



Our Lady of Peace Catholic School

Feast of Corpus Christi

The Body and Blood of Christ.

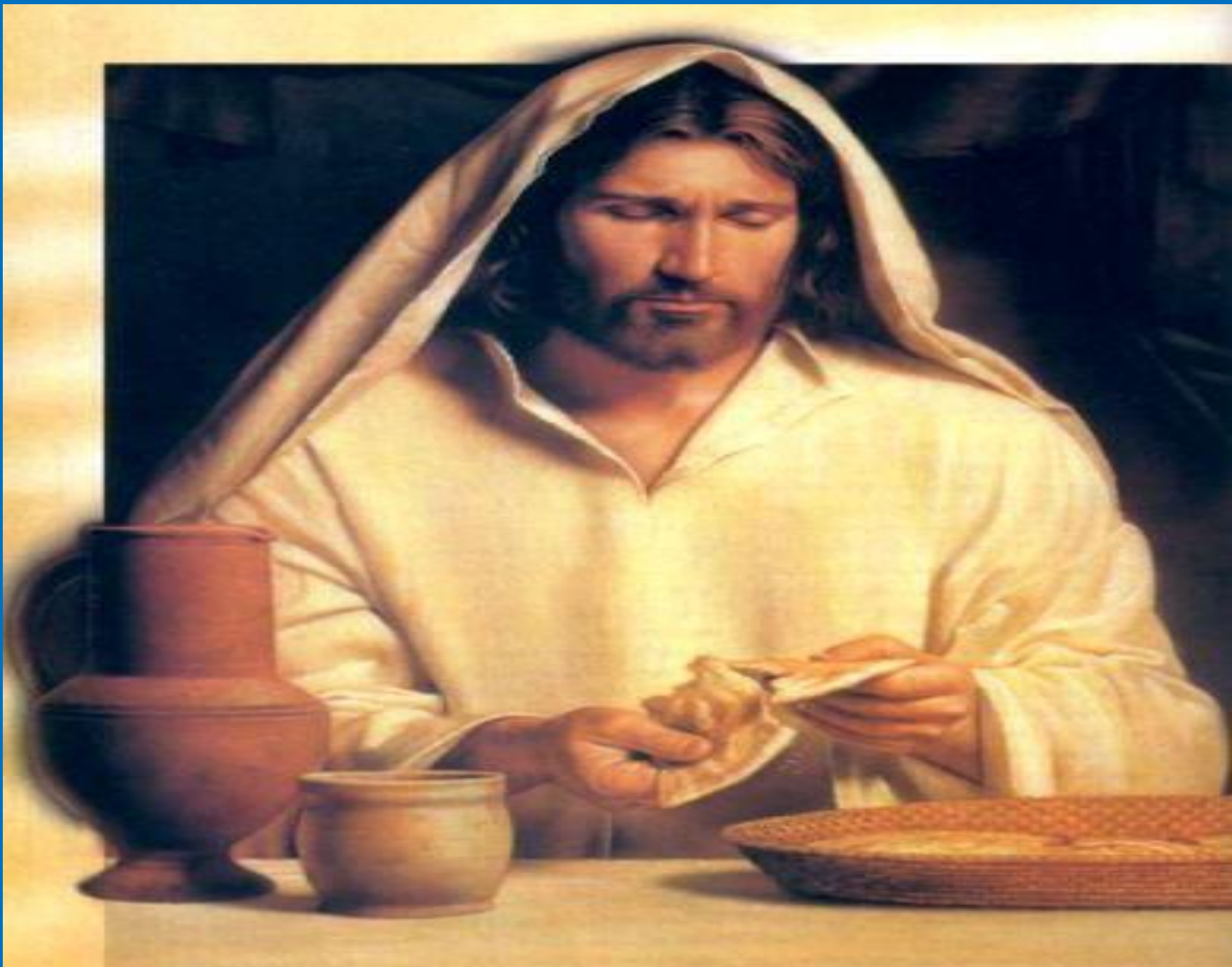
The name 'Corpus Christi' is Latin for 'the body of Christ'.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

