TEXTS FOR USE IN THE WORSHIP AND PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Readings from the Old Testament

113. Genesis 14:18-20
Melchisedech brought bread and wine.

114. Exodus 12:21-27
When the Lord sees the blood on the door, he will pass over your home.

115. Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

116. Exodus 24:3-8
This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord God has made with you.

117. Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 15-16
He gave you food which you and your fathers did not know.

118. 1 Kings 19:4-8
Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

119. Proverbs 9:1-6
Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared.

Readings from the New Testament

120. Acts 24:2-47
They continued in fellowship with the apostles and in the breaking of the bread.

121. Acts 10:34, 37-43
After he was raised from the dead, we ate and drank with him.

122. 1 Corinthians 10:16-17
Though we are many, we are one bread and one body.

123. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Each time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord Jesus.

124. Hebrews 9:11-15
The blood of Christ purifies our hearts from sin.

125. Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
Jesus brings you to the Father by shedding his blood for you.

126. 1 Peter 1:17-21
You have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

127. 1 John 5:4-8
The Spirit, the water, and the blood give witness.

128. Revelation 1:5-8
Because he loves us, he has saved us from sin with his blood.

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129. 
**Revelation 7:9-14**
They have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb.

**Responsorial Psalm**

130. 
**Psalm 22:1-6**
R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

131. 
**Psalm 33:2-9**
R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

132. 
**Psalm 39:4, 7-10**
R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

133. 
**Psalm 77:3-4, 7, 23-25, 54**
R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

134. 
**Psalm 109: 1-4**
R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchisedech.

135. 
**Psalm 115:12-13, 15-18**
R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

or
R. Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.

136. 
**Psalm 144:10-11, 15-18**
R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

137. 
**Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20**
R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

or
R. Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**Alleluia Verse and Verse before the Gospel**

138. 
**John 6:51**
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; if anyone eats this bread he will live for ever.

139. 
**John 6:56**
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood, says the Lord, will live in me and I in him.

140. 
**John 6:57**
As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me.

141. 
**See Revelation 1:5**
Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness, firstborn from the dead.
142. **Revelation 5:9**  
You are worthy, O Lord,  
to receive the book and open its seals.

**Gospel**

143. **Mark 14:12-16, 22-26**  
This is my body. This is my blood.

144. **Mark 15:16-20**  
They dressed Jesus up in purple and put a crown of thorns on him.

145. **Luke 9:11-17**  
All the people ate and were satisfied.

His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground.

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

148. **John 6:1-15**  
They gave the people all the food they wanted.

149. **John 6:24-35**  
If you come to me, you will never be hungry. He who believes in me will never know thirst.

150. **John 6:41-51**  
I am the living bread from heaven.

151. **John 6:51-58**  
My flesh and blood are true food and drink.

152. **John 19:31-37**  
When they pierced his side with a spear, blood and water flowed out.

153. **John 21:1-14**  
Jesus took the bread and gave it to them.

**Reading from the Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart**

**Readings from the Old Testament**

154. **Exodus 34:4-9**  
Our God is merciful and compassionate.

155. **Deuteronomy 7:6-11**  
God has chosen you because he loves you.

156. **Deuteronomy 10:12-22**  
God loves his chosen ones and their children.

Even if a mother forgets her child, I will never forget you.

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158. **Jeremiah 31:1-4**
   I have loved you with a love that will never end.

159. **Ezekiel 34:11-16**
   I will take care of my flock.

160. **Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8-9**
   My heart is saddened at the thought of parting.

**Readings from the New Testament**

161. **Romans 5:5-11**
   God has poured out his love into our hearts.

162. **Ephesians 1:3-10**
   He has lavished his rich graces upon us.

163. **Ephesians 3:8-12**
   God has given me the privilege of proclaiming the riches of Christ to all the nations.

164. **Ephesians 3:14-19**
   I pray that you will grasp the unbounded love of Christ.

165. **Philippians 1:8-11**
   May your life be filled with the perfection which comes through Jesus Christ.

166. **1 John 4:7-16**
   We love God because he has loved us first.

167. **Revelation 3:14, 20-22**
   I will come to eat with you.

168. **Revelation 5:6-12**
   You brought us back to God by shedding your blood for us.

**Responsorial Psalm**

169. **Isaiah 12:2-6**
   R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

170. **Psalm 22:1-6**
   R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

171. **Psalm 24:4-10, 14**
   R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

172. **Psalm 32:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-21**
   R. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

173. **Psalm 33:2-7**
   R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

174. **Psalm 102:1-4, 6-8, 10**
   R. The Lord’s kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

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ALLELUIA VERSE AND VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

175. SEE MATTHEW 11:25
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

176. MATTHEW 11:28
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

177. MATTHEW 11:29
Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

178. JOHN 10:14
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

179. JOHN 15:9
As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; remain in my love.

180. 1 JOHN 4:10
God first loved us and sent his Son to take away our sins.

GOSPEL

181. MATTHEW 11:25-30
I am gentle and humble of heart.

182. LUKE 15:1-30
Heaven is filled with joy when one sinner turns back to God.

183. LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32
We are celebrating because your brother has come back from death.

184. JOHN 10:11-18
A good shepherd is ready to die for his flock.

185. JOHN 15:1-8
Live in me as I live in you.

186. JOHN 15:9-17
Love one another as much as I love you.

187. JOHN 17:20-26
Father, you loved them as you loved me.

188. JOHN 19:31-37
When they pierced his side with a spear, blood and water flowed out.

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