

LITURGY OF THE WORD
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Corpus Christi



Antiphon
He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



1. Draw near and take the Bod - y of the Lord,
2. Saved by Christ's Bod - y and his ho - ly Blood,
3. Christ, our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,
4. He spent his life for great-est and for least.



- And drink with faith the Blood for you out-poured.
With souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.
Has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.
Praise Christ the Pas - chal Vic - tim, Christ the Priest.

5. Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere
And claim the promise of salvation here.
6. Christ rules our hearts, and all his saints defends;
He gives believers life that never ends.
7. With heav'nly bread Christ makes the hungry whole;
His living water fills the thirsting soul.
8. Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow
All nations of the earth, be with us now.

Invocation and Kyrie

In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

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.

Collect

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament
have left us a memorial of your Passion,
grant us, we pray,
so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always
experience in ourselves
the fruits of your redemption.
Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Reading 1

DT 8:2-3, 14B-16A

Moses said to the people:
"Remember how for forty years now the LORD, your God,
has directed all your journeying in the desert,
so as to test you by affliction
and find out whether or not it was your intention
to keep his commandments.
He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger,
and then fed you with manna,
a food unknown to you and your fathers,
in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD.
"Do not forget the LORD, your God,

who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
that place of slavery;
who guided you through the vast and terrible desert
with its saraph serpents and scorpions,
its parched and waterless ground;
who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock
and fed you in the desert with manna,
a food unknown to your fathers.”

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
PS 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Glorify the LORD, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion.
For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;
he has blessed your children within you.

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

He has granted peace in your borders;
with the best of wheat he fills you.
He sends forth his command to the earth;
swiftly runs his word!

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

He has proclaimed his word to Jacob,
his statutes and his ordinances to Israel.
He has not done thus for any other nation;
his ordinances he has not made known to them. Alleluia.

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Reading 2
1 COR 10:16-17

Brothers and sisters:
The cup of blessing that we bless,
is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?
The bread that we break,
is it not a participation in the body of Christ?
Because the loaf of bread is one,
we, though many, are one body,
for we all partake of the one loaf.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence

Lo! the angel's food is given
To the pilgrim who has striven;
see the children's bread from heaven,
which on dogs may not be spent.
Truth the ancient types fulfilling,
Isaac bound, a victim willing,
Paschal lamb, its lifeblood spilling,
manna to the fathers sent.
Very bread, good shepherd, tend us,
Jesu, of your love befriend us,
You refresh us, you defend us,
Your eternal goodness send us
In the land of life to see.
You who all things can and know,
Who on earth such food bestow,
Grant us with your saints, though lowest,
Where the heav'nly feast you show,
Fellow heirs and guests to be. Amen. Alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live forever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel
JN 6:51-58

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to John
Glory to You O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds:
"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world."
The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,
"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"
Jesus said to them,
"Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,
you do not have life within you.
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life,
and I will raise him on the last day.
For my flesh is true food,
and my blood is true drink.
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him.
Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so also the one who feeds on me
will have life because of me.
This is the bread that came down from heaven.
Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,
whoever eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Following the Gospel, spend some time reflecting on the readings, or listen to a homily from a Catholic priest or deacon that has been recorded for this purpose. Fr. Richard has provided a video homily [HERE](#).

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
[At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.]
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

General Intercessions

In faith and confidence, let us bring our prayers to the forgiving altar of the Lord's mercy.

for the holy Church of God: that nourished and strengthened by the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, we will be faithful and courageous witnesses to the truth of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

for our nation: that peace, justice, and a culture of life will prevail for everyone in our society, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

for our church and school: that in unity and love we may be transformed ever more into the Body of Christ through our celebration of the Eucharist, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

for the sick, the suffering, those in despair, those who lack food or shelter, and all in need; and especially for those who suffer from the effects of the COVID 19 pandemic: that God would be merciful to them and help them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

for all the faithful departed: that having received in this life the living bread come down from heaven, they will be granted life eternal, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Merciful Father, bountiful God, through the power of your Spirit you share with us, from your heavenly banquet, the bread of life in the Holy Eucharist. Graciously hear and answer our prayers according to your holy will, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Our Father

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. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Since receiving the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is not possible at this time, make a Spiritual Communion by using the following prayer:

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

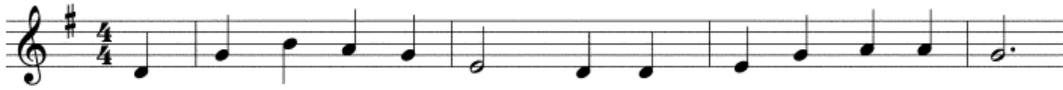
Closing Collect

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that we may delight for all eternity
in that share in your divine life,
which is foreshadowed in the present age
by our reception of your precious Body and Blood.
Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

May Almighty God bless us, the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A closing hymn follows

O Sacrament Most Holy



1. O Je - sus, we a - dore you, Who in your love di - vine,
2. O Je - sus, we a - dore you, Our vic - tim and our priest,
3. O Je - sus, we a - dore you, Our Sav - ior and our King,
4. O Je - sus, we a - dore you; Come, live in us, we pray,
5. O come, all you who la - bor In sor - row and in pain;



Con - ceal your might - y God - head In forms of bread and wine.
Whose pre - cious blood and bod - y Be - come our sa - cred feast.
And with the saints and an - gels Our hum - ble hom - age bring.
That all our thoughts and ac - tions Be yours a - lone to - day.
Come, eat this bread from heav - en; Your peace and strength re - gain.



O sac - ra - ment most ho - ly, O sac - ra - ment di - vine,



All praise and all thanks - giv - ing Be ev - 'ry mo - ment thine!

Text: Irvin Udulutsch; refrain from the *Raccolta*
Tune: FULDA MELODY, 7 6 7 6 with refrain; Fulda *Gesangbuch*; arr. by Charles G. Frischmann