

# Readings at Mass for Corpus Christi (Year C)

## FIRST READING

GENESIS 14:18-20

A reading from the Book, Genesis

In those days: *Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High. And he blessed Abram, and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor 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.*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 110(109). 1, 2, 3, 4; R. V. 4BC

**R. You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.**

The Lord's revelation to my lord:

*'Sit at my right hand,*

*until I make your foes your footstool!'* **R.**

The Lord will send from Sion

your sceptre of power:

rule in the midst of your foes. **R.**

With you is princely rule

on the day of your power.

In holy splendour, from the womb before the dawn,

I have begotten you. **R.**

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change:

*'You are a priest for ever,*

*according to the order of Melchizedek.'* **R.**

## SECOND READING

I CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

*Brothers and sisters:* 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 he took 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.

**R.**

## GOSPEL

LUKE 11B-17

*At that time:* Jesus spoke to the crowd of the kingdom of God and cured those who needed healing.

Now the day began to wear away, and the Twelve came and said to him, *'Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate 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 groups of 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 said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the crowd. And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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