Solemn Mass and Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi

When the bell rings, all stand and sing the hymn.



Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it; protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it.

- 2 Put peace into each other's hands with loving expectation;
 be gentle in your words and ways, in touch with God's creation.
- Put peace into each other's hands, like bread we break for sharing; look people warmly in the eye: our life is meant for caring.
- 4 As at communion, shape your hands into a waiting cradle; the gift of Christ receive, revere, united round the table.
- 5 Put Christ into each other's hands, he is love's deepest measure; in love make peace, give peace a chance and share it like a treasure.

Fred Kaan 1929-2009

cf. Ps 80:17

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

He fed them with the finest wheat, and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Invocation and Greeting

† In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Penitential Act

The choir sings

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

The presider or another minister says

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of God's love, revealed in Word and Sacrament, let us call to mind our sins. Silence.

Have mercy on us, O Lord. For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy. And grant us your salvation.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Gloria in excelsis Deo



Collect

Let us pray.

First Reading

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Genesis 14.18-20

A reading from the book of Genesis.

King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

For the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116.11, 13, 14-17, **R** v.12



I will take the cup of sal-va - tion and call on the name of the Lord.

How shall I repay the Lord

for all the good things he has done for me?

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord

in the presence of all his people. \mathbb{R}

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants.

O Lord, I am your servant;

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;

you have freed me from my bonds. $\tilde{\mathbb{R}}$

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord. I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. \mathbb{R}

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

For the word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 11.23–26

St Thomas Aquinas

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

Sequence

Lo! The Angels' food is given to the pilgrim who hath striven; see the children's bread from heaven, which to dogs may not be cast;

Very Bread, good Shepherd, tend us, Jesu, of thy love befriend us, thou refresh us, thou defend us, thine eternal goodness send us in the land of life to see; Truth the ancient types fulfilling, Isaac bound, a victim willing, paschal lamb, its life-blood spilling, manna sent in ages past.

Thou who all things canst and knowest, who on earth such food bestowest, grant us with thy Saints, though lowest, where the heavenly feast thou showest, fellow-heirs and guests to be.

Amen. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

† Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This I the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A Homily may be preached, or a period of silent reflection observed.

John 6.51–58

Credo in unum Deum

Profession of Faith

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life for the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

All sit or kneel for the prayers.

Lord, listen to the prayers of your people, gathered at your table.

In faith we pray:

we pray to you our God.

Here, where we celebrate how Christ gave us his body to be our spiritual food, listen as we pray for his body the Church, spread throughout the world ...

In faith we pray:

we pray to you our God.

Here, where we recognize the presence of Christ, who takes away the sin of the world, listen as we pray for that world and for its peoples for whom his blood was shed ...

In faith we pray:

we pray to you our God.

Here, where we come together as Christ gathered with his friends to give us this meal of holy fellowship, listen as we pray for all whom you have given us, our friends and all whose lives are joined with ours ...

In faith we pray:

we pray to you our God.

Here, where we remember the night of Christ's agony and trial, listen as we pray for all who share his sufferings through fear or pain or distress of many kinds ...

In faith we pray:

we pray to you our God.

Here, where we join our praises with the whole company of heaven, listen as we pray for all who have trusted Christ's promise to raise up on the last day those who eat his flesh and drink his blood ...

In faith we pray:

we pray to you our God.

Lord, satisfy our hunger with the food that lasts, the bread of God which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ. God's Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.| And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

All stand to sing the Offertory Hymn



Sweet Sacrament divine, Hid in thine earthly home, Lo, round thy lowly shrine, With suppliant hearts we come; Jesu, to thee our voice we raise In songs of love and heartfelt praise: Sweet Sacrament divine.

- 2 Sweet Sacrament of peace, Dear home for every heart, Where restless yearnings cease And sorrows all depart; There in thine ear all trustfully We tell our tale of misery: Sweet Sacrament of peace.
- 3 Sweet Sacrament of rest, Ark from the ocean's roar, Within thy shelter blest Soon may we reach the shore; Save us, for still the tempest raves, Save, lest we sink beneath the waves: Sweet Sacrament of rest.
- 4 Sweet Sacrament divine, Earth's light and jubilee, In thy far depths doth shine The Godhead's majesty; Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray That earthly joys may fade away: Sweet Sacrament divine.

Francis Stanfield 1835-1914

Invitation to Prayer

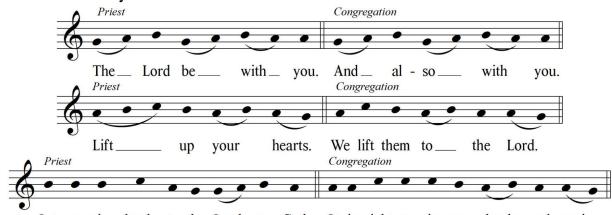
Pray, sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept our sacrifice for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all God's holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant your Church, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace, whose signs are to be seen in mystery in the offerings we here present. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,

our duty and our salvation

always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise

holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

through Jesus Christ our great high priest.

