



THE CHURCH
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

The Order for Morning Prayer and Litany

Votive Office for the Feast of Corpus Christi

June 14, 2020

Opening Sentences

Officiant O how sweet, O Lord, is Thy Spirit; for Thou hast shown Thy sweetness unto Thy children. Thou hast given them most wonderful Bread from Heaven. Thou fillest the hungry with good things, and the rich Thou sendest empty away.

O Sacred Feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed in us, our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluia.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.
People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

¶ *All say the Invitatory Canticle together, as follows*

Invitatory Canticle

Jubilate Deo

PSALM 100

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; *
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise; *
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

¶ All are then seated for the Psalm appointed for the day

Psalm 116:10-17

Quid retribuam Domino

What reward shall I give unto the Lord *
for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

I will receive the cup of salvation, *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows now *
in the presence of all his people:

Right dear in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his saints.

Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant; *
I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid;
thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, *
and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord, *
in the sight of all his people;

In the courts of the Lord's house; *
even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

¶ At the conclusion of the Psalmody the Gloria Patri is said by all

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

DEUTERONOMY 8:2-3

AND YOU SHALL REMEMBER all the way which the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments, or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know; that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but that man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord.

¶ *Following the Lesson, all stand for the Canticle*

Canticle

Benedictus Dominus Deus

LUKE 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
in the house of his servant David,
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, *
and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, *
that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord
to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, *
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

¶ *All are seated*

JESUS SAID, “TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, he who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that a man may eat of it and not die. 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.”

¶ *Following the Lesson, all stand for the Canticle*

Canticle *Gloria in excelsis*

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.

¶ All remain standing for the Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed

¶ Said by the Officiant and People together, all standing

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.

The Prayers

¶ The Officiant and People say the following

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

¶ Then the short form of the Lord's Prayer is said by all, kneeling

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.
Amen.

¶ *Then follow these Suffrages, said by the Officiant and People*

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

People And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

People And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People For only in thee can we live in safety.

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant Let thy way be known upon earth;

People Thy saving health among all nations.

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

The Collects

GOD OUR FATHER, WHOSE SON our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament hath left unto us a memorial of his passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ¶ *People Amen.*

O GOD, WHO MAKEST US GLAD with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. ¶ *People Amen.*

LORD JESUS CHRIST, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. ¶ *People Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

¶ Said by the Officiant and People together

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants do give
thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

¶ Said by the Officiant

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make
our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved
Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the
midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be
best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life
everlasting. *¶ People Amen.*

g All stand

Benedicamus Domino

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Grace

g Officiant

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *g People Amen.* *Ephesians 3:20-21*

Hymn

1 Now, my tongue, the mys - tery tell - ing of the glo - rious
2 Given for us, and con - de - scend - ing to be born for
3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing mid the twelve, his
4 Word made flesh, the bread he tak - eth, by his word his
*5 There - fore we, be - fore him bend - ing, this great Sac - ra -

1 Bo - dy sing, and the Blood, all price ex - cell - ing,
2 us be - low, he with us in con - verse blend - ing
3 cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,
4 Flesh to be; wine his sa - cred Blood he mak - eth,
5 ment re - vere; types and sha - dows have their end - ing,

1 which the Gen-tiles' Lord and King, once on earth a -
 2 dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, till he closed with
 3 keeps the feast its rites de - mand; then, more pre - cious
 4 though the sens - es fail to see; faith a - lone the
 5 for the new - er rite is here; faith, our out - ward

1 mong us dwell - ing, shed for this world's ran - som - ing.
 2 won - drous end - ing his most pa - tient life of woe.
 3 food sup - ply - ing, gives him - self with his own hand.
 4 true heart wak - eth to be - hold the mys - ter - y.
 5 sense be - friend - ing, makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.

6 Glory let us give and blessing
 to the Father and the Son,
 honor, thanks, and praise addressing,
 while eternal ages run;
 ever too his love confessing
 who from both with both is One.

*Words: Thomas Aquinas (c. 1225-1274) rev.
 Music: GRAFTON, Chants ordinaires de l'Office Divin (1881)*

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Stewart Douglas Clem

Anthem

O Living Bread! who once didst die,
and lay Thee down in rocky tomb:
within my heart for ever lie,
and shed Thy brightness o'er its gloom.

