

The Feast of the Most Holy Body of Our Lord

3 June 2021 6:30 PM Holy Communion & Benediction

SUNG MASS

¶ Please stand as the bells are rung. Hymns will be found later in this booklet.

Processional Hymn

Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all

Missal

¶ Please <u>kneel</u> during the Introit.

IntroitBCP 67Collect for PurityBCP 67Summary of the LawBCP 69Kyrie eleisonHymnal #710Collect(s) of the DayMissal

¶ Please <u>be seated.</u>

The Epistle

¶ Please stand for the Gradual, Alleluia, and Sequence Hymn.

Gradual & AlleluiaSion, praise thy Saviour singingSequence HymnSion, praise thy Saviour singingThe GospelMissalNicene CreedBCP 71

¶ The Creed will be monotoned together.

¶ Please <u>be seated.</u> Sermon

 \P Please <u>stand</u> for the Offertory Sentence. Please stand when the Thurifer approaches the rail to cense the congregation.

Offertory Sentence

Orate Fratres

 \aleph . Pray, brethren, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

R. May the Lord receive the sacrifice at thy hands for the praise and glory of his name, both to our benefit, and that of all his holy Church.

¶ Please kneel.

Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church	BCP 74
General Confession & Comfortable Words	BCP 75
Sursum Corda and Preface	Hymnal #734
Sanctus et Benedictus	Hymnal #796
The Canon of the Mass	BCP 80
The Lord's Prayer	Hymnal #722

 \P The Priest alone intones the words "Our Father," and we join at "who art in heaven".

The Pax Domini	
Prayer of Humble Access	BCP 82
Agnus Dei	Hymnal #712
Ecce Agnus Dei	

 $\sqrt[7]{}$. Behold the Lamb of God. Behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world. R. Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed. (Said thrice)

The Holy Communion

I Any baptized Christian who is a regular communicant in the Anglican, Orthodox, or Roman Catholic traditions is invited to receive the Blessed Sacrament. If you are unable or do not wish to receive the Holy Communion, you may approach with your arms crossed over your chest, and the priest will extend you a blessing. Whilst in your pew, please remain in quiet prayer.

Communion Sentence

¶ Please <u>kneel</u> for the hymn.

Communion Hymn Communion Thanksgiving	Sweet Sacrament divine BCP 83
¶ Please stand. Gloria in excelsis Post-Communion Collect	Hymnal #713
¶ Please <u>kneel</u> .	
Dismissal and Blessing	BCP 84
\P Please <u>KNEEL</u> during the Hymn and Eucharistic process	sion.

Hymn at the Procession Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Now, my tongue, the mystery telling The Daily Office Noted pg. 41

A NOTE ON CORPUS CHRISTI

As on Maundy Thursday, we celebrate the Body of Christ -- but this time without the sense of impending doom of knowing what would come on Good Friday.

The Feast of Corpus Christi -- which is always on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday -- has an interesting history. Its inspiration is due to two things: the first is the Miracle of Bolsena, which happened in A.D. 1263. Peter of Prague, a German priest, during a pilgrimage to Rome, stopped at the Church of St. Christina there to offer Mass. While he was a holy and devout man, he harbored doubts about the Real Presence -- doubts which were completely resolved when the Host he consecrated during that Mass began to bleed. He rushed to meet Pope Urban IV in Orvieto, bringing the Host with him. The miracle was declared, and the Host is still on display at the Cathedral of Orvieto today.

The second source of inspiration was an Augustinian nun, a Belgian named St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon (A.D. 1193-1258). She had a vision of the Moon that was full and beautiful, but marked by a black spot that signified that there was no joyous celebration of the Eucharist in the entire Church calendar.

In response to both of the above, Pope Urban IV eventually published a Bull, *Transiturus*, in A.D. 1264, which made this Feast a part of the kalendar.

Eucharistic processions are held today, and in still relatively Catholic countries, those who live along the procession route decorate their homes with greenery, floral wreaths, and banners, and put candles in the windows. Rose petals are strewn in the path of the Sacrament.

