

Year of the Eucharist

Lord Jesus Christ,
the Eucharist is your gift to us.
As we celebrate your mysteries,
the very work of our redemption is accomplished,
and we are filled with every grace and blessing.
May the liturgy become the pattern of our lives.
May our celebrations of this great mystery
draw us ever closer to you and to one another.
Strengthen the bonds of unity in our local Church,
that our love for one another may be evident
and we may proclaim your Gospel more effectively.
May the Eucharist bear fruit in our lives,
and deepen our commitment
to serve the poor and vulnerable in your name.
You live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

How holy this feast in which Christ is our food; his passion is recalled; grace fills our hearts; and we receive a pledge of the glory to come, alleluia. (Antiphon for Corpus Christi, attr. St. Thomas Aquinas)