



The Cathedral & Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York

SOLEMN EUCHARIST

FOR

CORPUS CHRISTI

**Thursday 30 May 2024
at 5.30pm**

The Eucharist

Welcome to this service of Holy Communion on the Feast of Corpus Christi—the Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion. We welcome those live-streaming from home, who share this service with those present in the Minster.

We are grateful to the Chapel Choir of Worcester College, Oxford for singing our services this week while the Choir of York Minster is on holiday. The setting of the Eucharist is the SERVICE IN F by Harold Darke (1888–1976).

The President is the Revd James Milne, Precentor.

The Preacher is the Very Reverend Dominic Barrington, Dean.



Information about this Service

- ◆ Please join in singing the congregational responses, as well as in saying together the words printed in bold type.
- ◆ This service is being live-streamed, but care is taken to focus on the clergy and choir and not the congregation.
- ◆ Please follow the directions of the stewards.
- ◆ For licensing and safeguarding reasons, please do not record this service on your own devices.
- ◆ If you do not wish to take communion but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and let the minister know.
- ◆ It is the custom at the Minster to receive the wine from the chalice only and not to intinct; please do not dip the wafer into the wine.
- ◆ The Minster donates 10% of the cash and direct debits given by worshippers at this service to charity. We are currently supporting three charities: HOPE Africa, a charity which was initiated by our companion link dioceses in SA; Mustard Seed, a York Diocese based organisation which works in the poorest parts of our diocese; and a variety of Refugee charities based in the City of York. The rest of the money given at this service is used to support the mission and ministry of York Minster. Thank you for your generosity.

The Gathering

Prayers are said and a bell is rung. Please stand for the Processional Hymn.

Processional Hymn



1. We hail thy presence glorious,
O Christ our great high priest,
o'er sin and death victorious,
at thy thanksgiving feast:
as thou art interceding
for us in heaven above,
thy Church on earth is pleading
thy perfect work of love.

2. Through thee in every nation
thine own their hearts upraise,
offering one pure oblation,
one sacrifice of praise:
with thee in blest communion
the living and the dead
are joined in closest union,
one body with one head.

3. O living bread from heaven,
Jesu, our Saviour good,
who thine own self hast given
to be our souls' true food;
for us thy body broken
hung on the cross of shame:
this bread, its hallowed token,
we break in thy dear name.

4. O stream of love unending,
poured from the one true vine,
with our weak nature blending
the strength of life divine;
our thankful faith confessing
in thy life-blood outpoured,
we drink this cup of blessing
and praise thy name, O Lord.

Words NEH 310, Richard Parsons (1882–1948)

Tune OFFERTORIUM, NEH 310, Michael Haydn (1737–1806)

The Greeting

The President says:

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The President introduces the service.

Prayers of Penitence

A Minister says:

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

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive our sins:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The President says:

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please remain standing as the choir sings the Gloria.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receiver our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Please remain standing.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

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.

Amen.

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said,
'Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
maker of heaven and earth;
and blessed be God Most High,
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!'
And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

GENESIS 14.18–20

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn



1. Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,
for thy flesh is meat indeed;
ever may our souls be fed
with this true and living bread;
day by day with strength supplied
through the life of him who died.

2. Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies
this blest cup of sacrifice;
Lord, thy wounds our healing give,
to thy cross we look and live:
Jesus, may we ever be
grafted, rooted, built in thee.

Words AM 430, Josiah Conder (1789–1855)

Tune BREAD OF HEAVEN, AM 430i, Archbishop Maclagan (1826–1910)

Gospel Reading

The choir begins the Alleluia; the congregation then joins in the response, which is sung before and after the verse:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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



Jesus said to the Jews: '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.'

JOHN 6.51-58

After the Gospel the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The organist plays a musical response to the Gospel.

Please sit for the sermon.

Sermon

The Very Reverend Dominic Barrington, Dean

Please kneel or remain seated.

Prayers of Intercession

This response is used:

In faith we pray:

we pray to you our God.

The prayers conclude:

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.

Amen.

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The President introduces the Peace:

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes of peace
and builds up our common life.

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

All are invited to exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn



1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture —
in the body and the blood —
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

4. At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord most high.

Words AM 452, *Σιγησάτω πάντα σὰρξ βροτεία* Cherubic Hymn
from the liturgy of St James versified by Gerard Moultrie (1829–1885)
based on the translation of the Revd John Mason Neale (1818–1866)
and the Revd Richard Frederick Littledale (1833–1890)

Tune PICARDY, AM 452, French carol melody in *Chansons Populaires* (Vol 4, Paris, 1860)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

This prayer is said as the gifts are presented:

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.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The following dialogue is said or sung:

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in a single system, all in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are quarter notes, mostly beamed in pairs. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The first staff contains the lyrics: "The Lord be with you and also with you." The second staff contains: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff contains: "Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. It is right to give thanks and praise."

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 through out 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 sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end:

The choir sings:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

If comfortable please remain standing, otherwise please feel welcome to sit or kneel.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Organ

Christ has died: Christ is ris - en: Christ will come__ a-gain.

The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with a double bar line at the end of the phrase.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Peter the Apostle, William of York, and all the saints,
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Organ All

A - men.

The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter notes and a half note. The lyrics are written below the staff, with a double bar line at the end of the phrase.

A short silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

If you have remained standing, please now sit or kneel while making your preparation to receive communion and for prayerful reflection afterwards.

During the distribution of Communion the choir sings:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

and

Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine
vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine.

Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine.

Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu fili Mariae.

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
who truly suffered upon the cross for mankind:
from whose pierced side there came forth water and blood;
give us now, and at the time of our death, yourself to be our food.
O gentle, holy Jesus, Son of Mary.*

Words Fourteenth-century Latin text sometimes attributed to Pope Innocent VI

Music Sir Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

Communion is administered at a number of places. You will be guided by the Stewards.

Prayer after Communion

Please stand.

The President says:

Let us pray.

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.

The Dismissal

Please remain standing.

The President says:

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 upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Deacon says or sings:



Organ Deacon

Go in the peace of Christ.

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first measure is marked 'Organ' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. The second measure is marked 'Deacon' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, and G4. The lyrics 'Go in the peace of Christ.' are written below the staff, with a long horizontal line under 'peace'.

Everyone responds:



Organ All

Thanks be to God.

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first measure is marked 'Organ' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. The second measure is marked 'All' and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, and G4. The lyrics 'Thanks be to God.' are written below the staff, with long horizontal lines under 'Thanks' and 'be'.

Voluntary

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