

Sunday, June 6, 2021

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

“According to the law almost everything is purified by blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness” (Hebrews 9:22). “Since the life of a living body is in its blood, I have made you put it on the altar, so that atonement may thereby be made for your own lives, because it is the blood, as the seat of life, that makes atonement” (Leviticus 17:11). Today we hear the first “blood of the covenant” instructions given to the people by Moses, who received this teaching directly from God. Again, directly from God comes the new covenant, Jesus Himself, who says: “This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.” “For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer’s ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the true and living God. For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant: since death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance” (Hebrews 9:13-15).

Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore, / O make us love Thee more and more! / O make us love Thee more and more!

God Love You!

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