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Feast Corpus Christi





Eat This Bread

Communion Hymn | Corpus Christi | Taizé

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And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the passover?" And he sent two of his disciples, and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the householder, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I am to eat the passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." And the disciples set out and went to the city, and found it as he had told them; and they prepared the passover.

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And as they were eating, he took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I shall not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

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Today is the feast day of the Body and Blood of Christ, or 'Corpus Christi' as it is traditionally known.

After Easter time we return to Mark's Gospel and we go to the end of the Gospel with Mark's account of the giving of the Eucharist at the Last Supper.

- The feast of Passover was celebrated every spring in the memory of the liberation of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt.
- Preparing the meal was usually women's work, but the four Gospels note that all the women were in Jerusalem.
- Unleavened bread.

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When we celebrate the Body and Blood of Christ, we are first drawn into the past of the old covenant, next to remembering the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, then to the end of time when we will be invited to celebrate in a new way the full presence of God.

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Bidding Prayers

For the Church, that all who lead us and guide us in our faith will help us to live as the one Body of Christ, growing ever closer to Jesus. (pause)

Lord in your mercy

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Bidding Prayers

For world leaders, that they will always strive to satisfy
the human hunger for peace and justice. (pause)

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For all who are in need, that richer peoples and nations will share their bread and wealth with those who are poor. (pause) Lord in your mercy

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For the Jewish people, the first to hear the promises of God, that they may be faithful to the covenant they received and obedient to the commands of God.

(pause) Lord in your mercy

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(pause) Lord in your mercy

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God our Father, as we celebrate today's feast, hear our prayers and grant us a love of the Eucharist that will never grow stale but will deepen and intensify all the days of our life. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.



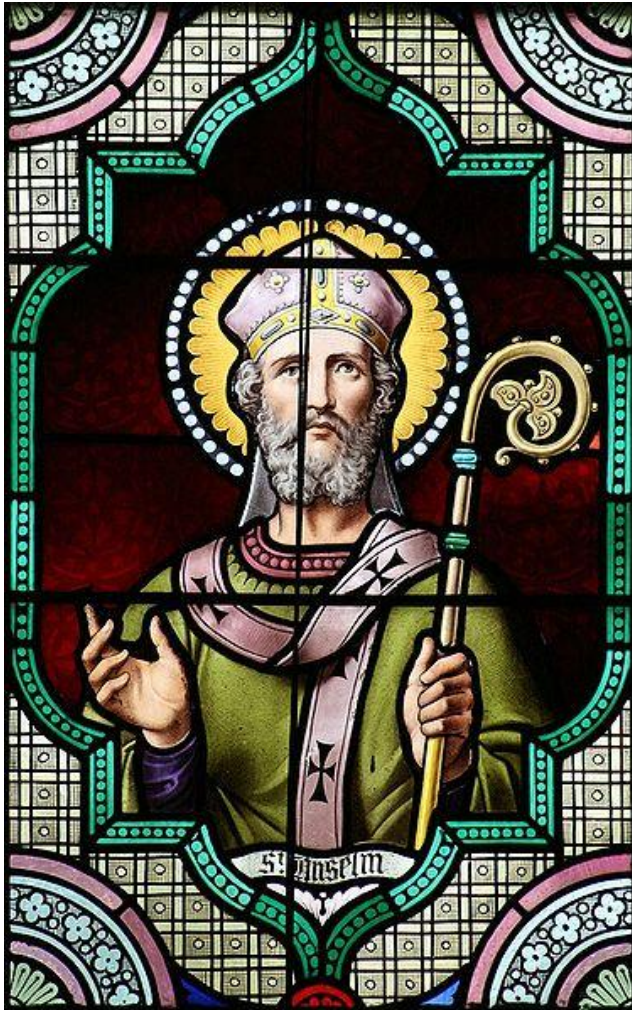
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MAY I LIVE YOUR LITTLE WAY

St. Anselm's Prayer



O my God, teach my heart where and how to seek You, where and how to find You.

You are the one who made me.
You have given me all the good things I own.

I have not yet done that for which I was made.

Let me find You by loving You and loving others.

Amen.

St. Anselm... Pray for us.