

## Corpus Christi Sunday - Year A

- Its Memorial Day Weekend –
  - How appropriate on Corpus Christi – “Do this in memory of me”
- Napoleon wouldn’t receive the Eucharist because he felt he was unworthy
  - Theologians would come and try to convince him – no success.
  - Old country pastor “Of course you’re not worthy – but you need it”
  - Jesus didn’t give us the Eucharist because we are worthy
  - Jesus gave us the Eucharist because he knew our need.
- 1st Reading Moses recalls the Exodus
  - God met your need in the desert & gave food unknown to you
  - Manna means “what is it?” they didn’t understand/comprehend
    - Yet God fed them and met their need.
- God nourishes us too, on our journey – our Manna is the Eucharist
  - We know our journey can be hard – so does Jesus
  - Jesus became one of us – Jesus walked the same journey we do.
    - Even dealing with temptation – the same temptations we do.
- When Jesus provides us with bread, in the wilderness of our temptation
  - He is present in that wilderness with us
  - Sharing our suffering, sharing our pain, sorrows, difficulties
  - EVEN OUR TEMPTATION
    - Scripture says “blood was poured out, in behalf of many, for forgiveness of sin”
    - Jesus’ body and blood is our food for the journey
    - Jesus’ body and blood is our manna
    - Our Eucharist is ‘God with Us’ Emmanuel
- The words “Body of Christ” are not only used to refer to Eucharist
- We say WE make up the “Body of Christ” – the Church
  - By no means do I wish to diminish the reality of the presence of Jesus in Eucharist -but-
    - If we are the Body of Christ, we too are on the altar,
    - We too are raised up
    - If we are the Body of Christ, at communion:
      - Not only do we acknowledge the presence of Jesus in the bread when you say AMEN
      - Your AMEN acknowledges IT IS WHAT YOU ARE
      - It’s a dialogue –
        - AMEN, it is Jesus
        - AMEN I am part of the Body
  - As we go forward with this liturgy & go out to the world

- Let our AMEN be true