

Corpus Christi Sunday - Year B

- Imagine being a Jew during the Exodus
 - Slaves for generations – then in comes Moses
 - They see 10 Plagues
 - Water-blood frogs Gnats
 - Flies Pestilence Boils
 - Hail Locusts Darkness
 - Passover when all first born die – except the Jews
 - Parting of the Red Sea
 - Mannah & Water from the rock & quail
 - Now Moses presents the Law
 - People WITH ONE VOICE accept it (Jewish Feast of Pentecost)
 - Sacrifice on the altar → Blood on the altar AND blood on the people
We do a sprinkling rite with holy water – imagine blood!
- There is something special about blood – it's a whole different level of commitment
 - That's what COVENANT is all about – a commitment/surrender for 'other'
 - Unlike Jewish priests that sacrificed for sin year after year after year
 - Jesus shed his blood 1x for all peoples – for all time
 - Jesus laid down His life freely – surrendering it for us **WHY**
 - **That we might get from where we were (sin) to where we are**
 - **& That we might get from where we are – to where we are going**
 - So we surrender – to Jesus
 - Not blood – ourselves
 - Jesus shed all the blood that was needed
 - We surrender OUR will, doing it OUR way
 - Confident He will take us from where we are to where we should be – because He loves us so much he bled for us
 - The beauty of this is that
We know NOW its OK to surrender to Jesus
Because of the results of PAST surrender
- How do we give ourselves to others?
 - Hanks' Wake (Eulogy)
 - Relatives – stories of love
 - Volunteer work throughout Walpole
 - Unemployed person was given money
 - NOT BLOOD – BUT SELF
- Mike & my San Antonio opportunity
 - Amazed that I'd done that for him - NOT BLOOD – BUT SELF
- We all have choices
 - How we live How we love How we express that love
- On this feast we recall JESUS GIVING HIMSELF TOTALLY (Body & Blood)
 - At communion I will say: "The Body of Christ" AMEN
 - NOT – this represents – this IS
 - Jesus gives himself to us on the Cross – AND in Eucharist
 - HOW ARE WE GIVING OURSELVES TO ONE ANOTHER & to JESUS