

Sunday, June 10, 2007

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY
AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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READING I

Genesis 14:18-20

A reading from the Book of Genesis

Melchizedek brought out bread and wine.

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.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4

R₁. (4b) You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

All: R₁. You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

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

R₁. You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The scepter of your power the LORD will stretch forth from Zion:
“Rule in the midst of your enemies.”

R₁. You are a priest forever, 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.”

R₁. You are a priest forever, 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.”

R₁. You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

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READING II

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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

For as often as you eat and drink, you proclaim the death of the Lord.

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.

The word of the Lord.

SEQUENCE

Lauda Sion

The sequence Laud, O Zion (Lauda Sion), or the shorter form beginning with the verse Lo! the angel's food is given, may be sung optionally before the Alleluia.

Laud, O Zion, your salvation,
Laud with hymns of exultation,
Christ, your king and shepherd true:

Bring him all the praise you know,
He is more than you bestow.
Never can you reach his due.

Special theme for glad thanksgiving
Is the quick'ning and the living
Bread today before you set:

From his hands of old partaken,
As we know, by faith unshaken,
Where the Twelve at supper met.

Full and clear ring out your chanting,
Joy nor sweetest grace be wanting,
From your heart let praises burst:

For today the feast is holden,
When the institution olden
Of that supper was rehearsed.

Here the new law's new oblation,
By the new king's revelation,
 Ends the form of ancient rite:

Now the new the old effaces,
Truth away the shadow chases,
 Light dispels the gloom of night.

What he did at supper seated,
Christ ordained to be repeated,
 His memorial ne'er to cease:

And his rule for guidance taking,
Bread and wine we hallow, making
 Thus our sacrifice of peace.

This the truth each Christian learns,
Bread into his flesh he turns,
 To his precious blood the wine:

Sight has fail'd, nor thought conceives,
But a dauntless faith believes,
 Resting on a pow'r divine.

Here beneath these signs are hidden
Priceless things to sense forbidden;
 Sign, not things are all we see:

Blood is poured and flesh is broken,
Yet in either wondrous token
 Christ entire we know to be.

Whoso of this food partakes,
Does not rend the Lord nor breaks;
 Christ is whole to all that taste:

Thousands are, as one, receivers,
One, as thousands of believers,
 Eats of him who cannot waste.

Bad and good the feast are sharing,
Of what divers dooms preparing,
 Endless death, or endless life.

Life to these, to those damnation,
See how like participation
 Is with unlike issues rife.

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When the sacrament is broken,
Doubt not, but believe 'tis spoken,
 That each sever'd outward token
 Doth the very whole contain.

Nought the precious gift divides,
Breaking but the sign betides
 Jesus still the same abides,
 Still unbroken does remain.

The shorter form of the sequence begins here.

Lo! the angel's food is given
To the pilgrim who has striven;
 See the children's bread from heaven,
 Which on dogs may not be spent.

Truth the ancient types fulfilling,
Isaac bound, a victim willing,
 Paschal lamb, its lifeblood spilling,
 Manna to the fathers sent.

Very bread, good shepherd, tend us,
Jesu, of your love befriend us,
 You refresh us, you defend us,
 Your eternal goodness send us
In the land of life to see.

You who all things can and know,
Who on earth such food bestow,
 Grant us with your saints, though lowest,
 Where the heav'nly feast you show,
Fellow heirs and guests to be. Amen. Alleluia.

ALLELUIA

John 6:51

∇. Alleluia, alleluia.

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.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They all ate and were satisfied.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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The prayer given us by Jesus is so familiar that the attention switch in our minds may flip to “off” the moment we hear the first two words. But what are we really saying in this prayer we have all known since childhood? “Our Father in heaven”: We consider it a value to have friends in high places. Jesus’ prayer teaches us that, in the highest place possible, we have not only a friend but a loving Father. The awareness of who God is and what God has done for us fills us with awe as we speak God’s holy name. We know God wants only good for the whole created world, so we beg that God’s will be done. We ask humbly for our daily bread, remembering that God gave the Israelites just what they needed for each day, no more, no less. We resolve to abandon anxiety and trust God to feed us—body, soul and spirit. We beg forgiveness for our sins, but we acknowledge that being so generously forgiven demands that we forgive one another. Finally we plead to be spared the final test—whether the crushing pain of disease or the apocalyptic life-shattering of natural disasters or modern warfare—whatever might lead us to despair. We acknowledge that the power of evil is greater than we can resist alone, so we trust our loving Father to deliver us. We pray with Jesus: Amen.

THURSDAY OF THE ELEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
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READING I

2 Corinthians 11:1-11

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

I preached the Gospel of God to you without charge.

Brothers and sisters:

If only you would put up with a little foolishness from me!

Please put up with me.

For I am jealous of you with the jealousy of God,

since I betrothed you to one husband

to present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning,

your thoughts may be corrupted

from a sincere and pure commitment to Christ.

For if someone comes and preaches another Jesus than the one we
preached,

or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received

or a different gospel from the one you accepted,

you put up with it well enough.

For I think that I am not in any way inferior to these “superapostles.”

Even if I am untrained in speaking, I am not so in knowledge;

in every way we have made this plain to you in all things.

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Did I make a mistake when I humbled myself so that you might be
exalted,

because I preached the Gospel of God to you without charge?
I plundered other churches by accepting from them
in order to minister to you.

And when I was with you and in need, I did not burden anyone,
for the brothers who came from Macedonia
supplied my needs.

So I refrained and will refrain from burdening you in any way.

By the truth of Christ in me,
this boast of mine shall not be silenced
in the regions of Achaia.

And why? Because I do not love you?
God knows I do!

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8

R₁. (7a) Your works, O Lord, are justice and truth.

Or: R₁. Alleluia.

All: R₁. Your works, O Lord, are justice and truth.

Or: R₁. Alleluia.

I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart
in the company and assembly of the just.

Great are the works of the LORD,
exquisite in all their delights.

R₁. Your works, O Lord, are justice and truth. Or: R₁. Alleluia.

Majesty and glory are his work,
and his justice endures forever.

He has won renown for his wondrous deeds;
gracious and merciful is the LORD.

R₁. Your works, O Lord, are justice and truth. Or: R₁. Alleluia.

The works of his hands are faithful and just;
sure are all his precepts,

Reliable forever and ever,
wrought in truth and equity.

R₁. Your works, O Lord, are justice and truth. Or: R₁. Alleluia.

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ALLELUIA

Romans 8:15bc

∇. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

∇. You have received a spirit of adoption as sons
through which we cry: Abba! Father!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:7-15

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

This is how you are to pray.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“In praying, do not babble like the pagans,
who think that they will be heard because of their many words.

Do not be like them.

Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“This is how you are to pray:

‘Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.’

“If you forgive others their transgressions,
your heavenly Father will forgive you.

But if you do not forgive others,
neither will your Father forgive your transgressions.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, Religious

Aloysius was born in 1568 near Mantua, Lombardy, into the princely family of the Castiglione. He was raised by a devout mother and seemed greatly inclined to religious life. After transferring his princely inheritance to his brother, he entered the Society of Jesus at Rome. As a student there, he ministered to the plague-stricken in the hospitals, fell victim to the disease, and died in 1591.

Memorial. Readings and chants as on page 3792.

Or: (L 583) Reading I 1 John 5:1-5; Resp. Ps. 16; Alleluia John 13:34; Gospel Matthew 22:34-40.