

Dacci oggi il nostro pane

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SEVENTH DAY

Most Holy Body and
Blood of the Lord
Year B



Take, this is my body

The Eucharist is together sacrament and sacrifice. It is bloodless sacrifice since the Holy Mass is true announcement of the death and the resurrection of the Lord. It is true living memorial of the Easter mystery. We actualize the death and the resurrection of Christ until the day of Parusia. Truly, really, substantially Jesus accomplishes his vicarious sacrifice, offering himself so that the sins may be forgiven. Whoever participates in the Holy Mass becomes, he himself, offer in Christ to the Father for the redemption of the world. It is therefore incomprehensible to offer oneself to the Father in Christ as sacrifice for the forgiveness of the sins and then, as true body of Christ, justify the evil, participate in the holy Mass with sin in the heart and in the spirit, approach the sacrament of love with hate, envy, pride, greed, lust, anger, gluttony, sloth in the heart, in the transgression of commandments and in disdain of the Gospel of the Lord. Thus, one denies with the life what we celebrate in the mystery.

The Eucharist is also communion with the body and with the blood of Christ Jesus. We receive the

body that has been offered to us, the body in which each of us has offered himself in Christ, the body to be redeemed, offering our sacrifice and our life in Christ. This body is the entire humankind, assumed in the true body through the work of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Now, how can one participate in a Holy Mass with, in the heart, the hate toward his brothers in Christ or also in Adam, brothers all to be led in Christ with our sacrifice combined to the sacrifice of Christ, becoming, us, with him, one only sacrifice and one only vicarious atonement? How can the presbyter celebrate the sacrament of love with hatred, desire of evil, the calumny in the heart and the malediction

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of brothers on his lips? With the hate in the heart, not only we cannot offer ourselves in Christ, but we cannot even pray. May the Lord help us not despise such a great mystery of salvation and redemption. May the Mother of Jesus not let that one approaches in a sacrilegious way the gift of the death and resurrection of her son.

LAMP UNTO MY FEET

In the great mystery of the Word of the Lord

Defending the Word means defending every truth contained in the Word. The Word is all the will of God communicated to us through the heart and the life of Jesus the Lord. In the Word we find the truth of morality, of grace, of prayer, of charity and of hope, of the Church, of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, of sacraments, of Apostles, of prophets, of masters and doctors, of every other member of the body of Christ, of unity and of communion. When we state that the Word is to be defended, we state that all the truth contained in the Word is to be defended. One does not defend the Word if one denies the will of God, the truth of morality, of grace, of prayer, of charity and of hope, of the Church one, saint, catholic, apostolic, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, of sacraments, of Apostles, of prophets, of masters and doctors, of Tradition, of Magisterium, of Theology, the truth of every other member of the body of Christ, of unity and of communion that one must always live in the body of Christ. One only not defended truth attests that we do not defend the Word.

The Word must never be separated

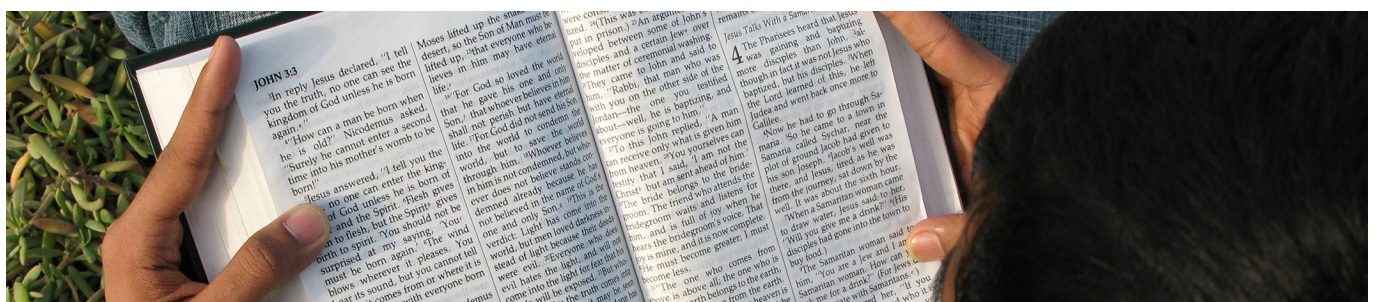
from the truth. The Word of God is not bearer of truth in the same way a wineskin carries the wine or another liquid. The Word and the truth contained in it are one only thing. Neither the truth is to be separated from the Word, nor the Word from the truth. When this separation happens, it is death of the truth and of the Word. The Father is the Father. He is not the Son. The Son is the Son. He is not the Father. The Holy Spirit is the Holy Spirit. It is neither the Father, nor the Son. The Incarnated Word is only Incarnated Word. The Father did not become incarnate and not even the Holy Spirit did. The Holy Spirit comes and illuminates the

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mystery. Only It knows the mystery and only It is able to illuminate it, leading the faithful to all the truth. Body of Christ and sacred species are one only thing. One will never be able to separate the bread and the wine from the bishop or from the presbyter pronouncing the words of consecration and transforming the bread in body of Christ and the wine in blood of the Lord. But also separating the truth from the Holy

Spirit is like separating the bread and the wine from the presbyter of the bishop operating their consecration.

