

# The Body & Blood of Christ

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Reading 1

*Citation:* Genesis, Chap.14, Verses 18-20  
Genesis 14: 18-20

**The pre-visualization of the Eucharistic liturgy. Be reverent but "in charge."**

## A reading from the Book of Genesis

In those days,  
Melchizedek,  
king of Salem,  
brought out bread and wine,

(parenthetical)  
(very short pause)

and being a priest of God Most High,  
he blessed Abram with these words:

(almost parenthetical)  
(very short pause)

"Blessed be Abram  
by God Most High,  
the creator of heaven and earth;  
and blessed be God Most High,  
who delivered your foes into your hand."

( "Blest" )

(voice goes down) (very short pause)

Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

(very positive; triumphant?)

**The word of the Lord.**

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Reading 2

*Citation:* 1 Corinthians, Chap. 11, Verses 23-26  
1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

**The institution of the Eucharist. You are NOT THE PRIEST but telling the story of what happened. Be reverent, thoughtful, and a bit excited because this story is so important! Don't shy away from taking your time.**

### A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

(warmly; friendly)

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you,  
that the Lord Jesus,  
on the night he was handed over,  
took bread, and,  
after he had given thanks,  
broke it  
and said,  
"This is my body that is for you.  
Do this  
in remembrance of me."

(almost parenthetical)

(parenthetical ?)

(very short pause)

(short pause)

In the same way  
also the cup,  
after supper,  
saying,  
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood.  
Do this,  
as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me."

(almost parenthetical)

(almost parenthetical)  
(very short pause)

For as often as you eat this bread  
and drink the cup,  
you proclaim the death of the Lord  
until he comes.

(Paul speaking)

(triumphant; upbeat)

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GOSPEL

*Citation:* Luke, Chap. 9, Verses 11b-17  
Luke 9: 11b-17

**The story of the feeding the 5,000. This is full of wonder, awe, the impossible! Be the impassioned storyteller as well as the convinced believer that John was! Take your time and let the Assembly enjoy the developing picture.**

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God,  
and he healed those who needed to be cured. (almost parenthetical)

As the day was drawing to a close,  
the Twelve approached him and said,  
"Dismiss the crowd (NOT insistent; but petitioning)  
so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms  
and find lodging and provisions;  
for we are in a deserted place here." (very short pause)

He said to them,  
"Give them some food yourselves." (firm)

They replied,  
"Five loaves and two fish are all we have,  
unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people." (matter-of-factly)  
(impossible! unbelievable)

Now the men there numbered about five thousand. (of course impossible!)

Then he said to his disciples,  
"Have them sit down in groups of about fifty." (a command)

They did so  
and made them all sit down. (voices goes down a bit)

Then taking the five loaves and the two fish,  
and looking up to heaven,  
he said the blessing over them, (NOT parenthetical)  
broke them, { three actions  
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and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.

They all ate and were satisfied. ( WOW ! )

And when the leftover fragments were picked up,  
they filled twelve wicker baskets. (almost an after-thought)  
(unbelievable!)

## The Gospel of the Lord.