



The Parish Churches of S Philip
and S Augustine and S Matthew
with S Mary the Virgin Newcastle

Liturgy of the
Word and
Spiritual
Communion
for
Corpus Christi

Notes

This service is intended for use on Sundays and some feast days. It is a version of the Liturgy of the Word, which turns on the Our Father into an act of spiritual communion, undertaken in the words of the *Anima Christi*.

The bulk of the service inheres in the readings and the intercessions. These will be sent out each week.

The Te Deum is included at the end, since it is said at the end of the Office on Sundays outside Lent and Advent. I have used the Tudor version, since the words have a greater umph.

+ In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

You who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God and walking from henceforth in His holy ways; draw near with Faith and make your humble confession to almighty God:

We have sinned through our thoughts and through our thoughtlessness: Kyrie eleison.

We have sinned through our words and through our silence: Christe eleison.

We have sinned through our deeds and through our inaction: Kyrie eleison.

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Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and bring us to life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory be to God on high.
And in earth peace, goodwill 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, Jesus 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,
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.

Let us pray:

O God, Who under a wonderful Sacrament, has left unto us a memorial of Your Passion, Death and glorious Resurrection: grant us so to venerate the sacred Mysteries of Your Body and Blood that we may evermore perceive within ourselves the fruits of Your redemption, Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

A Reading from the former Letter of Saint Paul to the Church in Corinth.

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem; ♦ praise your God,
O Zion;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates ♦ and has
blest your children within you.

He has established peace in your borders ♦ and satisfies
you with the finest wheat.

He sends forth his command to the earth ♦ and his word
runs very swiftly.

He declares his word to Jacob, ♦ his statutes and
judgements to Israel.

He has not dealt so with any other nation; ♦ they do not
know his laws.

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint John.

Jesus said to the Jews, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me. This is the bread which came down from heaven, not such as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live for ever."

*The **Intercessions** follow; these will include petitions from the weekly cycle; and may include the Covid 19 prayer in the notes; at the end:*

These and the prayers of my Christian community I lay before God in union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine and all the saints:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed by 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.

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

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O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

In place of receiving Holy Communion, you should use the prayer over the page:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;
Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, refresh me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesu, hear me.
Within Thy wounds, hide me.
Do not permit me to be separated from Thee;
From the malicious enemy defend me,
In the hour of my death call me
And bid me come to Thee,
That with Thy saints I may praise Thee;
For ever and ever. Amen.

It is appropriate that a time of reflexion follows. If, like the Vicar, you have a mind that easily lured by the frivolous and ephemeral, you might use the following to help stay on task:

Laud, O Sion, thy salvation,
Christ thy King and Shepherd true,
Laud with hymns of exaltation
Him to Whom all praise is due.
Spend thyself His honour raising
As is fitting so to do.

Sing today, the Mystery showing
Bread of Heaven before thee yet,
E'en the same of old provided,
On the holy table set;
Where twelve friends, divinely guided,
With their Lord and Saviour met.

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Lo! The new King's table gracing,
Hath fulfilled the older rite:
This new Passover effacing,
That of old, which passed from sight;
Truth revealed, the shadow chasing,
Day is breaking on the night.

What He did at Supper seated,
His memorial ne'er to cease:
Christ ordained to be repeated
In the holy Eucharist,
Round the Altar, where He calls us,
This our Sacrifice of peace:

Through the Faith to Christians given,
Wondrous things are understood:
Bread becomes His Flesh from Heaven,
Wine becomes His holy Blood;
So our sight, the world transcending,
Gazes on this heav'nly Food.

Wine is poured and bread is broken,
Earth and Heaven to design,
Glories to the sight forbidden,
Seeing but the outward sign;
But, beneath these signs are hidden,
Christ our Lord by power divine.

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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 in unity and feast with Him in His Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud : the heavens, and all the powers
therein.

To thee Cherubin and Seraphin : continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge
thee;

The Father : of an infinite Majesty;

Thine honourable, true : and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man : thou didst not
abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : thou didst
open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the
Father.

We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants : whom thou hast
redeemed with thy precious blood.

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Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.

Govern them : and lift them up for ever.

Day by day : we magnify thee;

And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

+ The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore.
Amen.

