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## INTRODUCTION

The gospel portrays that the mystery of today's feast has three aspects, the multiplication of bread, then he blesses the bread and finally he breaks the bread.

## ENTRANCE ANTIphon

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock. (*Ps 80:17*)

## COLLECT

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## FIRST READING

The reading from the Book of Genesis describes the scene of the conclusion of Abram's successful campaign against the four kings. On his return home, Abram meets the Canaanite priest-king Melchizedek, who honours him with a meal symbolizing

their alliance. Melchizedek then calls upon God to bless Abram.

## A reading from the Book of Genesis 14:18-20

Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (110)

### R. You are a priest forever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

The Lord's revelation to my Master: "Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet."

### R. You are a priest forever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes.

### R. You are a priest forever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the daybreak I begot you.

## R. You are a priest forever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. "You are a priest forever, a priest like Melchizedek of old."

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### SECOND READING

*Paul simply quotes the tradition he has received: proclaiming the death of the Lord and remembrance imply a sharing now in the Lord's body and blood. But that sharing implies a covenant community, not a disintegrated body, not a multiplication of factions.*

### A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

**11:23-26**

I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### ALLELUIA (Jn 6:51)

#### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which came down from heaven, says the Lord; If any one eats of this bread, he will live forever. Alleluia!

#### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### GOSPEL READING

#### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke **9:11-17**

Jesus welcomed the crowds and spoke to them of the kingdom of God, and cured those who had need of healing. Now the day began to wear away; and, the twelve came and said to him, "Send the crowd away, to go into the villages and country round about, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a lonely place." But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish – unless we are to go and buy food for all these people." For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, "Make them sit down in companies, about fifty each." And they did so, and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were satisfied. And they took up what was left over, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

### HOMILY

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### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**Celebrant:** The Lord himself established the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, as his ever-living presence until he comes again. May the Sacrament be a source and centre of our lives to be nourished and experience his presence.

### Response: JESUS, COME AND DWELL IN OUR HEARTS.

1. Let us pray for Holy Father pope Francis, Archbishop Bernard Moras, Bishops priests and Religious

who have devoted their lives in silence and contemplation before the Blessed Sacrament, be their source of strength, fellowship and guide. May their life of sacrifice and self-denial be a model for others to follow, Lord hear our Prayer.

2. Let us pray for all the families that they may make Christ as the Head of their families. That their homes may be filled with prayer and devote their time for prayer and acts of mercy. Lord hear our Prayer.

3. As Melchizedek, priest of God offered bread and wine, as symbols of all we need in Life, May our celebration of the Eucharist reflect our thanksgiving for all God's gifts, Lord hear our Prayer.

4. Jesus fed the five thousand and more from the few resources he had, May we be strengthened in the Eucharist to live out his command to care for one another by sharing, Lord hear our Prayer.

5. Those who are weary and worn, come to your presence, and find your holy presence and receive rest and spiritual strength from the Blessed Sacrament. Lord hear our Prayer.

6. Twelve Baskets were collected as signs of God's generous love, May every Eucharist recall for us God's faithfulness and renew his benevolence, Lord hear our Prayer.

**Celebrant:** God of all ages, you renew your people, through the mystery of the Eucharist, Help us be faithful to its teachings through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant your Church, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace, whose signs are to be seen in mystery in the offerings we here present. Through Christ our Lord.

## PREFACE (Body and Blood)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For at the Last Supper with his Apostles, establishing for the ages to come the saving memorial of the Cross, he offered himself to you as the unblemished Lamb, the acceptable gift of perfect praise. Nourishing your faithful by this sacred mystery, you make them holy, so that the human race, bounded by one world, may be enlightened by one faith and united by one bond of charity.

And so, we approach the table of this wondrous Sacrament, so that, bathed in the sweetness of your grace, we may pass over to the heavenly realities here foreshadowed.

Therefore, all creatures of heaven and earth sing a new song in adoration, and we, with all the host of Angels, cry out, and without end we acclaim:

## COMMUNION ANTIphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord. (*Jn 6:57*)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may delight for all eternity in that share in your divine life, which is foreshadowed in the present age by our reception of your precious Body and Blood. Who live and reign forever and ever.

## REFLECTION

Though the Holy Eucharist is celebrated every day, the annual celebration of the feast of Body and Blood of Christ re-affirms and re-invigorates our faith in the Eucharist. The Lord instituted the Eucharist as the Passover meal, the liberating food for our life's Journey. This feast invites us to renew that bonding that Jesus extends to every faithful. The reception of the Body and Blood of Christ makes us the tabernacle where God resides in us.

The Eucharist is a two-way offering; on the one hand we offer our broken lives, our thanksgiving, intentions and petitions. On the other hand, it is God offering himself to us. The offering of humanity meets with God's offering. The offering of God is symbolically represented by the words uttered by the priest when he mixes water with wine saying 'the mystery of this water and wine may come to share in the divinity of Christ'. The offering of humanity gets blessed when God mixes with us. The offering of humanity is the catalyst for God's divine presence as seen in the gospel; Jesus borrowed the five loaves and two fish to multiply it. It is important to bring oneself to receive and experience God in our lives.

The Eucharist is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. The Body and

Blood of Christ is the food that gives us the foretaste of the heavenly banquet. The foretaste is the divine-human relationship established by God through the Eucharist that will continue even after life on Earth.

Eucharist is a necessity for daily spiritual Life: we need food for our daily life, for our nourishment and for our sustenance. We need Christ for our daily life; we need to relate with God in our daily life, we need his nourishment for our spiritual and temporal living. That is why it is encouraged to attend daily mass, visit the Blessed Sacrament and spend time before the sacrament. The daily reception of the Eucharist has a nourishing effect on our lives.

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