**June 2020 We Celebrate – The Most Holy Trinity (June 7th); The Most Holy Body AND Blood of Christ a.k.a. Corpus Christi (June 14th)**

**“Prayer Service: Most Holy Trinity and Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)” by Jean Grant**

**LEADER:** In the liturgical year, we pay homage to the Risen Christ on Easter. It is the high point of the Church year. As we progress through the Easter season, we arrive at Pentecost, with the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Disciples, empowering them to go out and evangelize with the Word. The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity is a faith principle we hold both miraculous and verified in Genesis 1:26 of the Old Testament.

**READER 1:** (Genesis 1:26) Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

**LEADER:** The use of “us” and “our” hearkens to three persons in one God—equal and distinct–God the Father, Creator of all, God the Son, Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, who died on the cross to open the gates of heaven and save mankind, and God the Holy Spirit, breathing courage into the Disciples allowing them to speak in tongues to spread the Word.

***ALL: The Lord is a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity.***

**READER 2:** (2 Corinthians: 13:11-14) “Finally, brethren, farewell.  Mend your ways, heed my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.  Greet one another with a holy kiss.  All of the saints greet you.”

**LEADER:** “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

***ALL: Glory to the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.***

**LEADER:** At the Solemnity of the Feast of the Corpus Christi, the celebrant wears white or gold as at the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity.  The Eucharist, Feast and Sacrament, cut with laser focus to the miracle that takes place during the Consecration.  It is our Faith, our belief, that makes us strike our chest and repeat the words of St. Thomas when seeing the Risen Lord and believing: “My Lord and my God.”

(Indulgences granted as the consecrated Eucharist is raised high for all to see and these words of Thomas are repeated.)

**READER 1:** (John 6:51) “I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

***ALL: Alleluia, Alleluia! The bread that Jesus gives is his flesh for the life of the world.***

**LEADER:** In each of the four Eucharistic Prayers of the Mass, we find the Consecration or blessing of the bread and wine.  In itself, the bread or host and wine continue to look the same, smell the same, and taste the same after the special words are spoken to sanctify, bless, and consecrate the bread and wine and turn them miraculously into the REAL BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, GOD AND MAN. “He took bread and giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you.”

“He handed the chalice to his disciples, saying: Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me.”

Pause & Reflect --- Conclude --- Amen

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