

Readings – THE SEED OF RESURRECTION

Opening Prayer

God of love and goodness, you enlighten our faith in eternal life through the Resurrection of the Lord. In transforming our entire being, may your will be done so that, on the last day, we may participate in the life of the risen ones. Through the Lord and the Lady...

First Reading [St. John Paul II, General Audience, Nov. 4, 1998]

READER: A reading taken from the spiritual heritage of humanity.
ALL: ***From all time, Heaven has prepared the coming of the Kingdom.***

READER: Today, a passage from Saint John Paul II's General Audience of November 4, 1998. It is written:

The Holy Spirit, who transformed the body of the risen Christ, will clothe our own bodies with Christ's glory.

Like Saint Paul when he spoke to the citizens of Athens, we sometimes meet with reactions of skepticism regarding our faith in eternal life, which is clarified in the light of the Lord's Resurrection.

Christianity is not satisfied with the simple assertion of a reincarnation; it emphasizes the realism of the corporal Resurrection of Jesus who appeared, ate and drank with his Apostles after Easter.

Jesus rose with his glorious body and lives with this body at the Father's side. This body of ours will be changed into a glorious body, into a "spiritual body" marked by "the imperishable" and by "immortality" (according to Saint Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians).

Our participation in the Eucharist gives us a foretaste of Christ's transfiguration of our bodies. His flesh, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, already allows us to share in his resurrection and state of glory.

As Saint Irenaeus of Lyons wrote: "Our bodies, which partake of the Eucharist, possess the hope [or seed] of resurrection."

READER: This was a passage from one of Saint John Paul II's General Audiences.

ALL: ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm R./ You have shown me, Lord, the path of life.

Second Reading [Jn 6:36-40]

ACCLAMATION: ***Alleluia, alleluia.*** Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in Communion is receiving the seed of resurrection and immortality. ***Alleluia.***

PRIEST: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

ALL: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Jesus said: "Everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may

have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."

PRIEST: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: ***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

Third Reading [*Life of Love*, vol. V, pp. 80-81, 106-107]

ACCLAMATION: ***From the Lord to the Lady, one single Love, one single Mystery: one single Kingdom to lead all His Creation to God.***

MOTHER: A proclamation of the works of the Lady.

ALL: ***The Lady's word is a word of truth.***

MOTHER: In *Life of Love*, Marie-Paule wrote:

Tuesday, January 20, 1970, I am at the church. During Mass, at the moment of the Elevation, I am racked by violent pains in the pit of the stomach. The pains increase in violence. I manage to go to Communion and then struggle painfully home. Two hours go by; oedema, difficulty breathing; everything is going from bad to worse. Luckily, Pierre has the day off. I realize we must act quickly, so the two of us go to the emergency room at the *Enfant-Jésus* Hospital...

"You will have to stay in the hospital under observation," the cardiologist says.... There is a moment's respite, and I "hear" interiorly: "You know the day of your entry into the hospital, but your leaving it will be a long way off..."

February 22: I "know" that because of this stay in the hospital I have gone up many stages in the spiritual life. I "know" that I have acquired great graces, and that the Blessed Virgin has deposited in me something special, something I cannot describe, but that will be of use at a time set by the Lord.

It might be said that, from henceforth, I shall know a sort of immortality. For the moment, I cannot explain this; this is all I "know".

MOTHER: Thus said the Lady. ALL: ***May she be blessed forever.***

Prayer over the Offerings – God as Father with the Immaculate as Mother, deign to accept the bread and wine we offer you through the perfect obedience of the Son and the Daughter. May these offerings also be the sign of our will to walk in their footsteps, with a view to attaining resurrection. Through the Lord and the Lady. Amen.

Communion Antiphon – "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day."

Prayer after Communion – Jesus Christ and Paul-Marie, with this Communion, we bear in us the seed of resurrection, the fruit of your life and your love. May the Spirit of Holiness and Truth guide humanity which is destined to experience resurrection and immortality for the thousand years of the Kingdom. Through the Lord ...