

## The Body of Christ



*Bouquet of Peace-Pablo Picasso*

Last Sunday I was walking in my neighborhood and I heard singing. Not one voice but many voices. Across the street where I was standing, I noticed a procession.

A cross with candles followed by an altar server swinging a censer with incense behind him was a priest carrying a monstrance containing a large host.

I remember reading many years ago that processions were a public expression of faith. The event being celebrated was Corpus Christi-The Body of Christ.

The *Bouquet of Peace* was painted by Picasso for a peace demonstration being held in Stockholm. Two hands holding the stems giving, receiving – a bond.

During the Eucharist, we hear the Body of Christ and the response is Amen. Giving, receiving-the response may it be so.

May it be so not on Sunday but every day. A public expression of faith.

*Pray with me:* Feasting God, your table is set for the uncertain and the unworthy; your kingdom is food and drink without money or price: may we receive what is freely offered in fragile bread and flowing wine that we might be the body of Jesus, The living Host. *May it be so*