

THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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Agnus Dei: Mass II



1. **A** -gnus Dé- i, *qui tól- lis. peccá-ta x. s.

mún-di : mi-seré- re nó- bis. Agnus Dé- i, *

qui tól-lis peccáta mún- di : mise-ré- re nó- bis.

Agnus Dé- i, *qui tól- lis peccá-ta mún- di :

dóna nó- bis pá- cem.

K **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**
 Qui manducat carnem meam, et bibit sanguinem meum, in me manet, et ego in eo, dicit Dominus.

Whosoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him, says the Lord.

During Communion the Choir sings the "Agnus Dei" from the Mass "Pange Lingua" by Josquin des Prez

L **POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**
 Fac nos, quaesumus, Domine, divinitatis tuae sempiterna fruitione repleti, quam pretiosi Corporis et Sanguinis tui temporalis perceptio praefigurat. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Make us, we beg Thee, O Lord, to be filled with the eternal enjoyment of Thy godhead, of which the receiving on earth of Thy precious Body and Blood is a sign. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Organ Voluntary: "Final" (from Symphonie III) by Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

**YOU ARE REMINDED THAT VESPERS & BENEDICTION
 WILL BE SUNG HERE TONIGHT AT 7.30 P.M.
 PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THE MASS BOOKLET**

Instinctively, our ancestors, guided by the Holy Spirit, wished to give thanks to God for the gift of the Blessed Eucharist at a festival in addition to Maundy Thursday. Pope Urban IV instituted the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (*The Body of Christ*) in the 13th century, and asked the great Dominican theologian St. Thomas Aquinas to compose a Mass and Office for the new feast. This is the origin of today's beautiful Mass. The Church celebrates this feast of thanksgiving and joyful adoration of Our Lord truly present in Holy Communion as the food for our souls, and the living Saviour who has pitched his tabernacle (tent) in our midst. There is no better summary of Christian faith in the Blessed Sacrament than the magnificent Sequence sung before the Gospel. When we celebrated the Institution of the Most Holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ on Maundy Thursday, we were already entering into the mystery of Christ's saving Passion, Death and Resurrection. We heard Our Lord's commandment of love at the Last Supper, the institution of the Apostles as priests of the new and everlasting Covenant (or Testament), and the betrayal of the Lord by Judas Iscariot. In the Mass of Maundy Thursday we celebrated the birthday of the Mass and the gift of the Blessed Sacrament in the beautiful procession to the Altar of Repose. Yet all was coloured by the realisation that this took place on the eve of Our Lord's death. Now we celebrate in unreserved joy and thanksgiving.

A **INTROIT**
 Cibavit eos ex adipe frumenti, alleluia, et de petra, melle saturavit eos, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Ps.** Exsultate Deo adiutori nostro: jubilate Deo Jacob.

He fed them with the finest of wheat, alleluia, and filled them with honey out of the rock, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Psalm. Rejoice to God our helper; sing aloud to the God of Jacob.

Introductory rite—see Mass book page 3.

Kyrie & Gloria from Missa "Pange, lingua, gloriosi" by Josquin des Prez (1450-1521)

B **COLLECT**
 Deus, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili Passionis tuae memoriam reliquisti; tribue, quaesumus, ita nos Corporis et Sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuae fructum in nobis iugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas ... per omnia saecula saeculorum. Amen.

O God, who hast left us this memorial of Thy Passion in a wonderful sacrament, grant we beseech Thee, that we may so venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may thereby never cease to experience the fruit of Thy redemption. Who livest and reignest...for ever and ever Amen

C **First Reading is from the book of Deuteronomy.**
 Moses said to the people: Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart - whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.

Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

D **GRADUAL**
 Oculi omnium in te sperant, Domine; et tu das illis escam in tempore opportuno. V. Aperis tu manum tuam: et imple omne animal benedictione

The eyes of all creatures look towards Thee, O Lord; and Thou givest them food at the due time. Thou openest Thy hand; and fillest every living thing with Thy blessing.

