; fill us with peace. Transform our lives anew. Open our eyes so that we might see your presence in one another. Your life, poured out in love today, unites us all in you.
- 2. Loving Lord, Creator God, open our eyes to see the good that lives in each of us, that called the world to be. And when we fail to see the

- good, when friendships falter and crumble, give us the courage to forgive that we may live in peace.
- 3. Living Word, O Son of God, your love shows us the way that we may live in harmony, and from you never stray. Wipe all oppression from our midst; give us a love for all people. Your song of justice sing in us, to live for peace today.

# **Spiritual Communion:**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

And unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

# **Concluding Rite**

# Closing Song: Canticle of the Sun

**Refrain:** The heavens are telling the glory of God and all creation is shouting for joy. Come, dance in the forest come play in the field, and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.

1. Praise for the sun, the bringer of day, he carries the light of the Lord in his rays; the moon and the stars who light up the way unto your throne.

#### Refrain

2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, the seas mighty storms, the gentlest breeze; they blow where they will, they blow where they please to please the Lord.

#### Refrain

3. Praise for the rain that waters our fields, and blesses our crops so all the earth yields; from death unto life her mystery revealed springs forth in joy.

#### Refrain