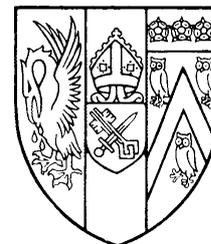


# Corpus Christi College Chapel



## SOLEMN EUCHARIST

### Feast of Corpus Christi (Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Holy Communion)

Thursday, 3 June 2021

*Music:*

*Setting for the Eucharist: Missa Brevis - Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525 – 1594)*

*Introit: Ave verum corpus - William Byrd (c. 1540 - 1623)*

*Gradual Anthem: Oculi omnium - Charles Wood (1866 - 1926)*

*Communion Anthem: Let all mortal flesh keep silence - Edward Bairstow (1874 - 1946)*

*The Service begins outside in the Quad if fine, in the Chapel if not.*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Elévation ‘Oculi’

Fernand de la Tombelle (1854-1928)

## INTROIT

*Ave verum Corpus, natum  
ex Maria Virgine,  
Vere passum, immolatum  
In cruce pro homine,  
Cujus latus perforatum  
Unda fluxit sanguine:  
Esto nobis praegustatum  
In mortis examine.  
O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae, miserere  
mei.  
Amen.*

Hail, real body, born of the Virgin  
Mary, who truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the cross for man, whose pierced side  
flowed with real blood; be unto us  
the foretaste in the trial of death.  
O merciful, O holy, O sweet Jesu, son of  
Mary.  
Amen.

14th-century hymn

*After the Introit, the Collect for the Founder is read beneath the statue of Richard Fox, Bishop of Winchester (1501-1529)*

Most gracious God, whose servant Richard Fox founded this College of Corpus Christi for your glory and in honour of the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist; grant

that we who are here nourished in body, mind and spirit may be so strengthened by your grace that all we do makes for peace and builds up the common life, rendering back to you, the source of all things, thanksgiving and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Wisdom has set her table;

**she calls from the highest place in the city,**

‘Come, eat my bread and drink the wine I have mixed.

**Leave your foolishness; walk in the way of understanding.’**

I will go to the altar of God

**even to the God of my joy and gladness.**

(from Proverbs 9 and Psalm 43)

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Procession enters the Chapel.*

HYMN CP 311 (omit verse 3)

## THE GREETING

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The Chaplain offers words of welcome.*

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God,**

**to whom all hearts are open,**

**all desires known,**

**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**

**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,**

**and worthily magnify your holy name;**

**through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of God’s love, revealed in Word and Sacrament,

let us call to mind our sins.

*Silence is kept.*

Like as the hart longs for the flowing streams,  
so longs my soul for you, O God.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

O send out your light and your truth,  
that they may lead me:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

May we come to your altar, O God,  
the God of our salvation:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The President*

The Almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you all your sins through  
the grace of Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit  
keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*The Choir sings the Gloria.*

*Glorify be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## THE 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.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*Sit*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 14.18-20

And 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.

*At the end the Reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 11.23-26

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.

*At the end the Reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL ANTHEM

Oculi omnium in te sperant, Domine et tu das escam illorum in tempore oppotuno.  
Gloria tibi, Domine, Amen.

*The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season.*

Gradual for the Feast of Corpus Christi  
Psalm 145.15

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.

**Whoever eats of this bread will live forever** [John 6.51].

**Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL John 6.51-58

*When it is announced*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ‘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 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.’

*At the end the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON the Chaplain

The NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth,**

**of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,**

**and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**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.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## INTERCESSIONS

*Leader*

We pray to the Lord.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord, listen to the prayers of your people,  
gathered at your table.

In faith we pray:

**we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we celebrate how Christ gave us his body  
to be our spiritual food,  
listen as we pray for his body the Church,  
spread throughout the world ...

In faith we pray:

**we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we recognize the presence of Christ,  
who takes away the sin of the world,  
listen as we pray for that world  
and for its peoples for whom his blood was shed ...

In faith we pray:

**we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we come together as Christ gathered with his friends  
to give us this meal of holy fellowship,  
listen as we pray for all whom you have given us,  
our friends and all whose lives are joined with ours ...

