

Corpus Christi Sunday - Year C

- To really understand today's Gospel you have to put it in context
 - Jesus had sent the disciples out 2x2
 - They come back & tell Jesus all they had done
 - So he takes them aside to a deserted place to teach them
 - **AND THE CROWDS FOLLOW** – seeking him out, **interrupting**.
 - What does Jesus do?
 - He spoke to them about the Kingdom of God
 - He healed those needing to be cured
 - He fed them
 - He took bread “He looked to heaven, blessed, broke, gave”
 - Same 4-fold formula – our Eucharistic prayer
- This is the feast of Corpus Christi – the Body & Blood of Christ
 - Melchizedec offers bread and wine
 - Cor. – Paul recalls last supper, “This is my body, do this in remembrance of me”
 - Gospel - Jesus feeds His people
 - During Church History – devotion to Eucharist has been huge.
 - Believers would go church to church to glimpse Eucharist.
 - In 1254 feast was established - processions thru the town.
 - I want to tell you a story about that
 - My grandfather had a devotion to St. Anthony (06/13 feast)
 - Pics in the cellar over his workbench
 - Story of Anthony leading Eucharistic Procession
 - Unbeliever scoffing
 - “Even this donkey knows more than you”
 - Hay on one side – Eucharist on the other, unleashed the donkey who bowed its head toward the Eucharist
 - Now there is a lot of legend in that story
 - BUT – In our modern sophistication we miss a simple fact –
 - **THE HOST WE RECEIVE IS THE BODY OF CHRIST**
- The Corpus Christi processions still continue every day
 - When we – members of the Body of Christ, walk through our streets.
 - We don't hurry from Church to Church to glimpse the Eucharist
 - We hurry from the Church into the World
 - To be The Body of Christ - to be present
 - That the World may see Christ IN US
 - Still present, still caring, still healing, still feeding
 - We are the hands of Christ, We are the feet of Christ.
 - In our jobs, In our families, In our schools, at the store

- WE BRING JESUS