

Worship at Home: Celebrating Corpus Christi

The First Sunday after Trinity

6th June 2021

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Rev Oliver Coss

A warm welcome to All Saints' Church at the heart of the historic market town of Northampton. A church has stood here since at least sometime in the twelfth-century, and while today's place of worship replaces the medieval collegiate church that perished in a fire 340 years ago, it continues as a focal point for our town when we assemble to give thanks, to remember, and to come before God. Today we are celebrating Corpus Christi, the day of thanksgiving for the sacramental gifts of Christ's body and blood in Holy Communion. We are going to celebrate the eucharist, and give thanks for the gladness that Jesus pours into his church as we, his people, gather in his name.

A bell rings. Please stand as the Sacred Ministers enter.

The celebrant returns to the chair for the greeting.

INTROIT

Sung by Elena Wilmot, Georgie Davies, Emma Powles (choir), Jem Lowther (organ)

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey
from the rock. I am the Lord thy God,
who brought thee out of the land of Egypt,
open thy mouth wide, and I shall fill it.
Thou calledst upon me in troubles,
and I delivered thee and heard thee
what time as the storm fell upon thee.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen.

Celebrant In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

All Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father,
and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you
and with thy spirit.

Celebrant The love of the Lord fills the whole earth, and the body of Christ brings life to our mortal bodies. As we greet the presence of Christ here among us, and prepare to receive him in creatures of bread and wine, let us turn to our heavenly Father, confessing our sins:

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against thee
and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life
to the honour and glory of thy name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in everlasting life.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE GLORIA

Sung by the choirs of All Saints

Glory be to God in heaven
Peace on earth to humankind
Father, Heavenly king creator
Lord of power undefined?
Praise and honour, thanks we offer,
Worship you with heart and mind.

Jesus Christ our Saviour, only
Son of God, by faith we know,
Lamb of God, the world's redeemer
Love and mercy to us show
Seated at the Father's right hand
Intercede for us below.

You alone O Lord are holy
Jesus Christ, you are most high
With the Father and the Spirit
Trinity to you we cry
Alleluia alleluia
You, O God, we glorify.

Tune: St Helen

THE COLLECT

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,
we thank thee that in this wonderful sacrament
thou hast given us a memorial of thy passion:
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries
of thy body and blood
that we may know within ourselves
and show forth in our lives
the fruits of thy redemption;
who livest and reignest with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Choir Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Read by Oliver Longden

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

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 of the reading the reader says

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

TESTIMONY

Given by Ivory Hez, chorister

ANTHEM

Lead me Lord, by S. S Wesley

Sung by the choir

Lead me Lord
Lead me in thy righteousness
Make thy way plain
Before my face.

Lead me Lord
Lead me in thy righteousness
Make thy way plain
Before my face.

For it is thou, Lord
Thou, O Lord only
That makest me dwell in safety.

For it is thou, Lord
Thou, Lord only
That makest me dwell
In safety.

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

By Laurence Caldecote (b. 1983), assistant organist, All Saints

Sung by Elena Wilmot, Georgie Davies, Emma Powles (choir), Jem Lowther (organ)

Choir Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

Gospeller The Lord be with you.
All **And with thy Spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.
All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 then 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 of the reading, the gospeller holds the book aloft, and says:

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

Rev Oliver Coss

APOSTLES' CREED

All I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried.

He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Led by the Junior Choristers & Rev Oliver Coss

We pray to the Lord.
Lord, listen to the prayers of your people,
gathered at your table.
In faith we pray:

All we pray to thee 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:

All we pray to thee our God.

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

All we pray to thee 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:

All we pray to thee 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:

All we pray to thee 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:

All we pray to thee our God.

Lord, satisfy our hunger with the food that lasts,
and gives life to the world,
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

All Amen.

THE PEACE

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 our common life.

**All The peace of the Lord be always with you
And with thy Spirit.**

TESTIMONY

Given by Anna Sbotneva Pile, Methodist Children's worker & congregation member

HYMN

Sweet Sacrament Divine

Sung by Elena Wilmot, Georgie Davies, Emma Powles (choir), Jem Lowther (organ)

Sweet Sacrament divine,
hid in thine earthly home;
lo! round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise
In songs of love and heartfelt praise
sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace,
dear home of every heart,
where restless yearnings cease,
and sorrows all depart.
there in thine ear, all trustfully,
we tell our tale of misery,
sweet Sacrament of peace.

Sweet Sacrament of rest,
ark from the ocean's roar,
within thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore;
save us, for still the tempest raves,
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine,
earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine
the Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us,
we pray that earthly joys may fade away:
sweet Sacrament divine.

*Words: Francis Stanfield
Tune: Divine Mysteries*

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The celebrant bows to God in prayer, washes his hands, and faces the people saying:

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Facing the congregation, the Celebrant greets the people:

The Lord be with you.
All And with thy spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them up unto the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
All It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant It is indeed very meet, right and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times and in all places,
give thanks unto thee,
O Lord, holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ our great high priest.
He offered himself to you as the Lamb without blemish,
the acceptable gift that gives you perfect praise.

At the Last Supper, seated with his apostles,
he left this memorial of his passion
to bring us its saving power until the end of time.
In this great sacrament you feed your people
and strengthen them in holiness,
so that throughout the world the human family
may be enlightened by one faith
and drawn together in one communion of love.

We come to this foretaste of thy heavenly banquet
to be transformed by thy grace
and restored in the image and likeness of the risen Christ.
Therefore earth unites with heaven
to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end:

Choir **Sanctus,**
Sanctus,
Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth:
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua,
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*[Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest].*

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

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;
and when he had given thanks to thee,
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.

Likewise after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them saying:
Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant



Praise to you Lord Je- sus:

Choir



Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Je-sus, come in Glo- ry.

Celebrant

Wherefore, O Lord and 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 his kingdom
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ thy Son our Lord.

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

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be unto thee,
O Father Almighty, world without end.

Choir



A - men.---

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All 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 FRACTION

ANTHEM

Agnus Dei, Schubert

Sung by the choirs of All Saints

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The celebrant turns to face the people, holding the body of Jesus, and says:

Celebrant Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

Led by Tom Brown-Flowers, Deputy Warden

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.

All Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray:

All praise be to thee, our God and Father,
for that thou hast fed us with the bread of heaven
and hast quenched our thirst from the true vine:
grant that we, being grafted into Christ,
may grow together in unity
and be partakers of his heavenly feast;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All And with thy Spirit.

Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread,
make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day;
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Celebrant Go in the peace of Christ.
All Thanks be to God.

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