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the most holy Body and Blood of christ (corpus christi) 22 June 2025 He fed them with the finest wheat, and satisfied them with honey from the rock, alleluia.





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### Penitential Act

### Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

All strike their breast, saying:

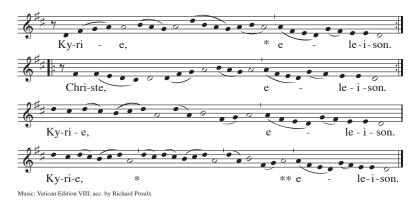
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

#### People Amen.

### Kyrie









In those days, Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine, and being a priest of God Most High, he blessed Abram with these words: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 



### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 110.1, 2, 3, 4



The LORD said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool."

The scepter of your power the LORD will stretch forth from Zion: "Rule in the midst of your enemies."

"Yours is princely power in the day of your birth, in holy splendor; before the daystar, like the dew, I have begotten you."

The LORD has sworn, and he will not repent:

"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

### Second Reading

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, 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 death of the Lord until he comes.

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Sequence Laud, O Zion

Zion, praise thy Savior, singing hymns with exultation ringing, praise thy King and Shepherd true. Honor Christ, thy voice upraising who surpasseth all thy praising, never canst thou reach his due.

Let the Bread, lifegiving, living, be our theme of glad thanksgiving, now in truth before thee set; As of old the Lord provided when the twelve, divinely guided, at the holy table met.

What he did, at supper seated, Christ ordained to be repeated, his memorial ne'er to cease; His command for guidance taking, bread and wine we hallow, making thus our sacrifice of peace.

Full and clear sing out thy praising, gracious hymns of joy upraising in thy heart and soul today; For today the new oblation of the new King's revelation bids us feast in glad array.

Very Bread, good Shepherd, tend us, Jesus of thy love befriend us, Lord, refresh us and defend us, thine eternal goodness send us in the land of life to see:

Thou, who all things canst and knowest, who on earth such food bestowest, grant us, with thy saints, though lowest, where the heavenly feast thou showest, fellow heirs and guests to be.

### Gospel Acclamation



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

Gospel Luke 9.11b-17

Deacon: The Lord be with you. **People: And with your spirit.** 

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. As the day was drawing to a close, the Twelve approached him and said, "Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here." He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves." They replied, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people." Now the men there numbered about five thousand. Then he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty." They did so and made them all sit down. Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.

### Homily



### Profession of Faith (spoken slowly and reverently)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

Bow profoundly during these two lines:

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### The Bidding Prayers

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### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offertory Antiphon

### Leviticus 21.6

The Lord opened the doors of heaven, and rained down manna upon them to eat. He gave them the bread of heaven; man ate the bread of angels, alleluia.



Text: Jesu, delcedo cordium; Attr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; Para. by Ray Palmer, 1808-1887, alt. Tune: WAREHAM, LM; William Knapp, 1698-1768

### Offertory Anthem

### Ego Sum Panis Vivus

Ego sum panis vitae. Patres vestri manducaverunt manna in deserto, et mortui sunt. Hic est panis de coelo descendens: si quis ex ipso manducaverit, non morietur. GP da Palestrina

I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.



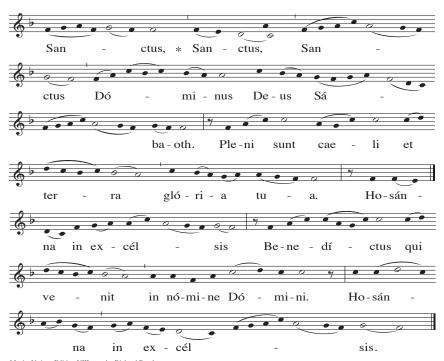
Prayer Over the Offerings

### Eucharistic Prayer

### Preface Dialogue



### Sanctus



Music: Vatican Edition VIII; acc. by Richard Proulx

### Communion Rite

*Priest* At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

People 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.

*Priest* Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,

graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**People** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

*Priest* Lord Jesus Christ,

who said to your Apostles:

Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,

look not on our sins,

but on the faith of your Church,

and graciously grant her peace and unity

in accordance with your will.

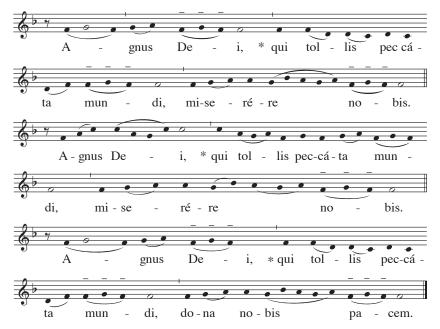
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People Amen.

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People And with your spirit.

### Agnus Dei



Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Richard Proulx



Priest Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Priest Behold the Lamb of God,

behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People Lord, I am not worthy

that you should enter under my roof,

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### Communion Antiphon

John 6.57

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



#### AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, I love you above all things.
How I long to receive you with my brothers
and sisters at the table you have prepared.
But since I cannot at this moment receive you in
the holy sacrament of your Body and Blood,
I ask you to feed me with the manna of your Holy Spirit
and nourish me with your holy presence.
I unite myself completely to you;
never permit me to be separated from your love.
Amen.

#### Communion Motets

### Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them: alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of thee, that be caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

#### Ave Verum Corpus

Flor Peeters

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine: esto nobis prægustatum in mortis examine.

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man. From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.



