

Sunday, May 28, 2016

Readings: 1) Genesis 14:18-20 2) 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 3) Luke 9:11b-17

**Sunday Liturgy**

The focus for today’s Mass is that today, we celebrate the truth that Jesus left us an immeasurable gift, that of his sacred body and blood, which is made present for us in every Mass we attend.

At times, we may find it hard to comprehend that Jesus is truly here and present with us. Each time we receive Holy Communion, we truly receive Christ. Nourished and strengthened by Jesus, we draw closer to him. Our participation in Holy Communion allows us to live in greater love and unity with one another and gives us the strength we need to share Christ’s light and love with others.

The first reading tells of Melchizedek, *a priest of God Most High*, who brought out bread and wine and gave a blessing to Abram. Abram gave him a tenth of everything. The second reading recalls Jesus’ words at the Last Supper, that when we eat this bread and drink the cup, we proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes again. In the Gospel, Jesus feeds a crowd of five thousand with only five small loaves of bread and two fish.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**PRIEST:**

**We now bring our prayers to our loving Father, who sent his Son to save us and to be bread for the life of the world.**

**For the Church, may we continue to feed the poor in spirit with the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ, present in word and sacrament.**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For the earth and the whole universe may they echo the beauty and love of the Eucharist.**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those receiving their First Eucharist today, may they grow ever-more aware of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For the sick, the homebound and others who are not able to celebrate the Eucharist with us; may they feel God’s loving presence.**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those who have died, may they be given a place at the heavenly banquet.**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For all of us gathered here, may we always realize that our hunger for Jesus can be satisfied through the Eucharist.**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For our own personal intentions, ..... (long pause),**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**PRIEST:**

**Almighty God and Father, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers, which we offer to you through Christ, our Lord.**