

**BIDDING PRAYERS:
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

Priest: As we bless God the Most High, let us offer intercession for the needs of all in the name of Jesus, the compassionate Saviour.

Reader: For Pope Francis as he recovers from his operation this week; may he be strengthened to continue his wonderful witness to the compassion of Christ for the multitude, never sending anyone away, but gladly offering to all the word of God and the bread of life.
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Reader: For all the peoples of earth, may they be delivered from seeing one another as enemies, finding instead common ground and sharing together the feast of life.
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Reader: For our government and all those who are elected to serve our communities; may they pay heed to Our Lord's invocation to unity and seek ways to serve the common good.
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Reader: That the hungry and homeless, those starved for daily bread or human dignity, may find in the disciples of Christ generous stewards of God's bountiful gifts.
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Reader: May those who prepare our young people to come to the table and those who bring communion to the sick and housebound be living signs of the presence of Christ.
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Reader: We pray for our children and young people making their First Holy Communion at this time; may they always cherish the gift of the Eucharist.
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Reader: Let us remember especially today those for whom this Mass is offered. Also, all those who have died recently, especially Kathleen Kelly, Bridget Gibbons, Fr Jack Rigby; may they rest in peace and rise in glory.
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Reader: Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). We ask Mary, our Mother, to join with us in our prayers: **Hail Mary ...**

Priest: Heavenly Father, your Son invoked your name in prayer while here on earth among us, we now follow his pattern and offer you these prayers. We ask that you hear and grant them, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.