



THE DAY of THANKSGIVING for
THE INSTITUTION of HOLY COMMUNION:
THE FEAST of CORPUS CHRISTI

THURSDAY 4 JUNE 2026 ✦ 6.15 PM

TRINITY COLLEGE CHAPEL
CAMBRIDGE

Welcome to this service of Holy Communion
sung by The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge.
To follow the service, you will need this booklet
and a green New English Hymnal.

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including cameras, are switched off.

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and available to watch again. You may be identifiable
as in attendance at the service.

You are invited to join in with all text in **bold** type.
Where directions are given to stand, sit, or kneel,
please follow them as you are able.

If you receive communion in your own church,
you are welcome to do so here.
Gluten-free hosts are available.

If you would rather receive a blessing,
please indicate this by crossing your arms
over your chest as you approach the altar.

This service includes the use of incense
in procession and at the altar.

Cover Image:

The Last Supper

Duccio di Buoninsegna (c. 1255–1319)

Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Siena

Mass Setting:

Missa pro victoria

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

PRELUDE

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Please stand as the choir and altar party enter.

HYMN

NEH 295

PICARDY

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling
stand; ponder nothing earthly-
minded, for with blessing in his
hand Christ our God to earth
descendeth, our full homage to
demand.

2 Kings of kings, yet born of
Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood: he will
give to all the faithful his own self
for heavenly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

4 At his feet the six-winged
seraph; cherubim with sleepless
eye, veil their faces to the
Presence, as with ceaseless voice
they cry, Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya, Lord most high!

Words: from the Liturgy of St James trans. Gerard Moultrie (1829–85)

Music: French carol from Tiersot's 'Mélodies' (Paris 1887)

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Let us pray.

Please kneel or sit.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

Please stand as the choir sings:

THE GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te,
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe;
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus; tu solus Dominus;
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu,
✠ in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory be to God on high,
And on 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, 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.

Please sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 14.18–20

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.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as the choir sings:

THE ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 6.51–58

The Holy Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to Saint John, Chapter 6, beginning to read at the 51st verse.

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Remain standing, turning eastward:

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

1 CORINTHIANS 9.13

Do ye not know that they who minister about holy things live of the sacrifice; and they who wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord also ordained, that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.

HYMN

NEH 280

SCHMÜCKE DICH

1 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness, come into the daylight's splendour, there with joy thy praises render unto him whose grace unbounded hath this wondrous banquet founded; high o'er all the heavens he reigneth, yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

2 Now I sink before thee lowly, filled with joy most deep and holy, as with trembling awe and wonder on thy mighty works I ponder; how, by mystery surrounded, depths no man hath ever sounded, none may dare to pierce unbidden secrets that with thee are hidden.

3 Sun, who all my life dost brighten; Light, who dost my soul enlighten; Joy, the sweetest man e'er knoweth; Fount, whence all my being floweth; at thy feet I cry, my Maker, let me be a fit partaker of this blessed food from heaven, for our good, thy glory, given.

4 Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me gladly here obey thee; never to my hurt invited, be thy love with love requited: from this banquet let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep its treasure; through the gifts thou here dost give me, as thy guest in heaven receive me.

Words: Johann Franck (1618–77) trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827–78)

Melody: from J. Crüger's 'Geistliche Kirchen-Melodien' (1649)

Harmony: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

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Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth:

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty;

beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord:

And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, and Curates, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name ✠ for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you 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 take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Please kneel or sit.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you; ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him: Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is 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. And now we give thee thanks, because, having loved his own who were in the world, our Lord Jesus Christ loved them unto the end; and on the night before he suffered, sitting at the table with his disciples, he instituted these holy mysteries, that we, redeemed by his death and restored to life by his resurrection, may be partakers of his divine nature. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying:

The choir sings:

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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.*

Please kneel or sit.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again; Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood: who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. ✠

The choir sings:

THE AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

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.

The altar party and choir receive communion, followed by the people.

THE MUSIC AT COMMUNION

O sacrum convivium

Thomas Tallis (1505–85)

O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur, recolitur memoria passionis eius: mens impletur gratia, et futuræ gloriæ nobis pignus datur.

O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of his Passion is renewed: the mind is filled with grace and the promise of future glory is given to us.

AFTER COMMUNION

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Please stand, turning eastward:

THE BLESSING

The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

HYMN

NEH 272

CRÜGER

1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed!
great David's greater Son;
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

2 He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and
dying, were precious in his sight.

3 O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-best:
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever;
that name to us is Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771–1854)

Music: Johann Crüger (1598–1662)

adapt. William Henry Monk (1823–89)

Please remain standing as the altar party and choir depart.

POSTLUDE

Pange Lingua

Nicolas de Grigny (1672–1703)

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NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER

Professor Ben Quash, Professor of Christianity & the Arts at King's College London will speak on 'God in Ordinary: A Doxological Empiricism' as part of our series on 'Visions of God'.

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