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SUNDAY

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Reading 1

[Gn 14:18-20](#)

In those days, Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine, and being a priest of God Most High, he blessed Abram with these words: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

[Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (4b) **You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**

The LORD said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool."

R. **You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**

The scepter of your power the LORD will stretch forth from Zion:

"Rule in the midst of your enemies."

R. **You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**

"Yours is princely power in the day of your birth, in holy splendor; before the daystar, like the dew, I have begotten you."

R. **You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**

The LORD has sworn, and he will not repent:

"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

R. **You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**

[1 Cor 11:23-26](#)

Reading 2

Brothers and sisters:

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that 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 death of the Lord until he comes.

[Lk 9:11b-17](#)

Gospel

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God,

and he healed those who needed to be cured.

As the day was drawing to a close,

the Twelve approached him and said,

"Dismiss the crowd

so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms

and find lodging and provisions;

for we are in a deserted place here."

He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves."

They replied, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have,

unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people."

Now the men there numbered about five thousand.

Then he said to his disciples,

"Have them sit down in groups of about fifty."

They did so and made them all sit down.

Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven,

he said the blessing over them, broke them,

and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.

They all ate and were satisfied.

And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.

MONDAY

Reading 1

[1 Kgs 17:1-6](#)

Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab:

"As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve,

during these years there shall be no dew or rain except at my word."

The LORD then said to Elijah:

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“Leave here, go east
and hide in the Wadi Cherith, east of the Jordan.
You shall drink of the stream,
and I have commanded ravens to feed you there.”
So he left and did as the LORD had commanded.
He went and remained by the Wadi Cherith, east of
the Jordan.
Ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning,
and bread and meat in the evening,
and he drank from the stream.

[Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (see 2) **Our help is from the Lord, who
made heaven and earth.**

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;
whence shall help come to me?
My help is from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

R. **Our help is from the Lord, who made
heaven and earth.**

May he not suffer your foot to slip;
may he slumber not who guards you:
Indeed he neither slumbers nor sleeps,
the guardian of Israel.

R. **Our help is from the Lord, who made
heaven and earth.**

The LORD is your guardian; the LORD is your
shade;
he is beside you at your right hand.
The sun shall not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

R. **Our help is from the Lord, who made
heaven and earth.**

The LORD will guard you from all evil;
he will guard your life.
The LORD will guard your coming and your going,
both now and forever.

R. **Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and
earth.**

[Mt 5:1-12](#)

Gospel

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the
mountain,
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to
him.
He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,

for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness,

for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute
you

and utter every kind of evil against you falsely
because of me.

Rejoice and be glad,

for your reward will be great in heaven.

Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

TUESDAY

Reading 1

[1 Kgs 17:7-16](#)

The brook near where Elijah was hiding ran dry,
because no rain had fallen in the land.

So the LORD said to Elijah:

“Move on to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there.
I have designated a widow there to provide for
you.”

He left and went to Zarephath.

As he arrived at the entrance of the city,
a widow was gathering sticks there; he called out to
her,

“Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink.”

She left to get it, and he called out after her,

“Please bring along a bit of bread.”

She answered, “As the LORD, your God, lives,
I have nothing baked;

there is only a handful of flour in my jar
and a little oil in my jug.

Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks,

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to go in and prepare something for myself and my son;
when we have eaten it, we shall die.”
Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid.
Go and do as you propose.
But first make me a little cake and bring it to me.
Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son.
For the LORD, the God of Israel, says,
‘The jar of flour shall not go empty,
nor the jug of oil run dry,
until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’”
She left and did as Elijah had said.
She was able to eat for a year, and Elijah and her son as well;
the jar of flour did not go empty,
nor the jug of oil run dry,
as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.

[Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (7a) **Lord, let your face shine on us.**
When I call, answer me, O my just God,
you who relieve me when I am in distress;
Have pity on me, and hear my prayer!
Men of rank, how long will you be dull of heart?
Why do you love what is vain and seek after falsehood?
R. **Lord, let your face shine on us.**
Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one;
the LORD will hear me when I call upon him.
Tremble, and sin not;
reflect, upon your beds, in silence.
R. **Lord, let your face shine on us.**
O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us!
You put gladness into my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.
R. **Lord, let your face shine on us.**

[Mt 5: 13-16](#)

Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples:
“You are the salt of the earth.
But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?
It is no longer good for anything
but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.
Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket;
it is set on a lampstand,
where it gives light to all in the house.
Just so, your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your heavenly Father.”

