

Corpus Christi

INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN— **548** *Celebration Hymnal*

In the name of the Father, and of ✠ the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All respond: **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.

Let us draw near with faith to the altar of God,
that we may take his most holy sacrament to
our comfort; and let us make our humble
confession to almighty God.

Like as the hart longs for flowing streams: so
longs my soul for you, O God. *Ps 42.1*

Lord, have mercy. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

O send out your light and your truth: that
they may lead me. *Ps 43.3*

Christ, have mercy. **R. Christ, have mercy.**

May we come to your altar O God: the God of
our salvation. *cf Ps 43.4*

Lord, have mercy. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

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

Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is sung.

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to
his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God
and Father, we worship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world: have mercy on us; you
are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you
alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most**

**High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in
the glory ✠ of God the Father. Amen.**

All remain standing for the COLLECT.

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this
wonderful sacrament you have given us the
memorial of your passion: grant us so to
reverence the sacred mysteries of your body
and blood that we may know within ourselves
and show forth in our lives the fruits of your
redemption; for you live and reign with the
Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for
ever and ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Gen 14.18–20

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread
and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.)
And he blessed him and said, “Blessed be
Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven
and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who
has delivered your enemies into your hand!”
And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from Ps 116

R. The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call
on the Lord's name. *(All repeat)*

How can I repay the Lord
for all his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise;

I will call upon the name of the Lord. **R.**

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

Your servant Lord, your servant am I;
you have freed me from my bonds. **R.**

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:

I will call upon the name of the Lord.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil

in the presence of all his people. **R.**

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

I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, 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.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN— **663**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6.51

Alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord:
whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Jn 6.51–58

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews:—

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he 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, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up

on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

A SERMON *may follow.*

All stand to recite the NICENE CREED.

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,

(all bow) **was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

(all rise) **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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

The INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:
V. Lord, hear us. R. **Lord, graciously hear us.**
or V. Lord, in your mercy, R. **Hear our prayer.**

At the Commemoration of the Departed:
V. Rest eternal ✠ grant unto them, O Lord;
R. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The Intercessions end: Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

All stand as the priest introduces the PEACE.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN— **674**

The people unite their prayers with the priest, who says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.

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

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Gracious Lord and God, bestow upon your Church the blessings of unity and peace, of which these offerings are the sacramental sign; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The PREFACE follows.

All respond with the SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he ✠ who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:
Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:
... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

RITE OF COMMUNION

The priest introduces the LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is sung.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

Holy Communion is distributed.

COMMUNION HYMN— **150**

The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.

All praise to you, our God and Father, for you have fed us with the bread of heaven and quenched our thirst from the true vine: hear our prayer that, being grafted into Christ, we may grow together in unity and feast with him in his kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONCLUSION

The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL.

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

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

May the Father, who fed his children with manna in the wilderness, strengthen you in your pilgrimage to the Promised Land. **Amen.**

May the Son, who gave his flesh for food and his blood for drink, keep you in eternal life and raise you up on the last day. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, help you discern the Lord's body and empower you to proclaim his death until he comes. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN—**16**

AT HOLY TRINITY

BENEDICTION

All kneel as the Blessed Sacrament is brought to the altar. Meanwhile this HYMN is sung:

1. **O Saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below;
Our foes press hard on every side:
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.**
2. **All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end
In our true native land with thee.**

A period of adoration follows.

℣. I am the true Bread come down from heaven.
℟. **Lord, give us this bread always.**

1. **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.**

2. **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.**

℣. Thou gavest them bread from heaven, alleluia.

℟. **Containing in itself all sweetness, alleluia.**

Let us pray. Lord our God, in this great sacrament we come into the presence of Jesus Christ your Son, born of the Virgin Mary and crucified for our salvation. May we who declare our faith in this fountain of love and mercy drink from it the water of everlasting life. We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The priest takes the monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament and with it gives the Blessing.

The DIVINE PRAISES are read, each line being repeated after the priest.

Blessèd be God. ℟. **Blessèd be God.** (etc.)

Blessèd be his holy Name.

Blessèd be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessèd be the Name of Jesus.

Blessèd be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessèd be his most Precious Blood.

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

Blessèd be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessèd be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessèd be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessèd be her glorious Assumption.

Blessèd be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessèd be St Joseph, her spouse most chaste.

Blessèd be God in his Angels and in his Saints.

The REPOSITION ANTHEM is sung (three times).

**Blessèd and praised be Jesus Christ,
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

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