

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

14th June 2020



OPENING HYMN

Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore,
Masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more,
See, Lord, at Thy service low lies here a heart
Lost, all lost in wonder at the God Thou art.

Seeing, touching, tasting are in Thee deceived:
How says trusty hearing? that shall be believed;
What God's Son hath told me, take for truth I do;
Truth Himself speaks truly or there's nothing true.

I am not like Thomas, wounds I cannot see,
But can plainly call Thee Lord and God as he;
This faith each day deeper be my holding of,
Daily make me harder hope and dearer love.

O Thou our reminder of Christ crucified,
Living Bread, the life of us for whom He died,
Lend this life to me then: feed and feast my mind,
There be Thou the sweetness man was meant to find.

Jesu, whom I look at shrouded here below,
I beseech Thee send me what I long for so,
Some day to gaze on Thee face to face in light
And be blest for ever with Thy glory's sight.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

He fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known.

PSALM RESPONSE: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

That there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body.

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: John 6:51-58

My Flesh is real food and my Blood is real drink.

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.

OFFERTORY

To Jesus' Heart, all burning with fervent love for all,
my heart with fondest yearning shall raise its joyful call.

*While ages course along, blest be with loudest song,
The Sacred Heart of Jesus by ev'ry heart and tongue.
The Sacred Heart of Jesus by ev'ry heart and tongue.*

Too true, I have forsaken Thy love for wilful sin;
Yet now let me be taken back by Thy grace again.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

As the congregation are unable to receive Holy Communion at this time, we are invited to 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

Ave verum Corpus natum de Maria Virgine: vere possum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: cujus latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine. O Jesu dulcis! O Jesu pie! O Jesu fili Mariae.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary: truly having suffered, immolated on the cross for man: from Whose pierced side flowed water and blood, be unto us a foretaste [of glory] in the trial of death. O sweet Jesus! O loving Jesus! O Jesus, Son of Mary.

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.