"The Lord Jesus Himself proclaims: "This is My Body." Before the blessing of the heavenly words another nature is spoken of, after the consecration the Body is signified. He Himself speaks of His Blood. Before the consecration it has another name, after it is called Blood. And you say, Amen, that is, It is true. Let the heart within confess what the mouth utters, let the soul feel what the voice speaks. Wherefore, too, the Church, beholding so great grace, exhorts her sons and her friends to come together to the sacraments, saying: "Eat, my friends, and drink and be inebriated, my brother." What we eat and what we drink the Holy Spirit has elsewhere made plain by the prophet, saying, "Taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the man that hopeth in Him." In that sacrament is Christ, because it is the Body of Christ, it is therefore not bodily food but spiritual. Whence the Apostle says of its type: "Our fathers ate spiritual food and drank spiritual drink," for the Body of God is a spiritual body; the Body of Christ is the Body of the Divine Spirit, for the Spirit is Christ, as we read: "The Spirit before our face is Christ the Lord." And in the Epistle of Peter we read: "Christ died for us." Lastly, that food strengthens our heart, and that drink "maketh glad the heart of man," as the prophet has recorded.

So, then, having obtained everything, let us know that we are born again, but let us not say, How are we born again? Have we entered a second time into our mother's womb and been born again? I do not recognize here the course of nature. But here there is no order of nature, where is the excellence of grace. And again, it is not always the course of nature which brings about conception, for we confess that Christ the Lord was conceived of a Virgin, and reject the order of nature. For Mary conceived not of man, but was with child of the Holy Spirit, as Matthew says: "She was found with child of the Holy Spirit." If, then, the Holy Spirit coming down upon the Virgin wrought the conception, and effected the work of generation, surely we must not doubt but that, coming down upon the Font, or upon those who receive Baptism, He effects the reality of the new birth." -St. Ambrose, AD 240-397

"Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament. There you will find romance, glory, honour, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves upon earth." – JRR Tolkien

Now, my tongue, the mystery telling



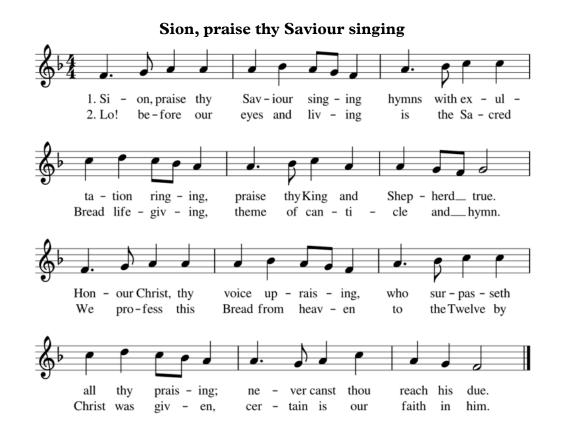
5. Therefore we before him bending, This great Sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending, For the newer rite is here;
Faith our outward sense befriending, Makes our inward vision clear.

6. Glory let us give, and blessing
To the Father and the Son;
Honour, thanks, and praise addressing
While eternal ages run; Ever, too, his love confessing
Who, from both with both is One. Amen.



Hymn after Benediction

Hymnal #385



- 3. What at Supper Christ completed He ordained to be repeated, in His memory Divine.
 Wherefore now, with adoration, we, the Host of our salvation, consecrate from Bread and Wine.
- 4. Yea, beneath these signs are hidden glor*io*us things to sight forbidden: look not on the outward sign.
 Wine is poured and Bread is broken, but in either sacred token Christ is here by pow'r divine.
- 5. Full and clear ring out thy chanting, joy nor sweetest grace be wanting to thy heart and soul today; for today the new oblation of the new King's revelation bids us feast in glad array.
- 6. O Good Shepherd, Bread life-giving, Us, Thy grace and life receiving, Feed and shelter evermore;
 Thou on earth our weakness guiding, We in heav'n with Thee abiding With all saints will Thee adore.