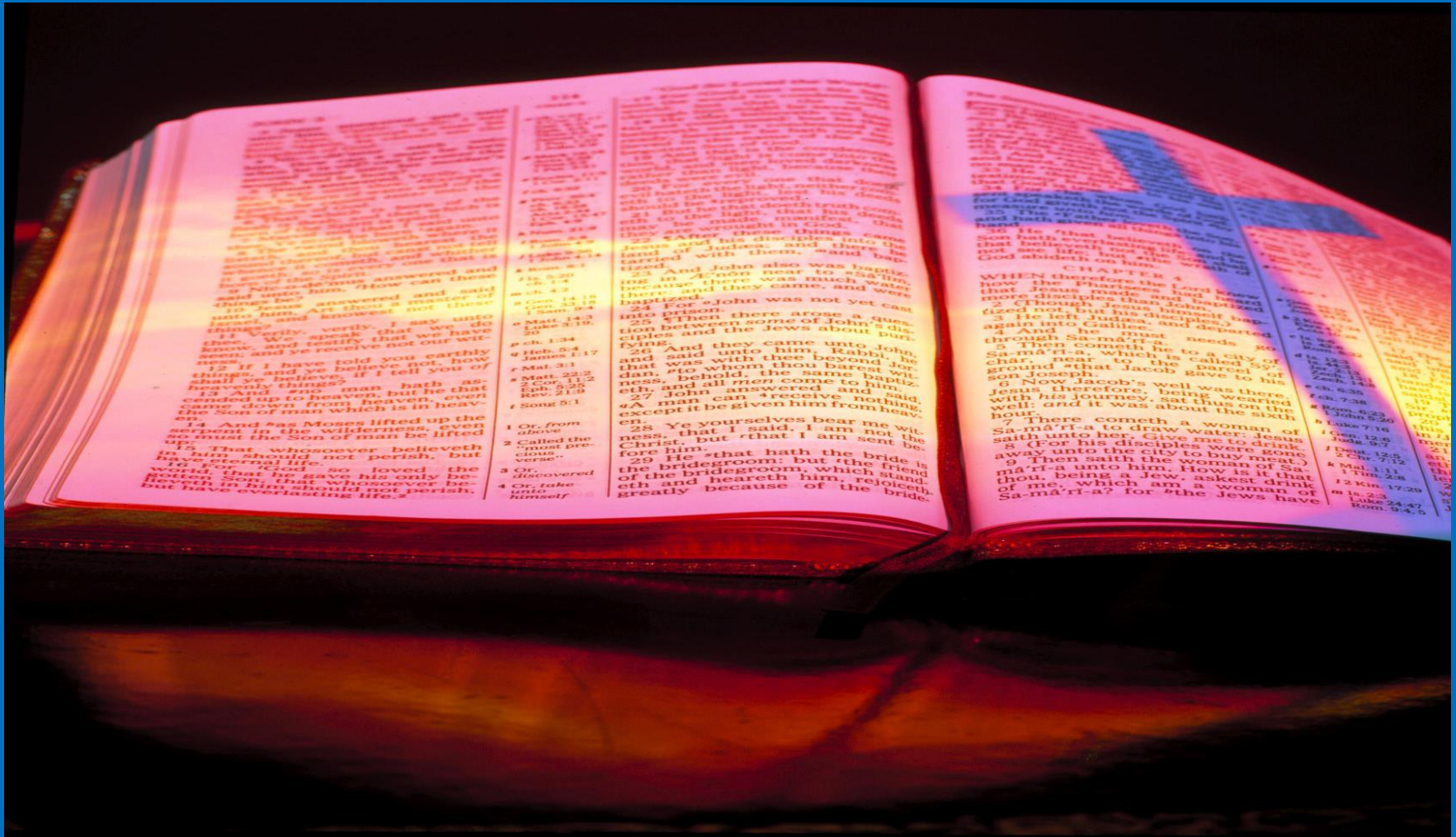
14:22-24

Response- Glory to you , O Lord

- Jesus and his disciples had gathered to celebrate the Passover meal together. While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, gave thanks to his heavenly Father, broke the bread and gave a piece to each of his disciples, saying 'Take this and eat it, this is my body.' Then he took a cup of wine. Again he praised his Father and passed it to each of his disciples saying 'Take this and drink it, this is my blood, poured out for you. Do this in memory of me'



The Gospel of the Lord



Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

At the last supper, Jesus and the disciples were sharing a celebration meal in the memory of a joyful event which took place every year when Jewish families and friends gathered together to celebrate the 'Passover' when they remembered how God had freed them from slavery in Egypt.

When we come to mass, we come together as one large family to celebrate something which happened for all of us- the resurrection of Jesus. We share a meal together just as Jesus did at the last supper.

Jesus shared with his disciples a loaf of bread and a cup of wine. He changed the bread and wine into his own body and blood, to nourish them with his life-giving power. Just as our bodies need nourishment to live, so do our spiritual souls. At the celebration of the Eucharist which means 'Thanksgiving' we remember the meal which Jesus shared with his friends the night before died and we share in his death and resurrection. We believe through the power of God, the bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus who gives himself to each of us in a very special way. Jesus said 'I am the bread of life' and when we share in the Eucharistic meal, we share life with the Son of God himself.

Last Supper



Prayer

Lord Jesus

We believe through the power of God, the bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus.

You are the living bread which comes to each one of us in a special way.

Just as our bodies need nourishment to live, so do our spiritual souls.

Help me to share the joy of your love with others I meet.

Amen