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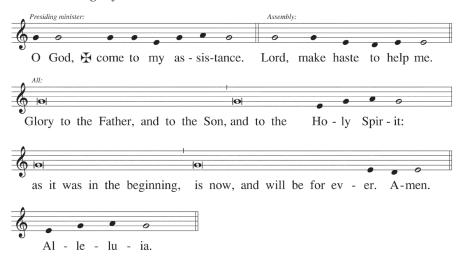
solemn vespers
of the
most holy
Body and Blood of christ
(corpus christi)

Throughout this celebration of Vespers, we will observe several prolonged periods of sacred silence, during which we are not simply waiting for the next thing to happen; we are, rather, waiting upon the LORD. Sacred silence is active and attentive — an invitation to deeper prayer and interior stillness.



At the ringing of the bells, all stand as the procession enters the church. Upon reaching the chair the celebrant intones the opening verse, and all join in singing the response and doxology:

All make the sign of the cross.



All remain standing for the singing of the office hymn.



# O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts



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

All sit. Before each psalm the organist will introduce the psalm tone, and the schola will intone the antiphon. The people and the schola will sing the psalms in alternation, and each line of the psalms should be sung without pause for punctuation. Immediately following the doxology, the people and the schola sing the antiphon together:





Antiphon: Christ the Lord is a priest for ever in the line of Melchizedek;

Schola he offered up bread and wine.

Psalm 110.1-5, 7

Schola The Lord's revelation to my Master:

"Sit on my right:

your foes I will put beneath your feet."

People The Lord will wield from Zion

your scepter of power:

rule in the midst of all your foes.

Schola A prince from the day of your birth

on the holy mountains;

from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

People The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.

"You are a priest for ever,

a priest like Melchizedek of old."

Schola The Master standing at your right hand

will shatter kings in the day of his great wrath.

People He shall drink from the stream by the wayside

and therefore he shall lift up his head.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now,

and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon: Christ the Lord is a priest for ever in the line of Melchizedek;

All he offered up bread and wine.



Antiphon: I will take up the cup of salvation, and I will offer

Schola a sacrifice of praise.

Psalm 116.10-19

Schola I trusted, even when I said:

"I am sorely afflicted,"

and when I said in my alarm: "No man can be trusted."

People How can I repay the Lord

for his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.

Schola My vows to the Lord I will fulfill

before all his people.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord

is the death of his faithful.

People Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;

you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name.

Schola My vows to the Lord I will fulfill

before all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord,

in your midst, O Jerusalem.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now,

and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon: I will take up the cup of salvation, and I will offer

*All* a sacrifice of praise.



Antiphon: You are the way, the truth and the life of the world, O Lord. *Schola* 

#### **Revelation Canticle**

Schola Alleluia. Salvation, glory, and power to our God:

Alleluia.

His judgments are honest and true.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Alleluia. Sing praise to our God, all you his servants;

Alleluia.

all who worship him reverently, great and small.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Schola Alleluia. The Lord our all-powerful God is King,

Alleluia.

let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him glory.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Alleluia. The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun,

Alleluia.

and his bride is prepared to welcome him.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now,

and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon: You are the way, the truth and the life of the world, O Lord. *All* 





## 1 Corinthians 11.23-25

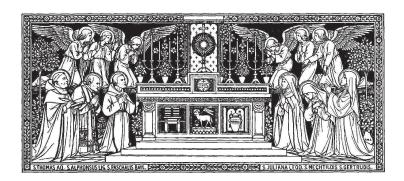
I received from the Lord what I handed on to you, namely, that the Lord Jesus on the night in which he was betrayed took bread, and after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper, he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



#### O Sacrum Convivium

O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur; recolitur memoria passionis ejus; mens impletur gratia; et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur. St Thomas Aquinas; Thomas Tallis

O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received; the memorial of his passion is renewed; the soul is filled with grace; and a pledge of future glory is given to us.





Schola: He gave them bread from heaven, alleluia, alleluia.





Schola: Man has eaten the bread of angels,



Schola: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

### People:







Magnificat Anglican Chant in E-flat, Arlen Clarke

Antiphon: How holy this feast in which Christ is our food; his passion is

recalled; grace fills our hearts; and we receive a pledge of the

glory to come, alleluia.

When Mary visited Elizabeth before their sons were born, Elizabeth proclaimed her faith in the Word made flesh, who then lived inside of His mother. Elizabeth cried out "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." In response, Mary sang of her confidence in God's love and providential plan for each of us, and this hymn of praise is known as the "Magnificat" from its first word in the Latin text. As the schola sings this canticle, all make the Sign of the Cross at the beginning of the text, which in the Revised Standard Version is rendered:

♣ My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.

For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed;

for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm,

He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts,

he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

As he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity forever. (Luke 1.46-55)

Antiphon: How holy this feast in which Christ is our food; his passion is

recalled; grace fills our hearts; and we receive a pledge of the

glory to come, alleluia.





*The celebrant introduces the intercessions, and after each petition all respond:* 



Celebrant	Christ invites all to the supper in which he gives his body and blood for the life of the world. Let us ask him:
All	Christ, the bread of heaven, grant us everlasting life.
Celebrant	Christ, Son of the living God, you commanded that this thanksgiving meal be done in memory of you, enrich your Church through the faithful celebration of these mysteries.
All	Christ, the bread of heaven, grant us everlasting life.
Celebrant	Christ, eternal priest of the Most High, you have commanded your priests to offer your sacraments, may they help them to exemplify in their lives the meaning of the sacred mysteries which they celebrate.
All	Christ, the bread of heaven, grant us everlasting life.
Celebrant	Christ, bread from heaven, you form one body out of all who partake of the one bread, refresh all who believe in you with harmony and peace.
All	Christ, the bread of heaven, grant us everlasting life.
Celebrant	Christ, through your bread you offer the remedy for immortality and the pledge of future resurrection, restore health to the sick and living hope to sinners.

All Christ, the bread of heaven, grant us everlasting life.

Celebrant Christ, our king who is to come, you commanded that the mysteries which proclaim your death be celebrated until you return, grant that all who die in you may share in your resurrection.

All Christ, the bread of heaven, grant us everlasting life.

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us offer the prayer Christ himself taught us:



# **Concluding Prayer**

Blessing and Dismissal

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