O precious Blood! so freely shed.
sweet pledge of pardon from above:
Speak to my heart so cold and dead,
and wake it into Life and Love.

O Sacred Food! O Cleansing Tide!
Fill all my soul with Love divine:
O Thou who didst my life redeem:
Come to my heart and make me Thine.
Amen.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)

Music: Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

‡ *All kneel*

The Great Litany

Litanist O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
People Have mercy upon us.

Litanist O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
People Have mercy upon us.

Litanist O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,
People Have mercy upon us.

Litanist O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
People Have mercy upon us.

Litanist Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers;
neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy
preserve us for ever.
People Spare us, good Lord.

Litanist From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil;
and from everlasting damnation,
People Good Lord, deliver us.

- Litanist* From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,
People Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
People Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,
People Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,
People Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,
People Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,
People Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,
People Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,
People Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

- Litanist* That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

- Litanist* That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed ✠ eternal life and peace,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Michael and All Angels, Blessed George, and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
- Litanist* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People Have mercy upon us.
- Litanist* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People Have mercy upon us.
- Litanist* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People Grant us thy peace.

Litanist O Christ, hear us.

People O Christ, hear us.

Litanist Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Lord, have mercy upon us.

Litanist Christ, have mercy upon us.

People Christ, have mercy upon us.

Litanist Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Supplication

Officiant O Lord, arise, help us;

People And deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Officiant O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

People O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Officiant 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.

People O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Officiant From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

People Graciously behold our afflictions.

Officiant With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

People Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

Officiant Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;

People O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Officiant Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;

People Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

¶ *The Officiant concludes*

WE HUMBLY BESEECH THEE, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.

¶ *People Amen.*

The Blessing

G O FORTH INTO THE WORLD IN PEACE; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. ¶ *People Amen.*

Liturgical Music

The organ music that begins this morning's liturgy is the Chorale Prelude on *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele* (Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness – Hymn #339) by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). It is one of Bach's eighteen "Great" chorale preludes from his Leipzig period. If Bach's Preludes and Fugues are the heart of the organ repertoire, the Chorale Preludes are the soul. Rather unusual for a Communion hymn, the hymn celebrates the joy of Holy Communion rather than recalling the Passion of Christ. The hymnologist John Julian writes, "It is an exhortation to the soul to arise and draw near to partake of the heavenly food and to meditate on the wonders of heavenly love." It is, therefore, particularly fitting for the day we commemorate the institution of the Holy Eucharist. This recording was made at the Church of St. Michael & St. George by Nicholas Bideler, Associate Organist and Choirmaster.

The Thomas Aquinas, a Dominican monk, was renowned not only as a great theologian but also as one of the few exceptional Italian sacred poets. His *Pange lingua*, from which today's hymn text is drawn, is considered to be one of the finest Communion hymns ever authored. It is a theological explication on the Word made Flesh and the Divine Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The tune *Grafton*, a French church melody, is a soaring yet gentle, contemplative tune appropriately matched to this devotional Eucharistic text.

The recording of the anthem *O Living Bread!* by Percy Whitlock is sung by the Choir of the Church of St. Michael & St. George under the direction of Robert Lehman, Organist and Choirmaster.

The concluding organ voluntary is *Litanies* by Jehan Alain (xxxx-xxxx). Jehan Alain was killed in action at the age of 29, just five days before France withdrew from World War II. He was drawn to music's power to create a sense of mystery rather than express emotions. Alain once wrote about how to play Litanies. "You must create an impression of passionate incantation. Prayer is not a lament but a devastating tornado, flattening everything in its way. It is also an obsession. You must fill men's ears with it, and God's ears too! If you get to the end without feeling exhausted, you have neither understood [Litanies] nor played it as I would want it." The score is headed with a quotation: "When the Christian soul is in distress and cannot find any fresh words to implore God's mercy, it repeats the same prayer unceasingly with overwhelming faith. The limit of reason is past. It is faith alone which propels its ascent." This performance was recorded at Christ Church, New Haven, Connecticut by Robert Lehman, Organist and Choirmaster.



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