In faith we pray:

**we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we remember the night of Christ's agony and trial,  
listen as we pray for all who share his sufferings  
through fear or pain or distress of many kinds ...

In faith we pray:

**we pray to you our God.**

Here, where we join our praises with the whole company of heaven,  
listen as we pray for all who have trusted Christ's promise  
to raise up on the last day those who eat his flesh and  
drink his blood ...

In faith we pray:

**we pray to you our God.**

Lord, satisfy our hunger with the food that lasts,  
the bread of God which comes down from heaven

**and gives life to the world,**

**Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

*Stand*

We are the Body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up the common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace in a Covid compliant way.*

#### THE OFFERTORY

*The gifts of bread and wine are placed on the holy table.*

*Normally, during this hymn, a Collection for charity would be taken. We can't do that at the moment, but please consider giving to one of Oxford's charities working with people who are homeless or poorly housed, such as the Oxford Gatehouse <[www.oxfordgatehouse.org](http://www.oxfordgatehouse.org)>.*

#### HYMN CP 278

*This prayer is said at the offering of the gifts of bread and wine.*

God our Father,

keep us united in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,

**in the breaking of bread and in the prayers,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** (Acts 2.42)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks  
because by water and the Holy Spirit  
you have made us a holy people  
in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
you renew that mystery in bread and wine  
to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

*The Choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus.*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Accept through Christ, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## THE COMMUNION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The President breaks the consecrated Bread, saying*

As we have gathered many grains  
and made them into this one bread;

**so we look for your Church to be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into the Kingdom.** [Based on the *Didache*, c 100]

*The Choir sings the Agnus Dei.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

*An invitation to Communion is made saying*

Christ is the bread which has come down from heaven.

**Lord, give us this bread now and always. Amen.**

The Body of Christ.

**Amen.**

The Blood of Christ.

**Amen.**

*The president and people receive Communion. All baptized persons and communicant members of all churches are always welcome to receive the Sacrament in Corpus Chapel. If you would like to receive a blessing, please come forward at this time.*

*Gluten free wafers are available. Please indicate when you come up for Communion.*

*Due to Covid safety protocols, for the time being Communion will be given only in one kind, the Bread. Also, during the pandemic, Communion is received in silence; no individual words of administration are used.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and stand with fear and trembling,  
and lift itself above all earthly thought.  
For the King of kings and Lord of  
lords,  
Christ our God,  
cometh forth to be our oblation,  
and to be given for food to the faithful.

Before him come the choirs of angels,  
with every principality and power;  
the Cherubim with many eyes,  
and winged Seraphim,  
who veil their faces as they shout  
exultingly the hymn, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia.

Words from the Liturgy of St James  
based on Habakkuk 2:20

## POST COMMUNION

**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.**

## THE BLESSING

Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread and bread of angels, make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day; and the blessing...

**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world in peace.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

HYMN CP 319

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Pange lingua

Anon. 17th century

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### **Of the Holy Eucharist ('Corpus Christi')**

Let it therefore be sufficient for me presenting myself at the Lord's table to know what there I receive from him, without searching or inquiring of the manner how Christ performeth his promise; let disputes and questions, enemies to piety, abatements of true devotion ... let them take their rest; let curious and sharp witted men beat their heads about what questions themselves will, the very letter of the word of Christ giveth us plain security ....

This bread hath in it more than the substance which our eyes behold, this cup hallowed with solemn benediction availeth to the endless life and welfare both of soul and body, in that it serveth as well for a medicine to heal our infirmities and purge our sins as for a sacrifice of thanksgiving; with touching it sanctifieth, it enlighteneth with belief, it truly conformeth us unto the image of Jesus Christ; what these elements are in themselves it skilleth not, it is enough that to me which take them they are the body and blood of Christ, his promise in witness hereof sufficeth, his word he knoweth which way to accomplish; why should any cogitation possess the mind of a faithful communicant but this, O my God thou art true, O my Soul thou art happy!

Richard Hooker c. 1554-1600  
Scholar (1573) and Fellow (1577) of Corpus Christi College  
From *The Lawes of Ecclesiastical Polity*, Book V.lxxvii