PRAYING With CHILDREN
SUNDAY LITURGY

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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"This is my body. This is my blood."

Something to Think About

What are your favourite things to eat or drink? What would you choose to serve your friends if they came to dinner?

The Story

Today we hear the story of the Last Supper. Jesus asked his friends to prepare a place for them to share a special meal. During the meal, Jesus blessed the bread and shared it with his disciples, telling them that it was his body. Then he blessed some wine and shared it with his disciples, telling them that it was his blood. Jesus knew that he was going to leave his friends, so he wanted them to remember him whenever they shared the bread and wine.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark **14:12-16, 22-26**

Jesus said to two of the disciples,
"Go into the city, where you will meet a man carrying a jar of water.
Follow him, and when he goes into a house, say to the owner,
'Our teacher wants to know if you have a room
where he can eat the Passover meal with his disciples.'
The owner will take you upstairs and show you a large room furnished and ready for you to use.
Prepare the meal there."

The two disciples went into the city and found everything just as Jesus had told them.
So they prepared the Passover meal.

During the meal Jesus took some bread in his hands.
He blessed the bread and broke it. Then he gave it to his disciples and said,
"Take this. It is my body."

Jesus picked up a cup of wine and gave thanks to God.
He gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink it!"
So they all drank some.

Then he said, "This is my blood, which is poured out for many people, and with it God makes his agreement. From now on I will not drink any wine, until I drink new wine in God's kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Video

Click to watch the video: A child has nothing to eat

Group Discussion

A family meal is more than just eating. It is a time when we build our relationships as a family. We nourish each other by spending time together. Just like the special meal Jesus had with his family, our family meals take preparation too. What happens in your family to prepare for a meal?

Praying For Others

Leader: Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world, for those in our community and for our own needs.
Reader: We pray that all who are hungry will be fed. Lord, hear us.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.
Reader: We pray for peace in war-torn countries. Lord, hear us.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.
Reader: We pray for forgiveness and healing. Lord, hear us.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.
Reader: We pray for love and laughter. Lord, hear us.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.
Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.
All: Lord hear our prayer.
Leader: Loving God, listen to our prayers in the name of the risen Jesus.
All: Amen.

Prayer

Jesus our Lord,

You are the bread of life.

Help us to share with others the good things you have given us.

Amen.

Group Activity

Corpus Christi Stained Glass Window

You will need: A4 black cardboard, template, cellophane or tissue paper in various colours, scissors, trimming knife, pencil, tape.

1. Draw or trace the reverse template onto the back side of the cardboard.
2. Carefully cut the shapes out using scissors and/or knife.
3. Cut the cellophane/tissue paper to fit and attach to the rear of the cardboard with sticky tape.
4. Mount on a window or mirror.

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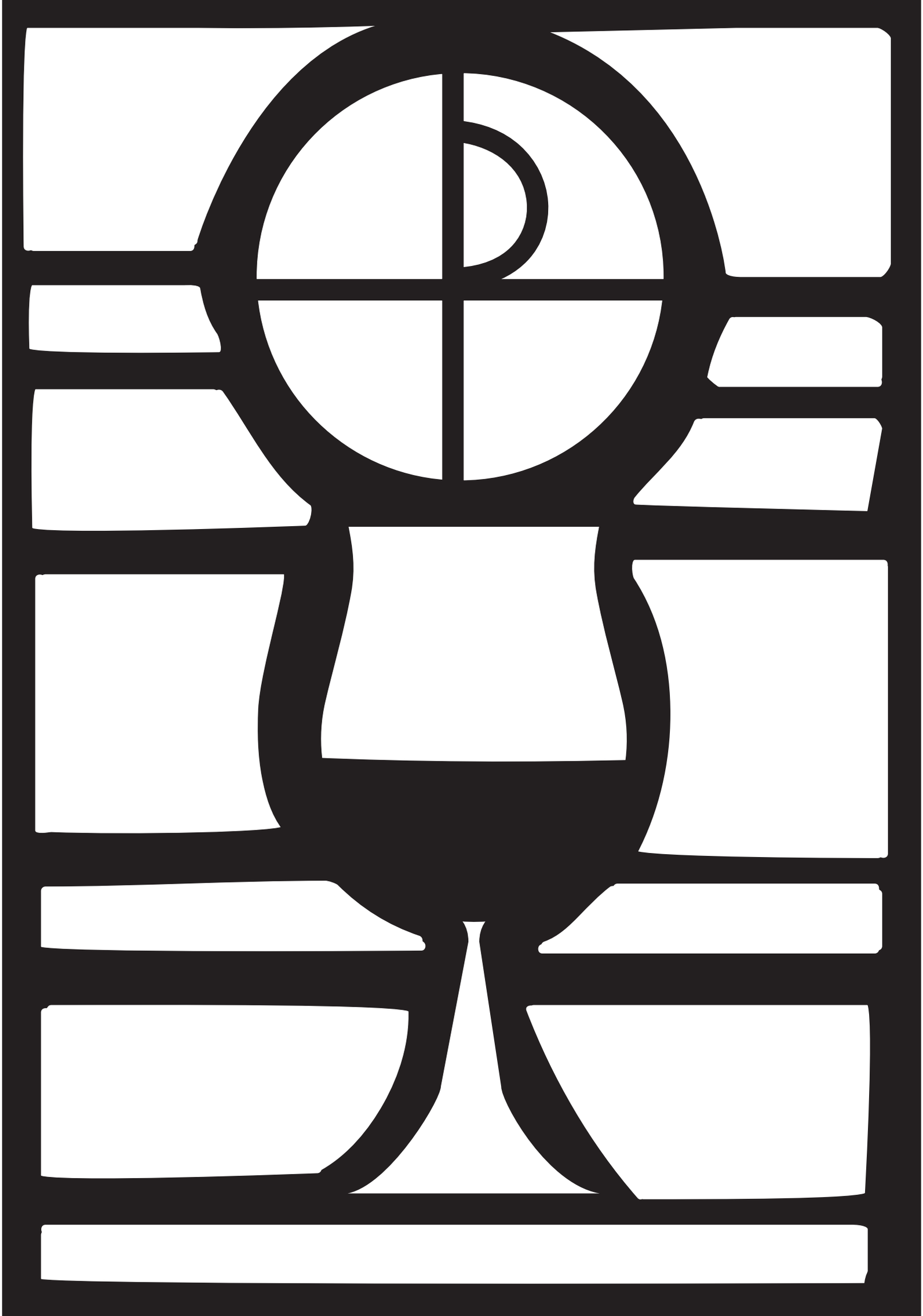

BREAKING THE BREAD

Jesus took some bread. He blessed it and broke it.
He gave it to his disciples and said:

TAKE THIS BREAD: IT IS MY BODY.

For your family meal today, get a loaf of bread (unsliced!) When it is time to eat, break it in two and pass it around. Let each person break off a piece to eat. Breaking bread is sharing with one another.

SHARING THE BREAD

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