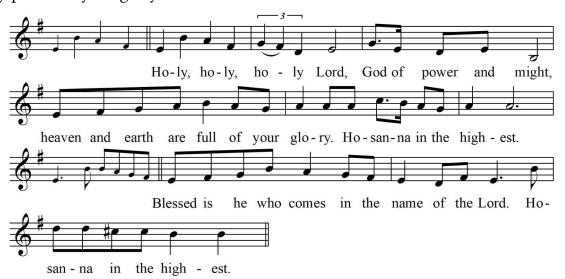
He offered himself to you as the Lamb without blemish, the acceptable gift that gives you perfect praise.

At the Last Supper, seated with his apostles, he left this memorial of his passion to bring us its saving power until the end of time.

In this great sacrament you feed your people and strengthen them in holiness, so that throughout the world the human family may be enlightened by one faith and drawn together in one communion of love.

We come to this foretaste of your heavenly banquet to be transformed by your grace and restored in the image and likeness of the risen Christ.

Therefore earth unites with heaven to sing a new song of praise; we too join with angels and archangels as they proclaim your glory without end:



Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

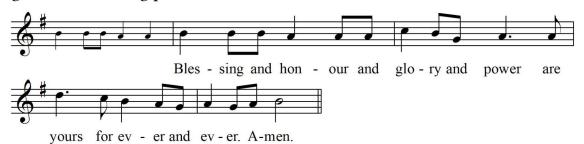
After supper, he took the cup, and again giving thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



Renew us by your Holy Spirit unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:



The Lord's Prayer

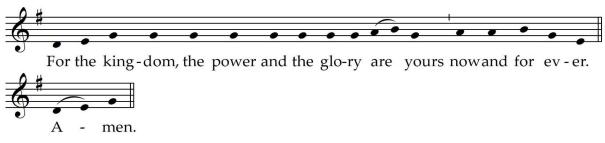
The celebrant says

As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:



The Priest continues alone

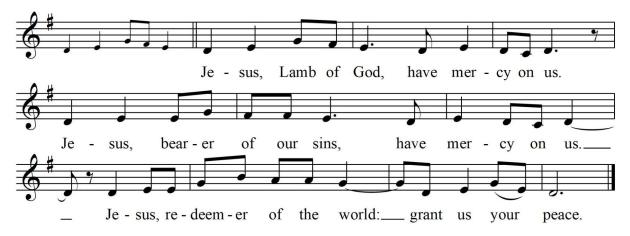
Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.



Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All receive Holy Communion.

Communion will be administered in one kind only.

Communicants are asked to approach in single file, maintaining physical distance, returning to their places via the side aisles.

Those who are not to receive the Blessed Sacrament are invited to unite themselves with Jesus by making a Spiritual Communion.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

During Communion, hymns and anthems may be sung.

After Communion, the ablutions are taken then the celebrant or another minister places a Host, consecrated at the Mass, in the monstrance upon the altar.

Communion Antiphon

Whoever eat my flesh and drink my blood will live in me and I in them, says the Lord.

John 6.57

St Alphonsus Liguori

Procession of the Blessed Sacrament

All kneel for a time, and the Eucharist is incensed, then the procession begins.



Alleluia! sing to Jesus, His the sceptre, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, His the victory alone. Hark, the songs of peaceful Sion Thunder like a mighty flood: Jesus, out of every nation, Hath redeemed us by his blood. Alleluia! not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us, Faith believes, nor questions how. Though the clouds from sight received him When the forty days were o'er, Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Angels, Thou on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia! here the sinful Flee to thee from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me, Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea. Alleluia! King eternal,

Thee the Lord of lords we own; Alleluia! born of Mary, Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne. Thou within the veil hast entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest. Thou on earth both Priest and Victim In the Eucharistic Feast.

William Chatterton Dix 1837-1898

Weather permitting, the procession leaves the Church and proceeds along Moore Street. During the procession, which all may follow, hymns, psalms and litanies may be sung.





After the procession, the Eucharist is again placed on the altar, and the hymn Tantum ergo Sacramentum is sung, all kneeling.



Therefore we, before him bending, this great Sacrament revere; types and shadows have their ending, for the newer rite is here; faith, our outward sense befriending, makes the inward vision clear.

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Glory let us give, and blessing to the Father and the Son, honour, might and praise addressing, while eternal ages run; ever too his love confessing, who from Both with Both is One. Amen.

St Thomas Aquinas trans. John Mason Neale 1818-1866

Collect

Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may delight for all eternity in that share in your divine life, which is foreshadowed in the present age by our reception of your precious Body and Blood. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Blessing

The minister puts on the humeral veil, genuflects, and takes the monstrance. The minister makes the sign of the cross over the people with the monstrance in silence.

Then the Divine Praises are recited, the minister saying each petition, which is repeated by the people.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his Angels and in his Saints.

Reposition

After the blessing the minister who gave the blessing, or another priest or deacon, places the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. Meanwhile all sing the following hymn



O Jesu, blessed Lord, to thee My heartfelt thanks for ever be, Who hath so lovingly bestowed On me thy Body and thy Blood. Break forth, my soul, for joy, and say, 'What wealth is come to me today: My Saviour dwells within me now; How blest am I, how good art thou!'

Thomas Hansen Kingo 1634-1703

During the hymn, the presider and ministers move to the Shrine of Our Lady.

Angelus

At the Shrine of Our Lady

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary ...

Holy Mary...

The Word was made Flesh.

And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary ... Holy Mary...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

May the divine assistance remain with us always, and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

Please join us for Refreshments in the Mission Hall