



THE SOLEMNITY OF **CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI**

The Angelus

V/. The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary;

R/. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

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. Amen.

V/. Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

R/. Be it unto to me according to thy word.

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V/. And the Word was made flesh;

R/. And dwelt among us.

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V/. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

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

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord,
to pour thy grace into our hearts;
that as we have known the Incarnation
of thy Son Jesus Christ
by the message of an angel,
so by his Cross and Passion,
we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection.
Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Vespers (Evening Prayer)

■ O God, come to our aid. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

Hail our Saviour's glorious Body, which his Virgin Mother bore; hail the Blood which, shed for sinners, did a broken world restore; hail the sacrament most holy flesh and Blood of Christ adore!

To the Virgin for our healing, his own Son the Father send; from the Father's love proceeding sower, seed, and Word descends; wondrous life of Word incarnate with his greatest winder ends!

On that paschal evening see him with the chosen twelve recline, to the old law still obedient in its feast of love divine; love divine, the new law giving, gives himself as Bread and Wine!

By his word the Word almighty makes of bread his flesh indeed; wine becomes his very life-blood; faith God's living Word must heed! Faith alone may safely guide us where the senses cannot lead!

Come, adore this wondrous presence; bow to Christ, the source of grace! Here is kept the ancient promise of God's earthly dwelling-place! Sight is blind before God's glory, faith alone may see his face!

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Prayers and intercessions

At the supper to which all are invited, Christ gives his body and blood for the life of the world. Earnestly we beseech him, saying:

- Lord Jesus Christ, give us the bread of eternal life.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, you have commanded us to celebrate the eucharistic meal in remembrance of you:

enrich your Church with the worthy celebration of these mysteries.

- Lord Jesus Christ, give us the bread of eternal life.

Lord Jesus Christ, eternal high priest, you have committed to your priests the ministration of your sacraments: help them to do their part in your work with the unfailing gladness of genuine charity.

- Lord Jesus Christ, give us the bread of eternal life.

Lord Jesus Christ, manna from heaven, you make into one all who share the one bread:

grant peace and concord to all who believe in you.

- Lord Jesus Christ, give us the bread of eternal life.

Lord Jesus Christ, heavenly physician, you give an eternal remedy and a pledge of resurrection to those who eat your bread:

grant health to the ailing and a real hope to sinners.

- Lord Jesus Christ, give us the bread of eternal life.

Lord Jesus Christ, king who is to come, we know that whenever we celebrate these mysteries, we proclaim your death until you come again:

bring all those who have died in you to share your resurrection.

- Lord Jesus Christ, give us the bread of eternal life.

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.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you gave your Church an admirable sacrament
as the abiding memorial of your passion.
Teach us so to worship the sacred mystery of your Body
and Blood
that its redeeming power may sanctify us always.
Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

■ May the Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Glory be to God the Father, praise to his co-equal Son, adoration to the Spirit, bond of love, in Godhead one! Blest be God by all creation joyously while ages run! Amen.

Psalm 110 The Messiah, king and priest

"He must be king

so that he may put all his enemies under his feet" (1 Cor 15:25).

Antiphon: Christ the Lord is a priest for ever.

Like Melchizedek he made an offering

of bread and wine.

The Lórd's revelátion to my Máster: †
'Sít on my ríght: *
your fóes I will pút beneath your féet.'
The Lórd will wíeld from Síon †
your scéptre of pówer: *
rúle in the mídst of all your fóes.
A prínce from the dáy of your bírth †
on the hóly móuntains; *
from the wómb before the dáwn I begót you.
The Lórd has sworn an óath he will not chánge. †
'You are a príest for éver, *
a príest like Melchízedek of óld.'
The Máster stánding at your ríght hand *
will shatter kíngs in the dáy of his wráth.
He shall drínk from the stréam by the wáyside *

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

and thérefore he shall líft up his héad.

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Psalm-prayer:

Almighty God, bring the kingdom of Christ, your anointed one, to its fullness. May the perfect offering of your Son, eternal priest of the new Jerusalem, be offered in every place to your name and make all nations a holy people for you. Amen.

Psalm 115 (116B) Thanksgiving in the Temple

"Through him [Christ], let us offer God an unending sacrifice of praise" (Heb 13:15).

Antiphon: I will take the chalice of salvation and offer a thanksgiving sacrifice.

I trústed, éven when I sáid: *
'I am sórely afflícted,'
and whén I sáid in my alárm: *
'No mán can be trústed.'
How cán I repáy the Lórd *
for his góodness to mé?
The cúp of salvátion I will ráise; *
I will cáll on the Lórd's name.
My vóws to the Lórd I will fulfil *

befóre all his péople.

O précious in the éyes of the Lórd *
is the déath of his fáithful.

Your sérvant, Lord, your sérvant am Í; *
you have lóosened my bónds.

A thánksgiving sácrifice I máke; *
I will cáll on the Lórd's name.

My vóws to the Lórd I will fulfíl *
befóre all his péople,
in the cóurts of the hóuse of the Lórd, *
in your mídst, O Jerúsalem.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Antiphon:

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Psalm-prayer:

Father, precious in your sight is the death of the saints, but precious above all is the love with which Christ suffered to redeem us. In this life we fill up in our own flesh what is still lacking in the sufferings of Christ; accept this as our sacrifice of praise, and we shall even now taste the joy of the new Jerusalem. Amen.

Canticle - (Apocalypse 19) - The wedding of the Lamb

Antiphon:

You are the Way, you are the Truth; you, Lord, are the life of the world.

Alleluia.

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, * his judgements are true and just. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Praise our God, all you his servants, * you who fear him, small and great. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns, * let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The marriage of the Lamb has come, * and his bride has made herself ready. Alleluia.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

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Short Reading

1 Corinthians 11: 23-25

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.'

Short Responsory

He gave them the bread of heaven to eat, alleluia, alleluia.
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Man has tasted the food of angels.
He gave them the bread of heaven to eat, alleluia, alleluia.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
He gave them the bread of heaven to eat, alleluia, alleluia.

Canticle - Magnificat My soul rejoices in the Lord

Antiphon:

O sacred feast, in which we partake of Christ: his sufferings are remembered, our minds are filled with his grace and we receive a pledge of the glory that is to be ours, alleluia.

- My soul doth | magnify the | Lord: and my spirit hath re|joiced in | God my | Saviour.
- 2 For he | hath re | garded : the | lowliness | of his | handmaiden.
- 3 For be | hold from | henceforth: all gene | rations shall | call me | blessed.
- 4 For he that is mighty hath | magnified | me : and | holy | is his | Name.
- 5 And his mercy is on | them that | fear him : through | out all | gene | rations.
- 6 He hath shew-ed | strength with his | arm: he hath scattered the proud, in the imagi|nation | of their | hearts.
- 7 He hath put down the mighty | from their | seat : and hath ex|alted the | humble and | meek.
- 8 He hath fill-ed the hungry with \mid good \mid things : and the rich he \mid hath sent \mid empty a \mid way.
- 9 He re|membering his | mercy : hath | holpen his | servant | Israel.
- 10 As he promised | to our | forefathers : Abraham | and his | seed for | ever.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son : and | to the | Holy | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever | shall be : world without | end. | A|men.

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