

CORPUS CHRISTI YEARS A, B & C

HYMN

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**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**May we thy word believing
Thee through thy gifts receive,
That, thou within us living,
We all to God may live draw us from earth to heaven
Till sin and sorrow cease, forgiving and forgiven,
In love and joy and peace.**

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

FIRST READING Genesis 14.18–20

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. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 116.10–17

**R I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in
the land of the living.**



How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. **R**

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants. O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds. **R**

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord. I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia! **R**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 11.23–26

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.
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. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL John 6.51–58

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

**Sweet Sacrament divine, hid in thine earthly home,
Lo, round thy lowly shrine,
With suppliant hearts we come;
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise
In songs of love and heartfelt praise:
Sweet Sacrament divine.**

**Sweet Sacrament of peace,
dear home for every heart,
Where restless yearnings cease
And sorrows all depart;
There in thine ear all trustfully
We tell our tale of misery:
Sweet Sacrament of peace.**



**Sweet Sacrament of rest, ark from the ocean's roar,
Within thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore:
Save us, for still the tempest raves,
Save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
Sweet Sacrament of rest.**

**Sweet Sacrament divine, earth's light and jubilee,
In thy far depths doth shine the Godhead's majesty
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray
That earthly joys may fade away:
Sweet Sacrament divine.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God our sustainer, receive the gifts we bring before you, and feed us continually with that bread, your very presence, which satisfies all hunger; this we ask in the name of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PROPER PREFACE

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 sing a new song of praise; we too join with angels and archangels as they proclaim your glory without end: *Holy, holy...*

COMMUNION HYMN

**Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by His blood.**

**Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received Him
when the forty days were o'er
Shall our hearts forget His promise,
"I am with you evermore"?**

**Alleluia! bread of angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to Thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! King eternal, Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth Thy footstool, Heav'n Thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,**

**robed in flesh our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic feast.**

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.**

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

This follows in place of the rite of Blessing. The hymn is sung while the Blessed Sacrament is censed:

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.**

**Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.**

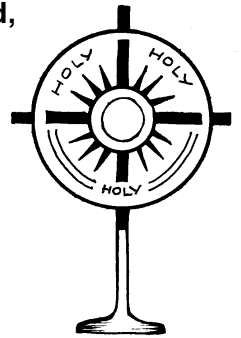
**In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.**

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord,
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.**

**How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord,
is shining all around.**



Thou gavest them bread from heaven.

Containing in itself all sweetness.

O God, who in a wonderful sacrament has left us a memorial of His passion: grant us, we pray, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of His body and blood, that we may ever more perceive within ourselves the fruit of His redemption. Who lives and reigns world without end. **Amen.**

The priest censes the Blessed Sacrament with incense, before making the sign of the cross over the people with the monstrance containing consecrated bread from Holy Communion, as a sign of the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ who said that when we gather in his name, he is present in our midst. (Matthew 18:20)

As the Blessed Sacrament is being returned to the tabernacle upon the High Altar, the final verse of the hymn is sung:

**Be still, for the power of the Lord,
is moving in this place,
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord,
is moving in this place.**

POST BENEDICTION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as a memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of you through this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the Kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.