Announcing the Word is not telling the world an empty word. It is instead giving a wineskin in which all the great love God has for us is contained. This great love is not lived in the Word. One lives it in the Church that is the body of Christ in which all the truth contained in the Word is fulfilled and realized. Saying that announcing the Word is a heresy is confessing not to know the mystery of the Word. Also because the Word is given by shepherds, the bishops, and by presbyters in hierarchical communion with them. To the Word must one convert. The seal of conversion is firstly given before the sacrament of baptism and in the sacrament of reconciliation. Every sacrament creates a new reality that is particular conformation to Jesus the Lord. The truth is unity in the multiformity and communion to be always created among the different bearing subjects, each one with his particular truth. If one only truth is missing in the communion or in the unity, it is sign that the Holy Spirit does not rule the body of Christ that is the Church. That part of lacking truth is not under the motion of the Spirit. The mystery of the Word is great.



IF YOU LISTEN...

Queen of Confessors of the Faith

The confessors of the faith are those people who have always held high the Word of life, making the light of Jesus shine in the world according to fullness of truth, motion, vocation, given by the Holy Spirit and in the Holy Spirit always lived. The Apostle Paul outlines the confessors of the faith as follows: "Work out your salvation with fear and trembling. For God is the one who, for his good purpose, works in you both to desire and to work. Do everything without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine like lights in the world, as you hold on to the word of life" (Ph 2, 12-16). "We cause no one to stumble in anything, in order that no fault may be found with our ministry; on the contrary, in everything we commend ourselves as ministers of God, through much endurance, in afflictions, hardships, constraints, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, vigils, fasts; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness,

in a holy spirit, in unfeigned love, in truthful speech, in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness at the right and at the left; through glory and dishonor, insult and praise. We are treated as deceivers and yet are truthful; as unrecognized and yet acknowledged; as dying and behold we live; as chastised and yet not put to death; as sorrowful yet always rejoicing; as poor yet enriching many; as having nothing and yet possessing all things" (2Cor 6, 3-10). It is a high life programme the one required to the disciples of Jesus to be true confessors of the faith.

The Virgin Mary is Queen of Confessors since no creature has never followed Christ Jesus, walking in the Holy Spirit, as She did. The truth of the sequel of Christ is given by the power of the Holy Spirit governing our heart. Will one ever be able to find, outside the heart of Christ Jesus, such a full and rich heart of Holy Spirit as the heart of our heavenly Mother? She is Queen of confessors of the faith since everyone may take inspiration from

Her for the confession of Christ in his life: yesterday, today, tomorrow. The Virgin Mary is inimitable in every way. Where in the confessors of the faith one may find some shadow of little, fragile, miserable humanity, in the Mother of God there is no stain. She is purest in everything. Her light is seven times lighter than the sunlight and all the Angels and Saints of Paradise. To Her we shall ask that in the confession of the faith in her loved Son she may free us from every shadow of sin, even slight. Queen of confessors of the faith, come to our rescue.

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FROM JACOB'S WELL

Without the bishop, consecrated in the uninterrupted apostolic succession, there may never be Eucharist that is true body and blood of Christ. Whoever does not believe in the true body of Christ might never receive the Eucharist and participate in its celebration. If Peter is the foundation upon which Christ has edified his Church, never might it exist the true Church of Christ if it is not founded upon Peter. These two only examples are enough to know the serious confusion in which the Christian lives today. If the sacrament loses its truth, it is no longer the sacrament wanted from Jesus and not even the Church without its foundation is the Church of Christ. The Word of the Lord without his truth is no longer Word of the Lord. A Christian without the truth of Christ is not true Christian.

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

Why does the Church, if it wants to announce the true Word or the true Gospel of Christ Jesus, need to be always sustained, moved, guided by the Holy Spirit?

It is obligation for the Church to announce the true Word, since, from the true Word, the truth in which our salvation is placed is born. When the true Word is not announced, not even the purity of the truth contained in it is given. From the false announcement a false faith will always be born, from a false faith a false life of the disciples of the Lord will always grow. Over time the Word is always subjected to false interpretations, false understandings, false modalities of transforming it in life. For this reason it is always necessary that the Holy Spirit intervenes and orientates the path of the disciples of the Lord to all the truth. But whoever separates himself from the Holy Spirit has no possibility of being orientated to all the truth. He misses the One to whom this mission has been entrusted by the Father. But what is the truth the Holy Spirit must always lead us to? The truth is only one for us: Christ Jesus and his mystery of Incarnation, Passion, Death, Resurrection, Glorious Ascension to heaven, in which the salvation of every man, no one excluded, has been placed by the Father.

If today we say that Jesus is no longer necessary to be saved, since the salvation does not pass neither through Christ nor through his Church, what are we attesting in

truth? That the Word of the Lord is not to be announced. That the Gospel is no longer eternal Law for every man. But if the Word is no longer to be announced, not even the mystery contained in it is to be announced. What is the mystery that the Gospel contains? The mystery contained in the Gospel is Christ the Lord, in which every other mystery is contained and from which every other mystery shall be known. Why are we saying these things today? Because the Spirit of Christ does not dwell in our hearts. The Holy Spirit must always put the true Christ of God, the true Word of Jesus on the lips of Apostles. But this is not enough so that the greatest joy may be made to Christ Jesus. The Holy Spirit, while the Apostle announces the true Christ and the true Word of God placed by Him on his lip, must write in hearts the true Christ and the true Word of God. If the Apostle is without the Holy Spirit, never will he be able to give the true God and the true Word of God and never in our hearts may it be written the true Christ and the true Word of God. The true Christ and the true Word are the fruit of the Holy Spirit both in the one who speaks and in the one who listens. The one who must bring and give the Holy Spirit is the Apostle of the Lord. May the Virgin Mary, woman full of Holy Spirit and grace, help us live this truth.

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