

# The Eucharist

The Day of Thanksgiving for the  
Institution of Holy Communion  
(Corpus Christi)



Thursday 3 June 2021  
1.10 pm

## **Welcome to Manchester Cathedral on the Street on The Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion**

The festival of Corpus Christi is The Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Holy Eucharist. The name 'Corpus Christi' is Latin for 'the body of Christ'. Corpus Christi falls between late May and the middle of June, on the first Thursday after Trinity Sunday (60 days after Easter). In some countries the festival is celebrated on the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. It's worth noting that Christians already mark the Last Supper, when Christ instituted the Eucharist, on Maundy Thursday (the day before Good Friday). Because Maundy Thursday falls during the solemn period of Holy Week, it was thought necessary to have a separate festival of the Eucharist that would allow the celebration not to be muted by sadness but with joy and praise.

### **Hearing-loop**



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### **Have you turned off your mobile phone?**

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### **Photography**

Please do not use cameras, photo-imaging devices or recording equipment during the service.

### **Gluten-free wafers**

If you require a gluten-free communion wafer please inform a steward before the service, and ask the administrant for one when you go forward to receive communion. Please note that the wine may contain traces of gluten.

### **President**

Canon Márcia Wall

### **Preacher**

The Dean

Large-print copies of this booklet are also available.

# The Gathering

*Please stand*

## The Greeting

The President may say:

In the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit

All **Amen.**

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

All **and also with you.**

*The president welcomes the congregation and then continues*

President Jesus said,  
'I am the bread of life.  
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,  
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

*John 6.35*

## Prayers of Penitence

Deacon As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of God's love,  
revealed in Word and Sacrament,  
let us call to mind our sins.

*Silence is kept*

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

President    May God our Father forgive you your sins,  
and bring you to the fellowship of his table  
with his saints for ever.

All            **Amen.**

### **Gloria in excelsis**

All            **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.**

### **The Collect**

President    Let us pray

*Silence is kept*

President    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 are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All            **Amen.**

*Please sit*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **A Reading**

I Corinthians 11. 23-26

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

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

All           **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

### **Gospel Reading**

All           **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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

All           **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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

All           **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 6. 51-58

Jesus said: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread 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, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.'

This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

*At the end of the reading*

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

*Please sit*

**Sermon**

The Dean

*A period of silence is kept after the sermon, for reflection.*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, listen to the prayers of your people,  
gathered at your table.

In faith we pray:

All                    **we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we celebrate how Christ gave his body  
to be our spiritual food,  
listen as we pray for his body the Church,  
spread throughout the world ...

In faith we pray:

All                    **we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we recognize the presence of Christ,  
who takes away the sin of the world,  
listen as we pray for that world  
and for its peoples for whom his blood was shed ...

In faith we pray:

All                    **we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we come together  
as Christ gathered with his friends  
to give us this meal of holy fellowship,  
listen as we pray for all whom you have given us,  
our friends and all whose lives are joined with ours ...

In faith we pray:

All                    **we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we remember the night  
of Christ's agony and trial,  
listen as we pray for all who share his sufferings  
through fear or pain or distress of many kinds ...  
In faith we pray:

All **we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we join our praises  
with the whole company of heaven,  
listen as we pray for all who have trusted Christ's promise  
to raise up on the last day  
those who eat his flesh and drink his blood ...  
In faith we pray:

All **we pray to you our God.**

Lord, satisfy our hunger with the food that lasts,  
the bread of God which comes down from heaven  
and gives life to the world,  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

All **Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

*Please stand*

*Coronavirus Information*

*Following advice issued by the Church of England, in order to minimise the spread of  
infection we ask that you do not shake hands during the Peace.*

### **The Peace**

President We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

*cf Luke 1.78,79*

All The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

## **Preparation of the Table and Taking of the Bread and Wine**

President God our sustainer,  
receive the gifts we bring before you,  
and feed us continually  
with that bread which satisfies all hunger,  
your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

President The Lord be with you.

All **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 thanks and praise.**

President It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our salvation  
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our great high priest.  
He offered himself to you as the Lamb without blemish,  
the acceptable gift that gives you perfect praise.  
At the Last Supper, seated with his apostles,  
he left this memorial of his passion  
to bring us its saving power until the end of time.

In this great sacrament you feed your people  
and strengthen them in holiness,  
so that throughout the world the human family  
may be enlightened by one faith  
and drawn together in one communion of love.  
We come to this foretaste of your heavenly banquet  
to be transformed by your grace  
and restored in the image and likeness of the risen Christ.  
Therefore earth unites with heaven  
to say a new song of praise;  
we too join with angels and archangels  
as they proclaim your glory without end:



All           **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.**

President    Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Deacon      Christ is the bread of life:  
All           **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

President    And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once  
    for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

*Please sit and continue to pray*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

President As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

President Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,

All **we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

## **The Giving of Communion**

President God's Holy Gifts  
for God's Holy People.

All **Jesus Christ is Holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

## **Prayer for Spiritual Holy Communion**

I believe that you, O Jesus, are in the most holy Sacrament. I love you and desire you. Come into my heart. I embrace you. Never leave me. May the burning and most sweet power of your love, O Lord Jesus Christ I beseech you, absorb my mind that I may die through love of your love, who were graciously pleased to die through love of my love.

*Prayer of St Francis*

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*After the administration of communion, all stand when the president approaches the holy table*

## **Prayer after Communion**

President 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.

All **Amen.**

## The Blessing

President Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread,  
make you one in praise and love,  
and raise you up at the last day;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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