

A Coffee with Alessio



Corpus Christi Sunday

This Sunday, we celebrate another great Solemnity- that of the Body and Blood of Christ or Corpus Christi. On this Solemnity, we celebrate the Eucharist presence of the Lord in His Body and Blood. The Bread and Wine which we receive are no longer Bread and Wine, but His Body and Blood. The Eucharistic presence of the Lord is one of four experiences of presence in our Liturgy. For Christ is present in the gathered assembly, the Priest and the Word (Sacred Scriptures) as well. Each presence is important. However, as Saint Augustine said; "become what you receive." In other words, we must receive Christ and then be His Body and Blood in the world. We should live a Eucharistic Life. I could write several columns for this coming Solemnity, but I will stick to the basic points.

So, this Sunday let our hymns speak of the Eucharistic presence of the Lord, but let the Recessional Hymn speak of us being Christ in the world. For when the priest gives the dismissal- one Mass ends, and another begins.

Wishing you a very happy Corpus Christi Sunday, and make sure that you have a coffee and cake (hopefully with your fellow musicians), or someone in need, so that you take the presence of the Risen Christ out into the world. In this way, Corpus Christi becomes a public devotion to the Risen Christ.

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