

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

(Corpus Christi)

6th June 2021



OPENING HYMN

O praise our great and gracious Lord
And call upon His name;
To strains of joy tune every chord,
His mighty acts proclaim.
Tell how He led His chosen race
To Canaan's promised land;
Tell how His covenant of grace
Unchanged shall ever stand.

He gave the shadowing cloud by day,
The moving fire by night;
To guide His Israel on their way
He made their darkness light;
And have not we a sure retreat,
A Saviour ever nigh,
The same clear light to guide our feet,
The dayspring from on high?

We, too, have manna from above,
The bread that came from heaven;
To us the same kind hand of love
Hath living waters given.
A rock we have, from whence the spring
In rich abundance flows;
That rock is Christ, our priest, our king,
Who life and health bestows.

O let us prize this blessed food
And trust our heavenly guide;
So shall we find death's fearful flood
Serene as Jordan's tide
And safely reach that happy shore,
The land of peace and rest,
Where angels worship and adore,
In God's own presence blest.

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:3-8

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord your God has made with you.

PSALM RESPONSE: **The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:11-15

The Blood of Christ can purify our inner self from dead actions.

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. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

This is my Body. This is my Blood.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, (*as we say the words in italics, we bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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. I 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 adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those who are unable to attend Mass, and for those physically present who are not receiving Holy Communion, we pray a prayer of spiritual communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least 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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Sweet Sacrament divine, hid in Thine earthly home,
Lo, round Thy lowly shrine, with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to Thee our voice we raise in songs of love and heartfelt praise:
Sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace, dear home of 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.

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.

Sweet Sacrament divine, earth's light and jubilee,
In Thy far depths doth shine Thy Godhead's majesty;
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray, that earthly joys may fade away:
Sweet Sacrament divine.