

CORPUS CHRISTI (A)

*Hymns are only given here to accompany the on-line Celebration of Mass during the covid-19 Pandemic.
Unless otherwise stated all hymns are taken from our parish hymn books,
'Laudate,' and 'Hymns Old & New,' and my own hymn book collections.*

Entrance: Laudate. No 664

O praise our great and gracious Lord and call upon his name;
to strains of joy tune every chord, his mighty acts proclaim;
tell how he led his chosen race to Canaan's promised land;
tell how his covenant of grace unchanged shall ever stand.

He gave the shadowing cloud by day, the moving fire by night;
to guide his Israel on their way, he made their darkness light;
and have not we a sure retreat, a Saviour ever nigh,
the same clear light to guide our feet, the dayspring from on high?

We, too, have manna from above, the bread that came from heav'n;
to us the same kind hand of love hath living waters giv'n.
A rock we have, from whence the spring in rich abundance flows;
that rock is Christ, our priest, our king, who life and health bestows.

O let us prize this blessed food, and trust our heavenly guide;
so shall we find death's fearful flood serene as Jordan's tide,
and safely reach that happy shore, the land of peace and rest,
where angels worship and adore, in God's own presence blest.

Gloria: *Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3.14-16

Psalm: *Ps. 147: R/. O Praise the Lord Jerusalem.*

Second Reading: The First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 10:16-17

Alleluia:

Gospel: John 6:1-58

Homily

Creed :

Bidding Prayers: Lord, hear our prayer. **R/.and strengthen us with the bread of life.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts: Hymns Old & New. No 272

Gather around, for the table is spread, welcome the food and rest!
Wide is our circle, with Christ at the head, he is the honoured guest.
Learn of his love, grow in his grace, pray for the peace he gives;
here at this meal, here in this place, know that his spirit lives!
Once he was known in the breaking of bread, shared with a chosen few;
multitudes gathered and by him were fed, so will he feed us too.

Communion: Hymns Old and New. No 500

O Bread of Heaven, beneath this veil thou dost my very God conceal:
My Jesus, dearest treasure, hail! I love Thee and, adoring, kneel;
each loving soul by Thee is fed with Thine own Self in form of Bread.

O food of life, Thou Who dost give the pledge of immortality;
I live, no 'tis not I that live; God gives me life, God lives in me:
He feeds my soul, He guides my ways, and every grief with joy repays.

O Bond of love that dost unite the servant to his living Lord;
Could I dare live and not requite such love - then death were meet reward:
I cannot live unless to prove some love for such unmeasured love.

Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional:

Worship, glory, praise and honour to our God high-throned above;
we with many generations, join to praise thy name of love.
In the scriptures, by the Spirit, may we see the Saviour's face,
hear his word and heed his calling, know his will and grow in grace.

Saviour give thy living Spirit to the preaching of the Word.
So that saved and taught and challenged we may teach what we have heard.
Son of Man, thy broken body; Lamb of God, thy dying love;
we remember at thy table, till we feast with thee above.

Sanctify us by thy Spirit, Jesus, Lord, our corner-stone;
make us each a holy temple built for God and God alone.
Praise and honour to the Father, praise and worship to the Son,
praise and worship to the Spirit, praise to God, the three in One.