WEDNESDAY

Reading 1

[1 Kgs 18:20-39](#)

Ahab sent to all the children of Israel
and had the prophets assemble on Mount Carmel.

Elijah appealed to all the people and said,
“How long will you straddle the issue?
If the LORD is God, follow him; if Baal, follow him.”
The people, however, did not answer him.
So Elijah said to the people,
“I am the only surviving prophet of the LORD,
and there are four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal.
Give us two young bulls.
Let them choose one, cut it into pieces, and place it on the wood,
but start no fire.
I shall prepare the other and place it on the wood,
but shall start no fire.
You shall call on your gods, and I will call on the LORD.
The God who answers with fire is God.”
All the people answered, “Agreed!”

Elijah then said to the prophets of Baal,
“Choose one young bull and prepare it first,
for there are more of you.
Call upon your gods, but do not start the fire.”
Taking the young bull that was turned over to them,
they prepared it
and called on Baal from morning to noon, saying,
“Answer us, Baal!”
But there was no sound, and no one answering.
And they hopped around the altar they had prepared.

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When it was noon, Elijah taunted them:
“Call louder, for he is a god and may be meditating,
or may have retired, or may be on a journey.
Perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened.”
They called out louder and slashed themselves with
swords and spears,
as was their custom, until blood gushed over them.
Noon passed and they remained in a prophetic state
until the time for offering sacrifice.
But there was not a sound;
no one answered, and no one was listening.
Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come here to
me.”
When the people had done so, he repaired the altar
of the LORD
that had been destroyed.
He took twelve stones, for the number of tribes of
the sons of Jacob,
to whom the LORD had said, “Your name shall be
Israel.”
He built an altar in honor of the LORD with the
stones,
and made a trench around the altar
large enough for two measures of grain.
When he had arranged the wood,
he cut up the young bull and laid it on the wood.
“Fill four jars with water,” he said,
“and pour it over the burnt offering and over the
wood.”
“Do it again,” he said, and they did it again.
“Do it a third time,” he said,
and they did it a third time.
The water flowed around the altar,
and the trench was filled with the water.

At the time for offering sacrifice,
the prophet Elijah came forward and said,
“LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel,
let it be known this day that you are God in Israel
and that I am your servant
and have done all these things by your command.
Answer me, LORD!
Answer me, that this people may know that you,
LORD, are God
and that you have brought them back to their
senses.”
The LORD’s fire came down
and consumed the burnt offering, wood, stones, and
dust,

and it lapped up the water in the trench.
Seeing this, all the people fell prostrate and said,
“The LORD is God! The LORD is God!”

[Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (1b) **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;
I say to the LORD, “My Lord are you.”

R. **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

They multiply their sorrows
who court other gods.

Blood libations to them I will not pour out,
nor will I take their names upon my lips.

R. **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

O LORD, my allotted portion and cup,
you it is who hold fast my lot.

I set the LORD ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

R. **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever.

R. **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

[Mt 5:17-19](#)

Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or
the prophets.

I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass
away,

not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter
will pass from the law,

until all things have taken place.

Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these
commandments

and teaches others to do so

will be called least in the Kingdom of heaven.

But whoever obeys and teaches these
commandments

will be called greatest in the Kingdom of heaven.”

THURSDAY

Reading 1

[1 Kgs 18:41-46](#)

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Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink,
for there is the sound of a heavy rain."
So Ahab went up to eat and drink,
while Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel,
crouched down to the earth,
and put his head between his knees.
"Climb up and look out to sea," he directed his
servant,
who went up and looked, but reported, "There is
nothing."
Seven times he said, "Go, look again!"
And the seventh time the youth reported,
"There is a cloud as small as a man's hand rising
from the sea."
Elijah said, "Go and say to Ahab,
'Harness up and leave the mountain before the rain
stops you.'"
In a trice the sky grew dark with clouds and wind,
and a heavy rain fell.
Ahab mounted his chariot and made for Jezreel.
But the hand of the LORD was on Elijah,
who girded up his clothing and ran before Ahab
as far as the approaches to Jezreel.

[Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (2a) **It is right to praise you in Zion, O God.**

You have visited the land and watered it;
greatly have you enriched it.

God's watercourses are filled;
you have prepared the grain.

R. **It is right to praise you in Zion, O God.**

Thus have you prepared the land:
drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods,
Softening it with showers,
blessing its yield.

R. **It is right to praise you in Zion, O God.**

You have crowned the year with your bounty,
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest;
The untilled meadows overflow with it,
and rejoicing clothes the hills.

