Our first reading told us of the sealing the covenant, in our Gospel, Jesus seals the new covenant. As we celebrate this Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, let’s take the widest view of God’s covenantal love, through salvation history. Creation, the Call of Abraham, the Exodus, entering the Promised Land, the Exile, Return, the Life, Death & Resurrection of Christ; continuing through the Early Church, the Edict of Milan, the Council of Trent, to what we do here today. I realize that does cover many centuries. To keep it concise, I’ve cut out all the words that don’t begin with the letter “C”.


Creator conceives, creates – cobalt canopy, canyons, countryside, curious creatures, complete cosmos. Concludes, creating companions.

Centuries course. Creator chooses, calls covenant companion. Covenant commences.

Centuries continue. Companion’s children’s children’s children -- captive, considered common chattel! Children complain, crying: “Compassion!”


Contrite, captive community contemplates cherished covenant. Creator’s courtship continues.


Christ comes, Creator’s cherished child. Carpenter chooses commoners, champions community, cleanses consciences, cultivates conversion.


Creator calls crucified Christ. Cocoon cave cannot contain Christ! Compassion conquers crypt!

Celebration! Coronation! Covenant confirmation! Community celebrates. Cherubim chant. Christ consummates clemency, cancelling cold crypt’s claim.


Come changes, Christians continue commemorating Calvary, celebrating covenant, cherishing Corpus Christi.


Christ, creator, community: Consummate companionship, covenant, celestial communion!!

Corpus Christi (pointing at altar) Corpus Christi (arms motioning to entire congregation).