E **Second Reading is taken from St. Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians**
 The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.
 Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

F **GOSPEL ALLELUIA**
 Caro mea vere est cibus, et sanguis meus vere est potus: qui manducat meam carnem, et bibit meum sanguinem, in me manet, et ego in eo. *My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed: whosoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him.*

The alleluia is not repeated, instead the choir continues with the Sequence:

SEQUENCE (shorter version)

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| <p>1. Ecce panis angelorum, factus cibus viatorum: vere panis filiorum, non mittendus canibus.</p> <p>2. In figuris praesignatur, cum Isaac immolatur, Agnus Paschae deputatur, datur manna patribus.</p> <p>3. Bone pastor, panis vere, Jesu, nostri miserere: tu nos pasce, nos tuere, tu nos bona fac videre in terra viventium.</p> <p>4. Tu qui cuncta scis et vales, qui nos pascis hic mortales: tuos ibi commensales, coheredes et sodales fac sanctorum civium. Amen. Alleluia.</p> | <p>1. Behold the bread of angels' sent for pilgrims in their banishment, the bread for God's true children meant, that may not unto dogs be given:</p> <p>2. Oft in the olden types foreshadowed; in Isaac on the altar bowed, and in the ancient paschal food, and in the manna sent from heaven.</p> <p>3. Come then, good shepherd, bread divine, still show to us Thy mercy sign; oh, feed us still, still keep us Thine; so may we see Thy glories shine in fields of immortality;</p> <p>4. O Thou, the wisest, mightiest, best, our present food, our future rest, come, make us each Thy chosen guest, co-heirs of Thine, and comrades blest with saints whose dwelling is with Thee. Amen. Alleluia.</p> |
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G **GOSPEL—A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.**
 At that time: Jesus said to the crowds: "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall 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; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats 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 he who eats me will live because of me. This is the bread which came down from heaven, not such as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live for ever."
 Verbum Domini. **R. Laus, tibi Christe.**

CREDO I—see Mass book page 25 or 26

At the end of the Bidding Prayers we sing this ancient prayer to Our Lady:
We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

S UB tú-um praesí-di-um confúgimus, * sáncta Dé-i Génitrix : nóstras depre-ca-ti-ónes ne despí-ci-as in ne-ces-si-tá-tibus : sed a per-fu-cu-lis cúnc-tis libe-ra nos sem-per, Vírgo glo-ri-ó-sa et be-ne-dícta.

Offertory Motet: "Ego sum Panis Vivus" by Giovanni Pierluigi da Paelstrina (1525-1594)
"I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Whoever shall eat of this bread will live for ever".

H **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**
 Ecclesiae tuae, quaesumus, Domine, unitatis et pacis propitius dona concede, quae sub oblatiis muneribus mystice designantur. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.
We pray Thee, O Lord, of Thy mercy to grant to Thy Church the gifts of unity and peace, which are signified sacramentally by the gifts we have offered.

J **PREFACE**
 Vere dignum et justum est, aequum et salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique gratias agere: Domine, sancte Pater, omnipotens aeternae Deus: per Christum Dominum nostrum.: Qui cum Apostolis suis in novissima cena convalescens, salutiferam crucis memoriam prosecutus in saecula, Agnum sine macula se tibi obtulit, perfectae laudis munus acceptum. Quo venerabili mysterio fideles tuos alendo sanctificas, uthumanum genus, quod continet unus orbis, una fides illuminet, caritas una coniungat. Ad mensam igitur accedimus tam mirabilis sacramenti, ut, gratiae tuae suavitate perfusi, ad caelestis formae imaginem transeamus. Propter quod caelestia tibi atque terrestria canticum novum concinunt adorando, et nos cum omni exercitu Angelorum proclamamus, sine fine dicentes:

It is truly meet and right and incumbent upon us for our salvation that we should always and everywhere give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God, through Christ our Lord, who, at the Last Supper with His Apostles, as He was about to institute the everlasting and saving memorial of His Cross, He offered Himself to Thee as the spotless Lamb, the gift of perfect praise already accepted by Thee. By nourishing Thy faithful with this worshipful mystery thou dost sanctify them, so that the human race throughout the world should be enlightened by one faith, and united by one bond of charity. We therefore approach the table of such a wonderful Sacrament, so that, surrounded by the sweetness of Thy grace, we may be transformed into the image of our heavenly form. Wherefore all heaven and earth sing a new song of adoration to Thee, while we, too, proclaim ceaselessly together with the whole army of angels:

Sanctus: Mass II



XII-XIII. s.

1. **S** An-ctus, * Sán-ctus, Sán-ctus Dó-minus Dé-us Sába-oth. Pléni sunt caé-li et tér-ra gló-ri-a tú-a. Hosánna in excél-sis. Bene-díctus qui vé-nit in nó-mine Dómini. Hosánna in excél-sis.