R. **It is right to praise you in Zion, O God.**

[Mt 5: 20-26](#)

Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that
of the scribes and Pharisees,
you will not enter into the Kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
*You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to
judgment.*

But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother
will be liable to judgment,
and whoever says to his brother,
'Raqa,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin,
and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery
Gehenna.

Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar,
and there recall that your brother
has anything against you,
leave your gift there at the altar,
go first and be reconciled with your brother,
and then come and offer your gift.
Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way
to court with him.

Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the
judge,
and the judge will hand you over to the guard,
and you will be thrown into prison.

Amen, I say to you,
you will not be released until you have paid the last penny."

FRIDAY

Reading 1

[Ez 34:11-16](#)

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will look after and tend my sheep.

As a shepherd tends his flock
when he finds himself among his scattered sheep,
so will I tend my sheep.

I will rescue them from every place where they
were scattered
when it was cloudy and dark.

I will lead them out from among the peoples
and gather them from the foreign lands;

I will bring them back to their own country
and pasture them upon the mountains of Israel
in the land's ravines and all its inhabited places.

In good pastures will I pasture them,
and on the mountain heights of Israel
shall be their grazing ground.

There they shall lie down on good grazing ground,
and in rich pastures shall they be pastured
on the mountains of Israel.

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I myself will pasture my sheep;
I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD.
The lost I will seek out,
the strayed I will bring back,
the injured I will bind up,
the sick I will heal,
but the sleek and the strong I will destroy,
shepherding them rightly.

[Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (1) **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

R. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
with your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

R. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

R. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

R. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

[Rom 5:5b-11](#)

Reading 2

Brothers and sisters:

The love of God has been poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.
For Christ, while we were still helpless,
died at the appointed time for the ungodly.
Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just
person,
though perhaps for a good person

one might even find courage to die.
But God proves his love for us
in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.
How much more then, since we are now justified by
his blood,
will we be saved through him from the wrath.
Indeed, if, while we were enemies,
we were reconciled to God through the death of his
Son,
how much more, once reconciled,
will we be saved by his life.
Not only that,
but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus
Christ,
through whom we have now received reconciliation.

[Lk 15:3-7](#)

Gospel

Jesus addressed this parable to the Pharisees and
scribes:

"What man among you having a hundred sheep and
losing one of them
would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert
and go after the lost one until he finds it?
And when he does find it,
he sets it on his shoulders with great joy
and, upon his arrival home,
he calls together his friends and neighbors and says
to them,
'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost
sheep.'
I tell you, in just the same way
there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner
who repents
than over ninety-nine righteous people
who have no need of repentance."

SATURDAY

Reading 1

[1 Kgs 19:19-21](#)

Elijah set out, and came upon Elisha, son of
Shaphat,

as he was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen;
he was following the twelfth.

Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak over
him.

Elisha left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said,
"Please, let me kiss my father and mother goodbye,

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and I will follow you.”

Elijah answered, “Go back!

Have I done anything to you?”

Elisha left him and, taking the yoke of oxen,
slaughtered them;

he used the plowing equipment for fuel to boil their
flesh,

and gave it to his people to eat.

Then he left and followed Elijah as his attendant.

[Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10](#)

Responsorial Psalm

R. (see 5a) **You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;

I say to the LORD, “My Lord are you.”

O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,
you it is who hold fast my lot.

R. **You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

I bless the LORD who counsels me;

even in the night my heart exhorts me.

I set the LORD ever before me;

with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

R. **You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,

my body, too, abides in confidence;

Because you will not abandon my soul to the nether
world,

nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo
corruption.

R. **You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

[Lk 2:41-51](#)

Gospel

Each year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the
feast of Passover,

and when he was twelve years old,

they went up according to festival custom.

After they had completed its days, as they were
returning,

the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem,

but his parents did not know it.

Thinking that he was in the caravan,

they journeyed for a day

and looked for him among their relatives and
acquaintances,

but not finding him,

they returned to Jerusalem to look for him.

After three days they found him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers,

listening to them and asking them questions,

and all who heard him were astounded
at his understanding and his answers.

When his parents saw him,

they were astonished,

and his mother said to him,

“Son, why have you done this to us?

Your father and I have been looking for you with
great anxiety.”

And he said to them,

“Why were you looking for me?

Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s
house?”

But they did not understand what he said to them.

He went down with them and came to Nazareth,

and was obedient to them;

and his mother kept all these things in her heart.