### Communion Hymn

### God With Hidden Majesty



- 1. God with hid den maj es ty,
- 2. All my oth er sens es
- 3. God lay stretched up on the cross,
- 4. Wounds that doubt ing Thom-as saw

lies in pres-ence here, can - not now per-ceive,

on - ly man could die.

I could nev - er see,





Whom this out-ward shape and form I ac-cept what-ev - er This I firm-ly hold as true, Grant that I shall al-ways keep

se - cret - ly con - tains, God the Son has said: this is my be - lief, strong in faith and trust,



Christ in his di - vin - i - ty
Those who hear the word of God,
And I seek sal - va - tion,
Guid - ed by my Sav - ior,

man-hood still re - tains. by the truth are fed. like the dy - ing thief. mer - ci - ful and just.

5. Blest reminder of the death suffered for the world, Sacrament of living bread, health to every mind, Let my soul approach you, live within your grace, Let me taste the perfect joys time shall not efface.

Text: Ascr. to Thomas Aquinas, 1227-1274; Tr. by Anthony G. Petti, b. 1932 © 1971, Faber Music Ltd. Tune: ADORO TE DEVOTE 11 11 11 11; Mode V; Acc. by Richard Proulx, b. 1937 © 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.



### Concluding Rites

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

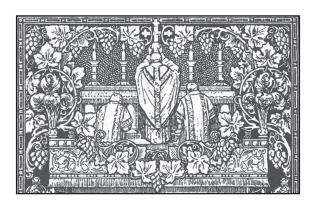
*Priest* May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Deacon Go in peace.

**People** Thanks be to God.

During Mass at St Mary's, the priest and people face the same direction at the altar, a custom that was once universal in the Catholic Church but is now rare in the celebration of the modern liturgy. For an explanation of this practice, please visit our parish website, smcgvl.org, and look in the section called *Parish Links* for the essay entitled *Facing East to Pray*.



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# from the office of readings

Since it was the will of God's only-begotten Son that men should share in his divinity, he assumed our nature in order that by becoming man he might make men gods. Moreover, when he took our flesh he dedicated the whole of its substance to our salvation. He offered his body to God the Father on the altar of the cross as a sacrifice for our reconciliation. He shed his blood for our ransom and purification, so that we might be redeemed from our wretched state of bondage and cleansed from all sin. But to ensure that the memory of so great a gift would abide with us for ever, he left his body as food and his blood as drink for the faithful to consume in the form of bread and wine.

O precious and wonderful banquet, that brings us salvation and contains all sweetness! Could anything be of more intrinsic value? Under the old law it was the flesh of calves and goats that was offered, but here Christ himself, the true God, is set before us as our food. What could be more wonderful than this? No other sacrament has greater healing power; through it sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and the soul is enriched with an abundance of every spiritual gift. It is offered in the Church for the living and the dead, so that what was instituted for the salvation of all may be for the benefit of all. Yet, in the end, no one can fully express the sweetness of this sacrament, in which spiritual delight is tasted at its very source, and in which we renew the memory of that surpassing love for us which Christ revealed in his passion.

It was to impress the vastness of this love more firmly upon the hearts of the faithful that our Lord instituted this sacrament at the Last Supper. As he was on the point of leaving the world to go to the Father, after celebrating the Passover with his disciples, he left it as a perpetual memorial of his passion. It was the fulfillment of ancient figures and the greatest of all his miracles, while for those who were to experience the sorrow of his departure, it was destined to be a unique and abiding consolation.

- From a work by Saint Thomas Aquinas, priest (b. 28 January 1225; d. 7 March 1274)



### from the pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

The teaching of the Lord Jesus on the necessity of eating his flesh and drinking his blood in order to receive the gift of everlasting life is as difficult to understand today as it was when he first spoke the words recorded by Saint John in chapter six of his Gospel. (John 6.22-71)

From this teaching and the celebration of Christ's Last Supper at the Passover meal before his atoning death on the Cross, the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist has ever been understood in the Catholic Church as the principal means by which the Lord Jesus remains with us and makes himself present in every time and place where the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar is received by the faithful in divine worship and reserved for adoration. This annual celebration of Corpus Christi reminds us that at every Mass the Lord Jesus comes to us under the appearance of bread and wine to nourish us unto everlasting life with the medicine of immortality.

But the difficulty of this teaching has posed a challenge to those who hear it from the very beginning. Saint John tells us that as a result of Christ's shocking doctrine on eating his flesh and drinking his blood, "many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." (John 6.66)

In every century since then, those who are drawn to Christ have been challenged to accept this teaching even when such a mystery can never be fully comprehended, and from time to time the Church has been confronted by theological disputations on Christ's real presence in the Holy Eucharist. Those arguments have assisted the Church to clarify her understanding of how the Savior fulfills his promise to give us his flesh as food and his blood as drink, and the liturgical Solemnity of Corpus Christi emerged from one such prolonged theological battle in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries.

To deepen your understanding of this mystery of faith, I recommend that everyone read Part Two, Article Three of the Catechism of the Catholic Church on the Sacrament of the Eucharist (paragraphs 1322 to 1419). There you will find that "the Catholic Church has always offered and still offers to the sacrament of the Eucharist the cult (i.e. worship) of adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated hosts with the utmost care, exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession." (CCC, 1378)

And that is why on Saturday 21 June we will have a Solemn Eucharistic Procession beginning at 6.15 pm in observance of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Please join us Saturday evening in giving thanks for the inestimable gift of Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist, and then stay for the parish picnic where we will welcome Fr Justin Damask and bid farewell to Fr Will Frei.

Father Newman